

Canada Trust thief lost his loot at the track

A Georgetown man who was turned down for a \$1,000 loan by a local trust company, returned within the hour and robbed it of five times that amount, court has been told.

The 39-year-old Main Street resident pleaded guilty Monday (June 25) to the charge of having used a threatening note

to hold up the Canada Trust branch on June 4. He demanded \$5,000 or else people would be shot, court was told. No weapon was shown to the trust company's staff.

The note informed the teller that "This is a stick-up," turn over \$5,000 or else people will be shot dead, court was

told. He was given the \$5,000.

Then the robber fled on foot towards a local hotel.

About two weeks later he took a taxi cab to the police station in Orangeville and confessed to the heist.

Halton police discovered paper on which the hold up note was written in

the man's room, court was told.

The robber spent almost all of the \$5,000 betting on horses at the Orangeville Raceway. However, he never picked a winner.

The offender, now in custody, will be sentenced on August 30 by provincial court Judge Douglas Latimer.

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Region 'rolls the dice' for GTA

Glen, museum have lots on Canada Day

Happy Birthday to us ... Happy Birthday to us ... Happy 123rd Birthday, Canada! Celebrations are planned from Ballinafad to Kelso Conservation Area with the biggest party in the Glen.

It gets going Saturday night in Ballinafad with an Old Tyme Country Dance, 9 p.m. at the Community Centre. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and includes a light meal, snacks, spot and door prizes.

The party gets into full swing on Sunday, July 1 in the Glen Williams.

The day begins with a 7 a.m. Pancake Breakfast. At 9.30 a.m. Town councillors take to the baseball field against a Glen team. A parade marches through the hamlet at noon on the way to the official opening ceremonies at 1 p.m.

Acton Citizens Band perform in concert at 1:30 p.m. followed by Streetsville Pipe Band at 1:45. Also at 1:30 the Pet Show and the popular Senior's Tea (in the Glen Town Hall). At 2 p.m. take a walking tour of the Glen or watch the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club tumbling. At 2:30 there bingo in the town hall.

It's showtime at 2:45 for the Halton Hills School of Dance and at 3 p.m. it's a variety of competitions (best legs, egg tossing and more) and the Twinkletoes Magic Show.

Blues, reggae, folk artist Eugene Smith is due on stage at 4:15 p.m. while Pine Valley Square Dancers squirl their partners at 4:55. Folk musician Don Ablett takes to the stage 5:25 and guitarist Doug Rolling is scheduled at 6:45.

If you're hungry sign up for the Pizza Eating Contest at 4:30.

At 8:05 the Glen Band rocks the village for a hour than the community gathers for a campfire and sing-along, 9:20 to midnight.

The Orton Community Association also plans a barbecue and parade Sunday. The eats begins at 5 to 7 p.m. and parade starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by games and a bonfire.

Back to the past

It'll be a big bang at the Halton Regional Museum of when the Fifth Lincoln Militia Historical Society re-enacts tactical manoeuvres from the War of 1812. Also participating are members of the Upper Canada Living History Association and the local Heritage Handweavers group. (Continued on Page 2)



THINK STRAWBERRIES

Think about it. Strawberry shortcake, strawberry sundaes, and strawberries and cream. It's that time of year. Henry Tyminski picks organic strawberries at Strawberry Hill Farm. The first crop of 12 acres of strawberries is ready for picking at the family farm on Hwy. 7 at Crewson's Corners., west of Acton.

Host Families are urgently needed by Support Services

Halton Support Services, through its Respite Program, provides periods of relief for families that have a developmentally handicapped child or adult living at home.

In the past, parents have had a difficult time getting "time away" from the challenges that parenting a developmentally handicapped person may bring. This program offers such families a safe environment as well as caring, and well trained Host Families, or in-home workers to take care of their child for a specific period of time.

"Host Families" are urgently needed to help provide relief or short term care (weekends, week days or a combination of both) to these parents, in their home communities.

Halton Support Services provides training, wages (\$40./day) and support to all families interested in becoming part of this special group of "Host Families."

If interested, please call Halton Support Services, (416) 849-8000.

But advocates say formal agreement with SWISC still a long way off

By PAUL DORSEY

Regional council is "rolling the dice" by continuing its involvement with the Greater Toronto Area's (GTA's) waste management initiative, says the head of the municipality with perhaps the most to lose.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz borrowed the prime minister's now-infamous Meech Lake phraseology Wednesday to describe the risk he sees in sharing landfill capacity here with the other GTA regions - Peel, York, Durham and particularly Metro Toronto.

"I as an individual am not going to roll the dice, especially when they're loaded against me," he told fellow Regional councillors during a two-hour debate.

But with Peel Chairman Frank Bean looking on, council approved continued involvement with the GTA's Solid Waste Interim Steering Committee (SWISC) by a 16-5 vote. The margin was closer, 12-9, when it came to expanding the as-yet-unopened Regional landfill in Milton landfill and sharing it with the GTA.

Council made its continued participation conditional upon other regions catching up with Halton on the 3Rs (reduction, reuse and recycling), on other regions in turn accommodating Halton's garbage if they use facilities here, and, at Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson's suggestion, on council's explicit approval for opening any new disposal facilities in Halton for the GTA.

Serjeantson and the rest of the Halton Hills contingent at the Region — Mayor Russ Miller and councillors Rick Bonnette, Pam Johnston and Joe Hewitt — sided with the majority in rejecting final appeals by the Halton Hills citizen's group POWER.

Hewitt was with the minority, though, on a 13-8 vote that will see council dip into an Energy From Waste start-up fund to help finance other waste diversion initiatives.

POWER's John Minns struggled

to be positive in his presentation to council, praising council for seeking reciprocal arrangements with SWISC, but his frustration at councillors making such decisions without first knowing all the details, as he charged, boiled over after the meeting.

Minns had some tense moments afterward while trying in vain to convince two Burlington councillors that a site in their municipality will be next on SWISC's list. There was more rancor over the long fight to approve the Milton landfill, and Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy's remarks did nothing to get Milton's representatives onside.

Krantz and councillors Bill Johnson and Brad Clements voted repeatedly against SWISC after Pomeroy intimated that Milton forced Halton taxpayers to spend "multi-millions of dollars" on drawn-out hearings.

Though he said he at first saw the SWISC plan as "the craziest scheme I'd ever heard of in my life," Pomeroy spoke at some length to try and reassure the GTA's opponents. He reconsidered his original impression, he said, in terms of Halton's proximity to Metro and its ability to help find shared solutions.

"I don't feel, quite frankly, that Halton is at risk in any way, and if I did, the issue is of such magnitude that I'd tell you."

POWER remains convinced that Halton is letting a "fox into the henhouse," to quote Len Landry, who reminded council that Halton is far ahead of its GTA neighbors in both landfill approval and the 3Rs.

If Metro Toronto had not ignored the warnings and was on a par with Halton in terms of the 3Rs, Landry told one questioner, perhaps its garbage could be accommodated here if necessary.

"I urge you not to vote out of fear," Landry said. "I urge you to vote to postpone the SWISC initiative until there is an equal partnership."

**Happy Birthday
Canada!**