

# Acton man gets maximum — two years for sexual assault

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An Acton man pleaded guilty to the sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl and was sentenced in Oakville provincial court in Oakville July 9. Twenty-year-old Matthew Adlam was convicted on charges of assault, sexual assault with a

weapon, weapons dangerous (using a weapon in a manner which is dangerous or intimidating), forcible confinement, uttering a death threat and breach of probation. The young victim was called at her home March 30, and met the man on the pretext that he would take her to meet someone else, police said. The two walked to a

garage in the Beardmore Tannery in Acton, where they entered an abandoned vehicle. The man was arrested April 10, and was not released on bail. He received two years less a day and will be sent to a provincial correctional centre, and will be on probation for three years — the maximum for those charges.

## Air show crash

# Local pilot uninjured

A Georgetown pilot was uninjured after an airplane accident at the Kincardine air show on Sunday afternoon. The man was piloting a World War I replica fokker tri-plane, which has three wings, while a Guelph man was piloting a World War I replica fokker bi-plane, Kincardine OPP Const. George Ling said. The two had just taken off to do a simulated dog fight when they inadvertently hit each other while flying over the north end of the airport, Ling said. The Georgetown pilot lost control of his plane, attempted to land in a field and during the landing the nose of the plane hit the ground, causing it to flip upside down. No one was injured in the accident, but one wing was broken on one of the planes.

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#### Calls down

By the end of June, the Halton Hills Fire Department was called to 241 alarms and three people have been injured. Fire damage amounted to \$531,120. Last year at this time, there were 260 alarms and \$819,050 in damage and four people were injured.

#### Assumed identity

A Limehouse resident was recently arrested on charges dating back to 1975. The charges occurred in Peel Region. The man had assumed the identity of a former American citizen which made him hard to track down, Halton police said. He was also charged with careless storage of weapons and having unregistered restricted weapons in his Limehouse home. Five handguns were seized.

#### Public at OMB hearing

Tomorrow (Monday, July 19) members of the public are welcome to provide comments on Acton development to the hearing officers at the Acton Ontario Municipal Board hearing. The hearing, which is focusing on the issue of Acton development, is being held in the council chambers at the Civic Centre. The hearing will begin that day at 9 a.m.

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Susan Romans of Limehouse was seriously injured when her car was hit by a CN freight train Friday morning. Police, fire and ambulance vehicles were called to the scene. Photo by LAURA SALVERDA

# Woman injured in car-train collision

A Limehouse woman was seriously injured after her car was hit by a train Friday morning. Susan Romans, 50, was driving her 1988 Dodge Colt on a private road through a strawberry field on a farm on 15 Sideroad near Sixth Line at 8:40 a.m. She stopped at a crossing to let an eastbound train pass. When she proceeded through, Romans was hit by a 49-car westbound freight train, police said. The CN train hit the car in the driver's side door,

and then pushed it about 60 metres down the tracks, according to police. Halton Hills Fire Department was called to extricate Romans from the vehicle. She was taken by ambulance to Georgetown Hospital. Emergency room staff at Georgetown hospital indicated that Romans would be transferred to another hospital, but were unsure of which one at press time.

# Fishy situation at OMB hearing

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The development situation in Acton appears to be right back where it started before the Ontario Municipal Board hearing began.

On Thursday, Ed DeBruyn of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans outlined two draft letters the department plans to send to Halton Region, which call for about a two-year halt on development in Acton. Under an agreement between the region and the department, no new development other than what is already approved would go ahead, while the effects on fish habitat and marine life of taking more water from the Prospect Park well and putting more pollutants into Black Creek can be evaluated.

That was basically what Acton was up against back in May, prior to the hearing.

Benson Leung, manager of special studies with Halton Region, was disappointed by the Department of Fisheries position. Leung has been attempting to open the door for Acton development by working out a compensation agreement with provincial and federal agencies, so more water could be pumped from Prospect Park well.

"If this is good news, I'd hate to see the bad news," said Leung, referring to the fact the Department of Fisheries representative told the hearing he had good news.

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