

Pellet gun attack

Three Acton teens were charged with assault with a weapon and weapons dangerous after four others reported being shot at by pellet guns Wednesday morning. One was struck on the foot by a pellet, according to a police report. The three suspects were arrested and taken to 11 Division where their parents were contacted. They appeared in a Milton court Wednesday.

Assault charge

A 17-year-old Acton resident was charged with assault causing bodily harm after he got into a scrap with a 15-year-old Wednesday afternoon. Police report the accused had called out to the victim several times, before

Police

Blotter

the victim eventually confronted him. The younger teen was thrown to the ground and struck several times in the face. He fell unconscious and was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital by ambulance. The accused is to appear in court Nov. 6.

Impaired driving

A 30-year-old Milton man was charged with impaired driving and received a 12-hour suspension early last Friday morning. Police say they spotted the man driving without headlights and pulled him over.

Councillor cries favoritism

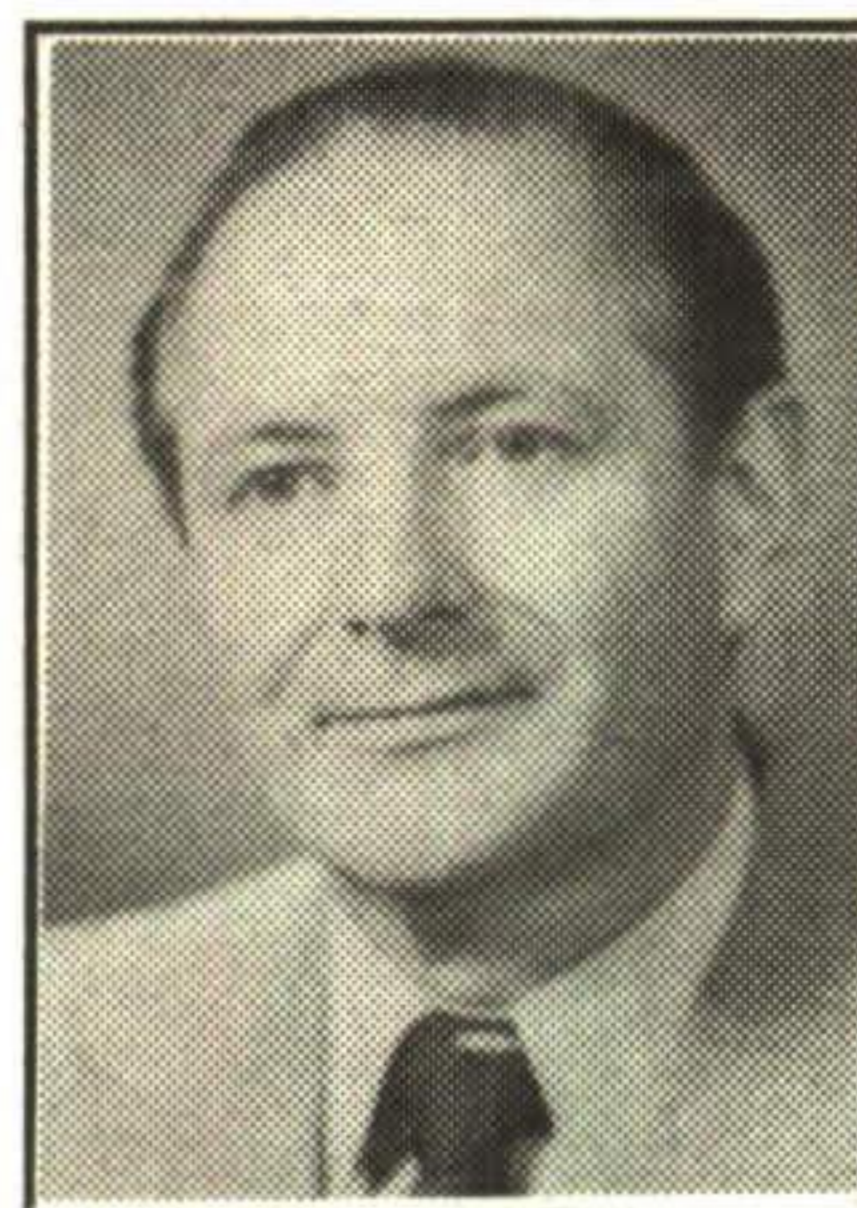
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Decisions from council are based not on the facts at hand but whether or not those involved are personally acquainted with the local politicians, councillor Bill Robson charges.

Robson blasted his colleagues Monday night for their decision not to block a rural severance, despite the fact that it is contrary to both the town's and Halton Region's official plans, and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

He accused his colleagues of "disregarding the plans" just because they know the people applying for the severance, Don and Doris Lindsay.

"It seems to me this is not on the merits of the proposal, but on who the proponent is and who knows that person," an angry Robson charged. "If we have a plan, then we should go by that plan. Yet, here we are, because some people know others around here for 35 years, we disregard our plans...This will come back to haunt us."



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staff were recommending that it be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. Halton Regional staff and the Niagara Escarpment Commission are also opposed to the severance.

However, solicitor Margaret Chapman told councillors Monday that the land in question is the poorest in agricultural quality of the three properties owned by the Lindsays.

She also suggested that opposition to the severance is based on a "technicality" of ownership. In order to qualify as a bona fide farmer under regional law, the land must be worked for at least 10 years. Although Don Lindsay has owned the land for only three years, it's been in his family for over four decades, she said.

"It is most prudent to have it on poor land, and leave the other parcels for agriculture," Chapman argued.

