

Cop shop saved

By Oksana Buhel

Plans to build a new Milton police station have been put on hold indefinitely because of unconditional grant reductions by the provincial government.

Had the new station been constructed, the Georgetown 11 Division would have become a storefront station and all operations would have proceeded from Milton.

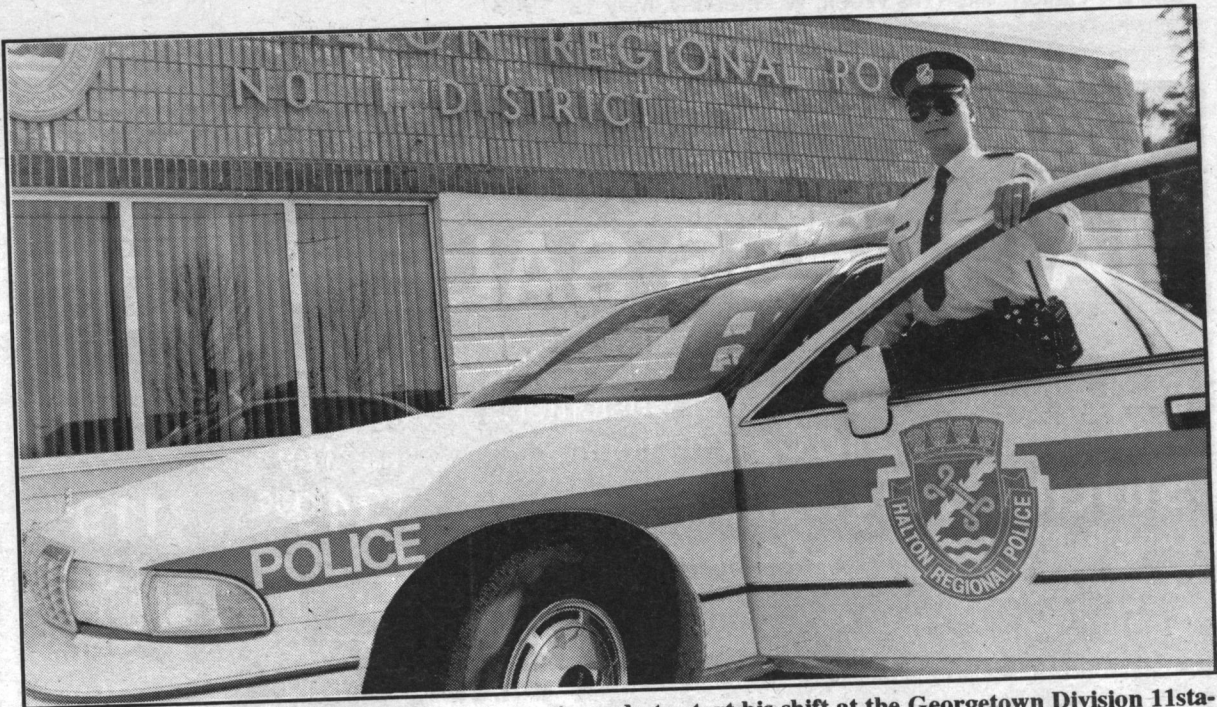
"Right now we have a duplication of service in Milton and Halton Hills," explained Barry Quinn, chair of the Halton Regional Police Services Board. "We need a new station in Milton anyway, since the current one is in a deplorable state. It would save a lot of money to provide police ser-

vice to two municipalities from one location."

Quinn insisted that no decision would have been made without public input, but the meetings which were scheduled for May 19 and 20 have been cancelled.

In a meeting Thursday between the region's chief administrative officer, treasurer, chief of police and Quinn, the CAO outlined cuts which could be expected. "The 2% increase which we were promised for '93 was taken away," Quinn

Friday morning, during an emergency meeting conference call, the police services board decided to stop the plans for the new station.



Halton Regional Police Constable John Domm is ready to start his shift at the Georgetown Division 11 station. This is National Police Week in Canada and Halton Regional Police will have a display at Georgetown Marketplace Thursday (tomorrow) Friday and Saturday. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

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Government duo chooses marine life over humans

Representatives from the Ministry of the Environment and Department of Fisheries and Oceans were accused by councillors of putting marine life on a higher priority scale than human life at Monday evening's Town of Halton Hills council meeting.

During a two hour presentation, Ed DeBruyn, fish habitat biologist for the department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Wes Lammers, special projects co-ordinator for the Ministry of the Environment, described the impact which increased water pumping would

have on the environment. Acton residents and developers requested that 100,000,000 gallons be pumped to improve the water supply situation in the town.

Both men stated they would require an additional two years to analyze the impact before making any decisions.

"A two-year moratorium is totally unacceptable," stated councillor Rick Bonnette. "The plant was completed two years ago - why couldn't the studies have been done then?"

Councillor Norm Elliot insisted the human aspect of the dilemma had been left out. He described how businesses were suffering because of a lack of water, and there was an "overall crisis in the community." In my heart, I'm an environmentalist," claimed Elliot, "but maybe instead of only concerning ourselves with the trout on the headwaters of Black

Creek, we should remember there are also 6,500 people on these same headwaters."

Elliot promised, "If this is your edict, I will bring the full amount of political pressure to bear to see the community which has suffered the most gets top priority." The MOE and Department of Fisheries and Oceans will meet Friday to discuss the situation.

In other council news, a three-fold resolution by councillor Pam Johnston was the outcome of her participation in Friday's mayors' meeting in North York. Johnston, representing Mayor Miller, joined other mayors and councillors to protest social contracts and the

Expenditure Control Plan. During Monday's council meeting, she introduced a resolution requesting the provincial government defer the impact of social contracts on municipalities until January 1, 1994; to immediately determine how Expenditure Control Plan cuts will be implemented and distributed fairly among the municipalities, and that instead of dictating how the cuts must be handled, the provincial government allow municipalities to implement cuts which will be most appropriate for their communities.

After some discussion, the resolution was carried.



GDHS Rebels pitcher Shannon Morris fanned yet another Nelson would-be hitter in a game the Rebs won, 8-3, at a softball tournament Saturday at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The Rebels lost out in the Consolation Final game. For full results, please turn to page 12. photo by Colin Gibson/HHTW

PCBs on hold

David Bassi, assistant to vice-president Peter Goddard of Maple Leaf Foods, announced Monday that the transfer of PCB's from Dresden to Acton, which was to take place last week, did not occur.

He attributed the "delay" to a misunderstanding between the Ministry of the Environment and Maple Leaf Foods regarding the decommissioning of the site. Bassi said the transfer would still take place, but would not specify when.

Annual ASSIC meeting

Acton Social Services and Information Centre will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Recognition on Wednesday (tonight) at 7 p.m. at St. Alban's Anglican Church, on Willow St. North.

The guest speaker, Rev. Andrew Asbil, will speak on The Art of Clowning. It seems that clowns serve many purposes. They are a symbol of hope and joy and celebrate life with gladness and cheer. In a nutshell, they lighten and liven us up.

The annual meeting also enables the public to come and learn more about the centre, its programs, history and future plans. The Board of Directors is elected at this meeting, and annual reports are given as well.

Since A.S.S.I.C. could not operate without many dedicated volunteers, the organization will take this opportunity to express its appreciation of them and particularly those volunteers who have given five and 10 years of service.

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