



HISTORICAL DESIGNATION: Mayor Russ Miller displays the plaque designating the Beatty House on Church Street as a historical home on Sunday. With the mayor are, left to right, daughter Rhonda, son George and house owner Wesley Beatty. (Frances Niblock photo)

Arena selection process on hold

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
New provincial legislation means a delay in naming a site for the new Acton arena. The legislation may also make the Town staff's recommendation to rebuild near the existing facility in Prospect Park even more favourable.

The proposed sites in Acton east and possibly the Wallace Street industrial site may not be suitable as arena locations under the new wetland legislation. In an interview last week, the Town's director of parks and recreation, Tom Shepard, said the whole site selection process is at a roadblock.

"In fairness, the developers want a chance to talk to us. We did have a meeting with them but they have to get back to us. They just heard about this too. We have to talk to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to find out what the changes mean."

The legislation prevents building on land that is deemed to be in a wetland area. Part of the Acton east site is sitting in a wetland area but Shepard says the Town hasn't seen an actual map. A full environment hearing, or an impact study, is required for any devel-

opment within 120 metres of a wetland area.

"This could affect the potential for the arena site in Acton east and I'm not sure about the Wallace site. The mapping isn't specific," Shepard said.

Shepard had hoped to present council with a recommended site location by the end of the month. Based on current financial and technical information staff said building a new arena near the current Prospect park location was the best choice. Local user groups are on record saying any location *but* the park is acceptable.

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NEWS SHORTS

Acton Mews hit in weekend B&E

A microwave oven was the only item stolen in a break and enter at the Acton Mews over the weekend. Overnight Saturday, someone forced open the back door of the Wooden Heart Restaurant. Once inside, the suspects chiseled through a concrete fire wall into the adjoining Profile Beauty Salon. From there, the suspects went through the ceiling and into Acton Travel where they found a safe. Police said it looks like they spent over an hour trying to get into the safe but only managed to damage it. The suspects took Acton Travel's microwave oven with them, but left behind travel tickets, office furniture and other valuables.

Acton man charged in car theft

An Acton man has been charged with stealing a friend's car following a drinking party Friday night in Acton. Police said when the car owner fell asleep on his couch the accused took \$50 from his pocket and the keys to his Buick. After driving the car around town the suspect abandoned it on Main Street South. Charged with theft is 25-year-old Gary Meilleur of Main Street North, Acton.

Youth charged with assault

An Acton youth has been charged with assault after a fellow student was knocked unconscious during a fight Wednesday at Acton high school. Police said the accused and victim were on opposite sides of the street yelling at each other when the victim walked over to the accused and was thrown down and hit several times. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance suffering cuts and bruises to his face. The accused cannot be named under the Young Offenders Act.

Acton youths charged in attack

A student at McKenzie-Smith Middle School was shot in the foot with a pellet gun during an incident Wednesday at the Acton Boulevard school. Four McKenzie-Smith students who were shot at identified two of their attackers and police made three arrests at Acton High. Each of the youths is charged with assault with a weapon and possession of a dangerous weapon. Their names cannot be publicized.

Vigilant Acton woman foils B&E

Halton police credit an alert Acton woman with preventing a break and enter at the olde Hide House Wednesday night. Police said that when the woman, who lives across the street, saw a man break a window she yelled at him and he took off with a second person who was waiting in a nearby car. Police are looking for a suspect who is 18 to 20-years-old, 180 cm, 76 kilograms, with short, dark, brown hair.

Fall Fair swarmers in Acton

A Milton woman was swarmed by a crowd of 200 people when she tried to leave the Acton fair grounds Friday night. The woman told police she was alone in her pick-up truck when a large crowd surrounded her vehicle. Several people in the crowd smashed the side panelling on the truck before letting her leave, shaken but not hurt. Damage to the truck is \$500.

Downtown tangle

A Campbellville man was charged with being intoxicated in a public place following a fight at Mill and Main Streets early Saturday morning. Police said the accused was in a large crowd that had left the fair and got into a fight in downtown Acton. Charged is 18-year-old Jason McMullen.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We made history today. We are absolutely delighted and it proves we put up a good argument."
Mayor Russ Miller, following a precedent-setting decision by the Environmental Assessment Board last week.

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