

Hwy. 7 traffic topic for MPP and MTO January meeting

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott has arranged a meeting with the Minister of Transportation, Steven Del Duca, on Jan. 20 to discuss the need for a long-term truck strategy in Halton Hills, including the possibility of an Acton bypass.

Arnott approached the Minister after Question Period on Dec. 3, asking to meet with him to discuss the problem of truck traffic on Hwy. 7 through Halton Hills.

"The need for a long-term truck strategy, including the

possibility of an Acton Bypass, is strongly supported by Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and Town Council," Arnott told MPPs in a statement in the Legislature on Dec. 10. "I want to commend them for their leadership on this issue."

The Minister was very receptive to the request and his staff responded to the local MPP's office within days, said the Wellington-Halton Hills MPP.

"We have arranged a meeting for Jan. 20 at Queen's Park,"

Arnott said in the House. "I have invited Mayor Bonnette and Council to join us, as well as Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. I hope that the other Halton-area MPPs can attend as well."

Many area residents believe an Acton bypass is badly needed due to the increasing volume of truck traffic making its way along Hwy. 7 through Acton's narrow downtown. There are also concerns in Georgetown and Norval.

Earlier in the week, Arnott had also tabled a Private Member's Resolution in the On-



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tario Legislature calling on the Minister of Transportation to prioritize an Acton Bypass by placing it on the Southern Highways program, the Ministry's five-year plan for highway construction. He intends to make reference to the resolution in the months ahead to continue to highlight the issue.

Arnott took action after receiving notice of a Town of Halton Hills resolution detailing the Town's concern with truck traffic and the need to partner with the MTO to study long-term alternatives, including placing an Acton bypass project on the Southern Highways Program.

HRPS charge for care and control, looking for vandals

Drunk driving and vandalism has kept the Halton Regional Police on their toes.

A Limehouse woman is facing an alcohol-related charge following a visit to Georgetown Hospital Dec. 10. The accused attended the hospital for medical care and was discharged at 7:30 a.m. Friday.

When it became apparent that the woman was attempting to drive her vehicle out of the parking lot, hospital staff contacted Halton Regional Police.

Officers responded and located the suspect in the parking lot with the vehicle running.

Charged with care and control with over 80 ml of blood in 100 mg of alcohol is Ann Marie Doraty, 50.

Multiple incidents of vandalism have occurred last week in Dominion Gardens Park with equipment and decorations as part of the Light Up The Hills Festival targeted.

On Tuesday evening, electrical cords to the light displays were cut while light bulbs and floodlights were

smashed, causing approximately \$200 in damage.

Organizers of the displays have asked police for stepped-up patrols in the area.



Brampton 'nanny' accused of sexually assaulting children

Peel police have arrested a Brampton man in connection with alleged sexual assaults committed against children.

Kevin Cordeiro, 31, was arrested Dec. 9 and charged with two counts of sexual assault and two counts of sexual interference.

It is alleged Cordeiro advertised as "The Brampton Nanny" for an in home childcare service he has provided for the past seven years. Although police would not say ex-

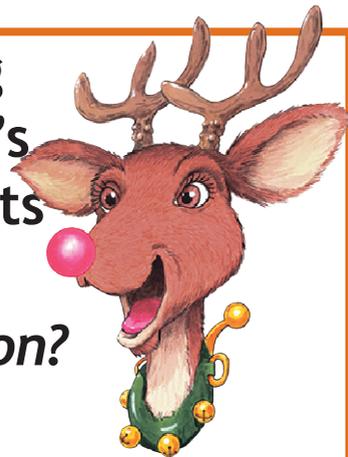
actly when the assaults are alleged to have been committed to protect the identities of the victims, they said the charges stem from "recent" incidents.

Investigators believe there could be other victims and are encouraging anyone with information to come forward.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call 905-453-2121, ext. 3460 or Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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