

Neighbours not happy about proposed store

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proper size facility, the current road infrastructure wouldn't be able to handle the increased traffic from the business and it will be a major safety concern for area residents. He also said there would be increased rodent traffic, noise and light pollution caused by parking lot lights and traffic, and decreased property values. He also said there were errors in the applicant's traffic study.

Another area resident, Anthony Mifsud who lives on Beardmore Cr. behind the Sobeys plaza complained about many problems he has had with that business including idling trucks at all hours and smelly garbage.

He said the No Frills application is a "duplicate attack on my health, safety and sanity." He stressed the proposed location for the store "is not the right place."

Bonnette called the decision on the application a difficult one in light of the residents' concerns, but he added that as Fogal had pointed out, "the property is not going to stay vacant forever," and could end up the site of a three to four storey townhouse complex if not a grocery store.

He pointed to the fact a bone of contention for residents- an entrance into the supermarket parking lot from Tanners Dr.- had been taken off the table.

"Does Acton need a grocery store— absolutely. Another alternative— people want a choice," said Bonnette. "This is the only application on the

only piece of land that we have."

"I do agree commercial choice is an important thing to provide in the town," said Johnson. "Probably the best place to provide another grocery store is beside an existing grocery store."

Hurst said he was conflicted in making his decision.

He said there's no doubt a second grocery store was needed in Acton.

"For the large number of people who signed the petition against the proposal there were an equal number or more that signed a petition wanting it," said Hurst.

O'Leary said he had some "very serious concerns about the site," but reluctantly would support the application.

"I believe that our town needs another grocery store. I wish there was another site, but there just isn't," said O'Leary.

Lewis said he was voting against it because, if the residents of Tanners Dr., who bought on that street 10 years ago, had come into the Town to inquire about what could be built there, they would have been told a triplex, townhouses, low-rise apartment, etc.— but not a grocery store.

"Now all of a sudden we're saying— not even taking the rules we have in place today— we're going to bend those rules to make something else happen," said Lewis.

The OMB hearing on the application is scheduled to begin Jan. 6 at the Civic Centre.



Three generations help dedicate new cemetery

Three generations of the Devereaux family were on hand for the recent dedication of the new Devereaux Cemetery, located beside Holy Redeemer Cemetery on 17th Sideroad. Pictured are (from left): Carol Devereaux, Andrew Devereaux, Kim Devereaux, Allan Devereaux and Siobhan Devereaux.

Photo by Andrea Lefebvre

Police blotter

Armed bandit holds up Money Mart

Halton Regional Police is seeking the public's assistance to solve an armed robbery that occurred Friday night (Oct. 18) at a Money Mart store located at 166 Guelph St, Georgetown.

Shortly after 9:15 p.m., an employee exiting the store was confronted by an individual armed with a handgun and ordered back inside. Once inside, the assailant forced the employee to access a safe and stole an undisclosed quantity of cash.

Before leaving, the assailant bound the employee, then fled out the front door. The employee was not injured and, upon freeing themselves, called 911.

The suspect is described as male, white, early 20's, 6', slim to athletic build, wearing a dark, hooded sweatshirt, dark balaclava, and light-coloured pants.

Anyone with information pertaining to this robbery is asked to contact the One District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905 825-4747 x2415, Crime Stoppers at 1 800 222-TIPS(8477), through the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.com or by texting 'Tip201' with your message to 274637(crimes).

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Three Georgetown men were arrested following a traffic stop of a taxicab near downtown Georgetown Friday.

Halton Police report one of the occupants of the cab was arrested on an outstanding warrant. During the arrest, police found the man was in possession of cocaine, marijuana and other drug-related paraphernalia, including a digital scale and packaging.

Two additional occupants of the cab were arrested for breaching their release conditions.

Charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking and one count of breach of probation is Brent Sproule, 20. He was held for a bail hearing.

Charged with failing to comply with undertaking is Kyle Hope, 18.

Charged with failing to comply with a probation order is Christopher Mizuguchi, 18.

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