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Alister MacIntosh pays homage to the Hags at the Royal Candian Legion's Robby Burns Supper on Saturday. The Georgetown event was one of many honoring the 238-year-old Scottish poet. Money raised by the Legion was being donated to Canadian National Institute for the Blind to purchase talking books.

Photo by ScottKline

## Citizen helps police arrest suspect in bank robbery

Halton Regional Police are considering a commendation for a citizen who helped police nab a bank robber Monday.

At about 11:30 a.m. a man entered the Canada Trust on Main St., Georgetown and demanded money.

"The suspect stated that he had a gun, although none was seen," Detective Keith Woudstra said in a press release Monday afternoon.

The suspect was handed an "undetermined" amount of cash and fled the bank on foot in downtown

Georgetown.

He was followed by the citizen to the McGibbon Hotel and was subsequently arrested by a Halton Regional Police constable.

Police are going to recommend the citizen receive a police citation. At press time, the citizen's name had not been released.

A 41-year-old Georgetown resident has been charged with robbery and was being held for a bail hearing Tuesday, Det. Woudstra said.

## Dump fight costs continue upward spiral

By Dianne Cornish

The cost of fighting the Acton Quarry dumpsite proposal is taking its toll on the Halton Hills budget. At Monday night's council meeting, councillors also suggested that community building projects, like the proposed Acton Arena and a seniors' recreation centre in Georgetown, are also suffering because of the high costs incurred by the town in what seems to be a never-ending battle to keep garbage from being disposed in a section of the quarry.

Mayor Russ Miller joined other town councillors in bemoaning the continuing pressure on the town and taxpayers as they battle the threat of landfill.

The mayor and councillors were reacting to a report from town administration outlining the 1992 costs of the battle. The total legal and consulting fees required to prepare the town's position and appear last fall before a joint hearing board in opposition to the landfill application is \$306,041. That's well over the town's budgeted amount of

\$200,000 contained in the town's 1992 operating budget.

The report from town administrator Dan Costea said the extra costs will come out of the overall surplus in last year's operating budget.

Last September when the joint hearing board ruled that it had no jurisdiction to hear the landfill application submitted by Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI), town officials estimated the town had spent more than \$500,000 to fight the landfill proposal over the last few years. In November, it was learned that more legal costs were in the offing for 1993 because five government agencies, including the Ministry of the Environment (M OE) and the Interim Waste Authority (IWA), are seeking clarification of the board's decision on the RSI proposal through a divisional court hearing. The town is concerned that the court might overturn the RSI decision, meaning even more legal costs in future months.

"Not only has it cost us a lot of  
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## Acton planning studies get approval of council

By Dianne Cornish

Two Acton planning studies—one focusing on residential and commercial development over the next 20 years and the other serving as a guideline for consideration of draft plans of residential subdivisions—were approved in principle by Halton Hills Town Council last week.

The reports, discussed at length during a special meeting of council at the Civic Centre last Tuesday, were fine-tuned with minor changes. They won't be officially approved by council until a public meeting is held Feb. 16 to obtain feedback on council's proposed direction from the community and affected developers.

For the most part, council endorsed changes in wording proposed by Acton's three councillors Rick Bonnette, Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie. In an effort to streamline discussions on the Acton portion of the Urban Area Study and on the town's Residential Implementation Study, the Acton

councillors presented a written report containing proposed revisions.

Bonnette and Elliott went through the reports, recommending changes in the Implementation Study to help council in its future assessment of individual applications for residential development. Rennie was not present at the meeting because of a death in the family, but his input through the written report was acknowledged by his Acton colleagues as well as by other town council members.

There were only a few comments directed to recommendations contained in the Acton portion of the Urban Area Study report, which provides the framework for long-range commercial and residential development in the town.

Bonnette told town council that Acton councillors agree with the Urban Area Study recommendation that the major community commercial area be located on the Coscan property, south of Highway 7 and

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