# Acton developers urging priorization

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearings. regarding Acton development are drawing to a close (approximately one week left) and developers for Acton East were out in full force Monday night pleading their cases to Town of Halton Hills councillors in attempts to obtain 'front of line' status.

Lucy Stocco, executive vice president of Tribute Homes, which works together BondArch with Developments, urged councillors to priorize Acton East development even if the anticipated building boom does not reach the proposed phased development of 1,000 resi-

dential units. "Even after the solicitors move on to their next file, you will be left, and so will we, the landowners, trying to improve housing and commercial potential in Acton," she said.

David Keenan, president of Development Coscan Corporation, agreed with Stocco, but was less delicate in his phrasing. After repeating several times how "frustrated" he was, Keenan informed councillors that Roger Beaman, town solicitor, was constantly cautioning council on the negative side.

"The whole 'prosecution' issue, for example, is a smokescreen for delay," he insisted. He said the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' threat of prosecution applied to everyone and all industries across Canada, and he could not understand why (concerning Acton development) "people are running for the bushes."

Keenan added he was "outraged" at Beaman's suggestion at Thursday's OMB session, that the hearing be terminated until more information is received from Halton

Keenan listed the benefits Acton residents would receive from the Coscan development - a new school and more housing, and the benefits the town would receive increased population for the work force and increased revenue from more people spending money.

He ended by urging councillors to "direct Beaman to do something positive."

#### **Developers** meeting

Councillors agreed with Coun. Rick Bonnette's suggestion that an informal meeting be held at the end of September with mayor Russ Miller, Town of Halton Hills councillors and representatives of the Halton Hills Construction Association

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addressing the delays developers have experienced in receiving building permits.

"I think we definitely have a problem," Bonnette insisted. He recommended the possibility of hiring a contracted person during the busiest months of development to help with building application processing.

"People are going ahead and building porches and adding bathrooms without getting a building permit, because they can't afford the time to wait for one," he said. "The town is losing revenue."

Town administrator Ray King informed councillors many permits are delayed because developers are not providing all necessary infor-

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## cancelled' No-brainer

A suspect used the same method to break into two homes in the Rexway Dr./ Noble Crt. area in Georgetown sometime Friday night.

The suspect used a screwdriver to pry off the kitchen window screen of the Noble Crt. residence, and rifled through two purses, removing \$65 cash. The suspect exited through the back porch door.

At 1:15 am. a 51-year-old man woke up to a loud bang and noticed his outdoor security lights had been activated. The man did not notice anything out of place when he went downstairs to investigate, but in the morning he noticed the screen had been removed from the kitchen window. He also noticed his wallet had been stolen, which contained three credit cards and \$120.

Several hours later, the wallet was returned by a young boy and his mother, who had found it under a bush on Rexway Dr. The credit cards and money were not in the wallet.

Saturday afternoon, the suspect tried three times to use the credit card to take out money from an instant teller machine, after which time the card was cancelled.

#### Hit and miss

Suspects broke into a residential utility shed on 15 Side

# Hit and run

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating the driver of a car which struck a cyclist travelling northbound on Mountainview Rd., near River Rd. in Georgetown Thursday at 9:05 pm.

According to a police report, the 22-year-old Georgetown man was riding his bike when he heard a car coming behind him and people yelling. The victim hit the curb and was thrown off his bike, just before the vehicle ran it over.

Four witnesses rushed to the aid of the cyclist, who suffered a bump on his head, and general soreness, but did not require hospital

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call Constable Gaynor at 878-5511 ext. 2105.

## **Police Beat**

Road / Town Line East in Halton Hills, sometime last Wednesday night, taking a horse harness and accessories, a skill saw and cutting torches, valued at \$1,800. The suspects gained entry by prying open the latch and hook lock with a crow bar. According to a police report, many valuables were overlooked and police believe this was the work of neighborhood youths. The report also indicated the thieves were in no hurry to leave, since one dozen cigarette butts were found by the exit area.

### Mailbox destruction

A car driving northbound on Trafalgar Rd. in Georgetown sometime late Friday night, swerved on to the right shoulder, knocking down two mailboxes. Damage was estimated at \$150.

Around the same time, a mailbox was knocked down in the same manner on Sixth Line in Halton Hills. This time, damage was estimated at

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