

# Citizens Band gets Town grants

**BY FRANCES NIBLOCK**  
Two Acton organizations will share more than half of the \$8,500 that Halton Hills politicians are expected to approve in grants this year.

The Acton Citizens' Band will receive \$4,500 of the \$5,000 it requested, and the Acton Agricultural Society will receive \$250 of its \$1,000 request.

At a special budget meeting last Tuesday councillors voted, in principle, to double last year's grant allocations and awarded money to eight of the 14 groups that applied for Town funds.

Acton councillor Norm Elliott said both groups were lucky to get what they did.

"Certainly the band has got to be happy," Elliott said.

"It's \$2,000 more than they got last year. Last year hurt them badly, but for the past five years we've always given them at least the \$4,500. I was quite happy with the band's grant but the agricultural societies in Acton and Georgetown didn't get much."

The Acton Agricultural Society received no Town grant last year.

George Henderson, president of the Society, was understandably disappointed with the grant.

"We had planned to use the grant to beef up our Education Day at the Fall Fair. Last year we had 1,500 students attend," Henderson said last Wednesday.

"We want to increase the number of students we can invite and we want to set up an outside centre for them. If we go ahead we'll have to divert money from somewhere else."

Acton Citizens' Band bandmas-

ter George Elliott said the grant was good news.

"Our big worry at the moment is what we are going to do about our uniforms, which are old and starting to fall apart. Now some of the money we ear-marked for buying instruments can go into the uniform fund and we can use the grant to buy music and pay for instrument repairs," Elliott said in an interview last Wednesday.

All of the grant decisions must still be ratified by Council in early March.

## Acton teams honoured

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"Magic on ice."

That is how members of the champion Acton Peewee and Rotary Juvenile hockey teams were introduced at the 16th annual Halton Hills Municipal Awards evening last Wednesday.

Awards organizer Joanne Russel told the crowd at the John Elliott Theatre, it was "incredible" that two Acton teams grabbed pro-

vincial championships.

"The wins speak very highly to the commitment of the community in supporting the teams. It also speaks highly to the quality of coaching staffs and the tremendous effort that the players put into winning the championships," Russel said.

"The wins meant a lot of early mornings and very late nights with a lot of hours at the rink. Sometimes it's not as much fun as you want it to be, but it's all worthwhile obviously, because these champions emerged."

Acton High School graduate Pricillia Foster was not there to accept her award for winning first place in the Ontario Skills Competition for technical drawing.

Pricillia, now enrolled in the University of Waterloo's co-op architectural program, was ranked ninth overall at a North American architectural drafting competition held in Kentucky in June.

In all, 166 Halton Hills groups and individuals received awards for outstanding efforts. Each received a silver Canadian quarter, commemorating Canada's 125th birthday.

# NEWS SHORTS

## Sore loser

A friendly card game ended with one player being charged with assault following an altercation Saturday night at a Mill Street apartment.

Police report the victim and the accused were playing cards when the victim called his friend a "goof" and was punched in the head.

Although the blow caused some pain and a buzzing in his ear, the victim did not require medical treatment.

Police were called and arrested the suspect at his near-by apartment.

Twenty-two-year-old Allan Marcel of Acton will appear in Milton Court on Monday, March 8, charged with assault.

## Fake \$50 bill

Halton Police are warning Acton merchants to be on the alert for counterfeit American \$50 bills after one turned up at the Acton Discount variety store on Mill Street recently.

The bill was turned over to police by officials at the Bank of Montreal after it was discovered in a deposit from the Variety Store.

The store owner told police she does not know who passed the bill.

Two other fake bills, with the same serial number and plate number, have been passed in Peel and Metro Toronto.

## Stolen stereo recovered

An Acton youth has been charged with theft after a stereo cassette player, valued at \$100, was recovered from the rear of the Canadian Tire store on Mill Street last Tuesday.

Two store employees told police they saw the accused acting suspiciously in the store and, when he left, a stereo cassette player was missing.

The accused was located outside the store and the stereo was recovered.

The youth, who can not be named under the Young Offenders Act, appears in Milton Youth Court on Friday, March 19.

## Better late than never

Halton Police have charged an Oshawa man with theft in connection with the sale of some sports cards last summer in Acton.

Police report an Acton man left \$325 worth of sports cards on consignment at Base Collectables on Mill Street. The cards were sold but the owner was never paid.

The accused, who had moved from Acton, was located by police and charged on Friday.

Robert Stirr appears in Milton Court on Monday, March 15.

## Show me yours

An Acton woman has been charged with failing to disclose an accident and failing to disclose insurance information following an accident on Mill Street in September.

Police allege the accused rear-ended another car, causing \$900 damage, at the Willow Street crosswalk but did not report the accident to police as required.

The drivers exchanged names but when the victim tried to get insurance information from the accused, she refused to provide it.

When the accused also allegedly refused to provide the information to the victim's insurance company, police were called.

Terri Hargrave, 37, appears in Milton Court Monday, March 1 on the charges.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The big issue, given all the uncertainties, is whether we should still be considering Acton north, which would be a quicker alternative."

— Gord Chapman, Arena user group spokesperson, Page 1

## DID YOU KNOW?

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