Councillors seemed to agree with her arguments, but took issue to Robson's charges of favoritism.

"When I vote, it's not based on whether I know the person or not," Elliott said.

"We interpret legislation a bit, not march to the black and white of the law...I find councillor Robson's statements highly offensive. If anyone deserves a severance it's these people."

In a recorded vote, only councillors Robson, Gail Rutherford and Kathy Gastle opposed the severance. Councillors Anne Currie, Norm Elliott, Pam Johnston, Rick Bonnette, Gerald Rennie, Marilyn Serjeantson, Al Cook, Ron Chatten and Mayor Russ Miller voted in favor.

The Lindsays are hoping to sever just over an acre from a 50-acre parcel on the Sixth Line, south of Hwy. 7, to build a retirement residence.

The region's land division committee recently approved the application, but, because it doesn't conform to planning regulations, town

Short list on Peel landfill sites delayed

The Interim Waste Authority announced that the timetable for the release of the short list of candidate landfill sites has been revised. The authority must defer the announcement to late November to allow more time to evaluate the large volume of information received through the public consultation process.

The Interim Waste Authority (IWA) is a crown agency of the Ontario Government. It was created in April 1991 to search for and select three environmentally-suitable landfill sites in the Greater Toronto

Area - one in Peel to serve its disposal needs; one in Durham to serve its needs; and one in Metro Toronto/York.

"Public consultation is a critical component of the site selection process," Pitman said.

Over the summer, hundreds of individuals and groups have provided valuable information and views to the IWA accounting for more than 1,000 letters, almost 2,000 telephone calls and over 100 briefs.

"We want to ensure the site search teams have adequate time to evaluate all of this information.

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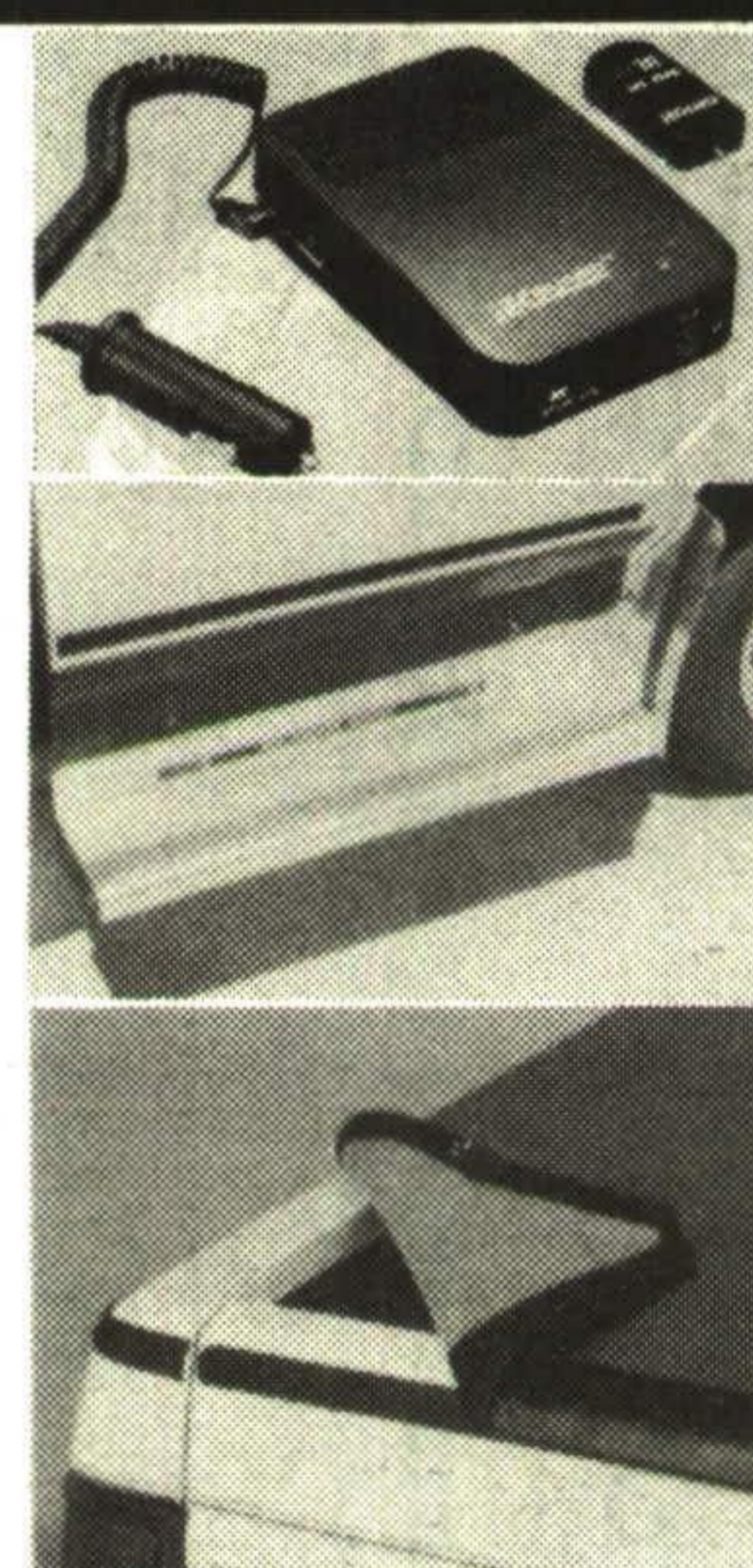


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