

Police Blotter

Man acquitted

A 29-year-old Georgetown man was acquitted Thursday on charges of break and enter and sexual assault after a four day trial at Ontario Provincial Court in Milton. The charges were related to an incident on July 27, 1993. The man plead not guilty, said Det. Const. Debbie Ramsay.

Holmgren in court

Heather Holmgren of Acton will be in court Monday for a trial expected to last six weeks. She faces charges of manslaughter in the death of a baby boy who died in January, 1993 and aggravated assault in relation to a six and a half month old baby girl who was taken to hospital on March 23, 1993. The preliminary hearing took place last fall.

Condition fair

David Chaston of Georgetown was in fair condition at Sunnybrook Hospital as of Thursday. Chaston, 28, fell from the balcony of a ninth floor apartment at Silvercreek Towers on Saturday at 1:45 a.m. He was impaled on a no parking sign.

Missing car found

Halton Regional Police saw a 1988 Oldsmobile reported missing from Brantford in the parking lot at Georgetown Marketplace Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. There were three occupants, and the driver was questioned. An 18-year-old former Georgetown resident, now living in Brantford, was charged with two counts of possession of stolen property and breach of probation.

Theft from pickup

A Ford pickup truck parked overnight Friday, Oct. 21 at Georgetown Marketplace had \$1,500 worth of items removed from it. The cover over the back of the truck was taken, along with a railing from around the box, a rubber mat, some tools and hockey equipment.

Car totalled

A 1990 Chevrolet, driven by a Georgetown man, was totalled when it struck a deer on Winston Churchill Rd. near Hwy. 7 at 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Town council offers no objection to quarry water permit

By LISA TALLYN
Staff writer

Despite a plea Monday night from a resident who lives near the Acton quarry for council not to support a request by United Aggregates for a water taking permit, council didn't object to the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE) issuing a permit.

Quarry area resident Doris Mittwollen asked council not to support the permit because of the concerns residents have about the impact increased water taking could have on wetlands and wells in the area.

She added United Aggregates is intending to eventually receive permits to pump 4 million gallons of water a day, and this permit was just a step in that direction. Currently the quarry operation has a permit for 1.8 million gallons per day.

The town does not have jurisdiction over granting the United Aggregates request to take an additional 500,000 gallons of water daily for the expansion of the quarry. MOEE is responsible for handing out the permits, the town was only asked to comment on the application.

Three representatives from MOEE were at the meeting to explain the water taking permit procedure and the status of the United Aggregates request.

Rutherford changes view on lake water

Councillor Gail Rutherford, who has been adamantly opposed to lake-based water in Georgetown for some time, changed her view on the topic at council Monday night.

Rutherford, who is not running for council next term, wanted to set the record straight on her current views on the water situation for the town.

"If a referendum (on water) had taken place I don't know how I would have voted," said Rutherford. "It is probably impossible to get to 40,000 population on well water."

Rutherford said council has

"The United Aggregates request is under review by the ministry," said Sara Darker, a hydrogeologist with MOEE. "We are doing a groundwater monitoring program in the area." She added 25 to 30 neighboring wells are being monitored, and 18 test wells adjacent to the quarry are also being studied.

Darker said comments on the permit have been requested from the town, Halton Region and Credit Valley Conservation Authorities, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Councillor Norm Elliott suggested two additions to town engineer Bob Austin's report on the matter which recommended no objection to the issuance of the permit. Elliott said monitoring of the water taking should be filed with the town quarterly, not twice a year as requested in the report. He added monitoring should be done to both town and MOEE standards to ensure accuracy.

Councillor Rob Heaton requested a recorded vote because he understood councillors may face lawsuits down the line from area residents if they experienced water problems due to the water taking.

Council appeared assured by Councillor Kathy Gastle's statement that MOEE, not the town, was responsible for issuing the permit.

All but Councillor Rob Heaton supported the recommendation.

reaffirmed the target population several times. Rutherford explained an aquifer can only be mined to a certain point, and then the quality of water deteriorates. She said choosing lake-based water might be the "lesser of two evils." She suggested opting for a compromise the Peel low-flow connection which will be used as a backup to the Georgetown water supply system.

"No pipe up with water means no opportunity to pipe for sewage down," said Rutherford. She said due to that fact uncontrolled growth could not occur.



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