

Buckle-up in October Halton police warn

Halton Regional Police are warning drivers and passengers to buckle-up during October.

Today (Saturday) police officers across Canada "join for a common purpose: to demonstrate their commitment to achieving increased usage of seat belts and child restraints and thereby save lives."

According to Sergeant Tom Chapman, of the Traffic and Marine Unit, Saturday's "Operation Impact" is being used by Halton Regional Police Service as the kick-off of its annual seatbelt campaign.

"We are targeting a four per cent increase in seatbelt usage throughout the region," Chapman said.

"We will be doing this through a combination of education and enforcement."

According to police statistics, 21 people were killed in 18 accidents during 1990 and 28 per cent of the deaths resulted from people not wearing their seatbelt.

"I can tell you from first hand

experience that because of the use of seatbelts and air bags there are a lot of people living who might not have been," Sgt. Chapman said.

Provincial statistics show that in 1991 in Halton Hills there was a 79 per cent compliance rate with the buckle-up law. In Milton, compliance was 81 per cent.

"The national goal is 95 per cent compliance by 1995," Sgt. Chapman said.

Over the next month, officer who stop cars and routine stops as well as those at RIDE program locations will be reminding people about seatbelt use and handing out \$78.75 fines to anyone not wearing a belt.

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Mayor Russ Miller presents a congratulatory plaque from the Town of Halton Hills to Shannon Crawford, a 29-year-old Norval resident who distinguished herself and the Halton Hills area by capturing an Olympic gold medal, Aug. 2, in Barcelona, Spain. Shannon, a member of the women's eight rowing team from Canada, also received a floral balloon bouquet at Monday night's meeting of town council.

Consolidated battlefront proposed

By Dianne Cornish

Town council gave unanimous support Monday to a recommendation that Halton Hills and the Region of Halton adopt a co-ordinated approach in opposing the possible selection of a Peel Region landfill site on the town's eastern boundary.

The planning department recommendation, approved with no discussion, was contained in a report,

which stated, in part: "Due to the experience gained in the R.S.I. proposal (to establish a dumpsite in the Acton Quarry), Town Staff anticipate that a high level of co-ordination will be required at the outset between the Town and various other agencies, specifically the Region of Halton."

Town administration will now formally request that the Region consider a co-ordinated front in

tackling the Interim Waste Authority's (IWA's) site selection process.

During later discussions at council, Mayor Russ Miller said he and town officials met two weeks ago with IWA representatives but failed to get "good response regarding our request to abandon the three candidate sites" on the east side of Winston Churchill Boulevard just

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Walkway could be delayed until spring

By Dianne Cornish

The Mountainview Road walkway through Silver Creek Valley could be built by early December, but if government agencies request more documented information, the project could be delayed until next spring, engineering consultant Roy Hylkema said Tuesday during an interview.

Hylkema, a Georgetown South resident, is the consultant responsible for all lands owned by Halton Hills Village Homes Incorporated (HHVHI), a development company which has a master agreement with Halton Hills to foot the \$300,000 cost of designing and building the walkway through Hungry Hollow.

At town council Monday, the consultant outlined the work schedule for the project, something which council had demanded last week because of fears that construction of the walkway might be needlessly delayed.

According to the work schedule drawn up by Hylkema, a permit from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) to allow work within the Silver Creek floodplain is expected by early November. A work permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), requiring the builder to address erosion and sediment concerns during construction of the walkway and installation of a foot-bridge over the creek, should be received by the second week of November. Construction would then begin, with the project being completed by early December.

While answering questions from councillors, the consulting engineer confirmed that an environmental inventory study cataloguing vegetation along the proposed walkway route has been requested by the CVCA. He said consultants work-

ing for Halton Region have already conducted a study of vegetation in the area as part of a required Environmental Study report required for the proposed bridge that will be built over the creek during the reconstruction of Mountainview Road through the valley in 1994.

Hylkema said the regional report has been passed on to the CVCA and he'll learn this week if the information included in the document is sufficient to gain the work permit. "If we have to go with a full report, it could delay the project," he told Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson.

"If everything falls into place, the walkway will be built as planned," the engineer said. "But, if things take any longer than expected, we might have to postpone the project."

Once the frost is in the ground, it would be impossible to proceed with building the walkway and the stairs which must be fitted into the hillsides on either side of the valley, Hylkema said.

Asked if there was any start-up date beyond which he would be reluctant to proceed with the project, he said, "I wouldn't want to start too much beyond November 9. After that, it's questionable whether we would have enough time to complete the walkway."

Councillor Ron Chatten, who insisted last week that a work schedule with completion date be brought to council on Monday, asked that "communication lines" between the consulting engineer and the town "be opened." Commenting on the construction schedule presented to council, he said, "I hope it's a mild December."

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