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## Crime Stoppers solves robbery

The media, the public, and the police combined in classic Crime Stoppers fashion to solve a January robbery.  
 On New Year's Day, an employee of a Oakville restaurant went to Kinoak Arena on Warminster Dr. to deliver a food order. This person was then confronted by a number of teens who took the food by force.  
 The robbery was profiled in newspapers distributed in Oakville, and on radio, starting January 18th.  
 As a direct result of the publicity, a call was received at Crime Stoppers of Halton, where the tipster suggested the name of a suspect for investigation. Investigators in Oakville's detective office followed up on the lead and developed enough evidence to charge an adult and three young persons with robbery.  
 Crime Stoppers, as part of its mandate, strives to have the police, the media, and the public work together to solve crime.

## Welfare rate slows

The 3,724 welfare cases registered in Halton in December 1993 represented an increase of 3.13 per cent from December 1992, according to recently released statistics.  
 That increase was the smallest registered during the previous 12-month period.  
 Most of 1993 showed dramatic gains in welfare cases over the same month in 1992.  
 Percentage gains were in the double digits from January through September.

During the last quarter of the year increases grew steadily smaller, going from 8.72 per cent in October, to 5.51 per cent in November and 3.13 per cent in December. In both August and September increases over the previous year hovered around 17 per cent.  
 In January 1991, there were 2,136 registered welfare cases in Halton. Total expenditures have almost doubled since that time to \$2.7 million a month in December 1993.

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## Serious slashing done to budget

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 At the operating budget meeting committee members made only a few adjustments to the budget as presented to them.

In order to do about \$50,000 worth of improvements to the Eighth Line between Albion Sand and Gravel and 27 Sideroad, committee members eliminated some other projects that were slated to be done this year including ditching and gravel resurfacing on the Eighth Line, gravel resurfacing on the Fifth Line between 15 and 17 Sideroad, resurfacing on the Fifth and Eighth lines between 401 and Steeles Ave., Confederation St. from Wildwood Rd. to the north limit of Glen Williams, asphalt overlay on the Tenth Line, ditching on the Third Line from 10 to 15 Sideroad, Ninth Line from 401 to Steeles and a section on Fifth Line.

Councillor Bill Robson made the comment that he didn't think all the cuts required to allow the Eighth Line work to be done should have had to come from Ward 2.

Councillor Norm Elliott suggested cutting the Regan Ravine Outfall erosion control project (budgeted for \$60,000) from the 1994 budget. He said likely councillors would receive less angry phone calls from residents if that was cut instead of the other roadwork.

"This erosion is taking place. I can't believe we would do that so we wouldn't receive phone calls. Let's not turn our backs on the environment," said Mayor Russ Miller.

Included in the budget is \$200,000 to cover the purchase of land for the Acton Arena. Committee also recommended the hiring of a parks technician for a 45-week contract, and one, not two as requested, fire prevention officer/firefighter at a cost of \$24,528. Committee also recommended contributing \$1,500 to put toward the Halton Critical Incident Stress Management Team, which will provide counselling for Halton firefighters.

Other items approved at the meeting included the Acton BIA's budget of \$40,000, Georgetown BIA's \$62,345 budget, the \$200,000 Barber Mill Dam rehabilitation project by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The \$8,400 in total for the Acton and Georgetown agricultural societies, Acton Citizens Band, Arts Alive, Georgetown Little Theatre and Glen Williams Town Hall were also approved.

Projects that were not included in the 1994 budget may still have an opportunity to go ahead this year due to the the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Program.

The recently announced program will provide the town with about \$1.7 million from the federal and provincial governments to use for infrastructure projects in the town. The town has to kick in one third of the costs.

The Acton Arena is one project being considered for that funding, and completion of the Eighth Line reconstruction project was suggested by council to be on the list.

Koopmans said town staff is currently working on its wish list for council's consideration.



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