

Project Rural Impact nets plenty of charges against drivers

Following public consultation with community members who reside in the northwest part of Milton, project Rural Impact was launched on Sept. 16 to target aggressive drivers who routinely use rural roads to commute to work.

The project involved officers

from 1 District patrol and the District Response Unit whose job it is to address quality of life issues and conduct zero tolerance enforcement in order to make our communities safer.

After a month of targeting this patrol area, officers reported the

following enforcement statistics:

- 266 Provincial Offence Notices were laid on drivers
- One person was arrested and charged for impaired driving
- Two people were arrested for driving while under a suspension
- Three people were arrested

and charged for "Stunt" driving (driving 50km/h or more over the posted speed limit)

- Four cars were seized and held under the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act for seven days
- Officers from the District Response Unit will continue to focus

their efforts on targeting those drivers that place themselves and other road users at risk.

The unit receives many complaints from citizens expressing their concerns. Project Rural Impact will now switch to the rural areas surrounding Georgetown.

Tiny Town Daycare owner suing Ministry of Education

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a pair of running shoes Donaldson has had to replace, as well as October's payment, is missing with no explanation. After several unsuccessful attempts to contact the business owner, Gerry Jutsun, she was able to get a hold of the director of operations, Rob Degenaar, to ask what was going on.

"I asked him why they shut it down and his answer was because they had a lack of enrollment," she said, stating her doubts. "They didn't. Georgetown is full of kids and I saw this place was full."

Since then, Donaldson hasn't

been able to contact anyone at Tiny Town.

After the second location closed, Donaldson contacted the Ministry of Education to look into the sudden closure of Tiny Town and how she would receive her money back. Last week, they returned her call, but didn't give her the answer she was looking for.

"They can't do anything because he's a private business owner... unless he's in direct violation," she said. "All they can do is try and keep up on him, which is exactly what I've tried to do."

According to an article from the Toronto Star published in May 2014,

Jutsun took the province to court after government inspectors allegedly exercised practices that defamed Tiny Town. According to Jutsun, inspectors gave Tiny Town a yellow licence, the equivalent to not working optimally, and called parents to tell them of the issue. Because of this, Jutsun said 80 families took their children from both Georgetown locations, causing a large decrease in revenue over the course of 10 days.

Jutsun sued the government for \$26 million for defamation and currently, the case has not seen any development. On Oct. 13, Jutsun officially launched a new case with four

other daycare centres for the same thing, and is waiting for the government's decision to oppose or investigate the claims. Because of the new claim and the loss of revenue, Jutsun said the two Georgetown locations had to be closed without much notice.

"We were struggling in September," he said. "We did try and raise more money. We needed several million more, and we were struggling since the summer. Finally, when it looked like our efforts were in vain, we then had to give notice we were closing."

Jutsun said he and his team have

been in contact with parents and are issuing refunds over the next couple of weeks.

At the moment, Donaldson isn't interested in seeking any legal action, but wants to inform parents of the risk while dealing with Jutsun.

"We just want to let people know that this is what has happened," she said. "I just want to advise people that this has happened and this is what he's like and to not go into business with him."

"I'm in limbo, so I can't do much," she said. "We just want to make people aware that this has happened. There are parents that are struggling"



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