



TRAFFIC COUNTS: Getting heavy trucks off Acton streets is the hopeful outcome of traffic counts according to Town Co-op student Ahmad Yaqub, who did turning movement counts on Tuesday at Queen Street and Churchill Road, and moved east to Tanners Drive yesterday (Wednesday.) – Frances Learment photo

TOWN DIGEST

SCHOOL CHARGE WAIVED

There were cheers, claps and several hoots of joy from a chamber full of Halton Hills Christian School supporters when councillors voted last Monday to waive \$25,260 in Development Charges for an expansion at the Trafalgar Road school, which has approximately 300 students, one-third of them from Acton, Rockwood and Erin.

Board Chair Ron Sneltsjes said as a registered charity the school is eligible for the Development Charge fee waiver, which would allow them to keep tuition affordable. Regional/Ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal

noted they don't collect Development Charges from schools, and that they'd granted a similar waiver to the school last year and its "significant community benefits far exceeds" the fee.

DEFIBRILLATOR PARTNERSHIP

All Acton schools now are equipped with potentially lifesaving defibrillators – McKenzie Smith Bennett, Robert Little and St. Joseph Catholic schools were outfitted, and staff trained, as part of a joint program that put defibrillators – used to shock a stopped heart – installed in 116 Halton schools over the past seven months. Acton High School was already

equipped with a defibrillator.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation's Ontario Defibrillator Access Initiative, paid for by the province, places the devices in schools with high sport and recreation use, and in other publicly-funded buildings, and Halton Paramedics trained and certified at least 10 people at the locations to respond quickly.

"Time is of essence," said Paul Lamey with Halton Paramedic Services, adding for every minute that passes without Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation or a defibrillator being used in a cardiac arrest case, survival chances drop by 10 per cent.

Each of the easy-to-use defibrillators cost \$2,052.



SHUTTERBUG SHOW: Members of the Photography Club at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School are displaying their work this month at the Roxy on Mill Street. The exhibition opened Friday featuring work of students including, from left: Luna Keogh, Josiah Chang, Sydney Durham, Emma Andrews and Asia Green. – Ted Tyler photo

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