

Water wrangling continues

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The Acton Tanner

Federal lawyers continue to work on an agreement designed to allow Acton to grow to 10,000.

Department of Fisheries (DOF) counsel are reviewing an agreement reached two weeks ago between Halton Region, the Ministry of Environment and local DOF biologists.

The tentative pact will allow Acton to take enough water from the Prospect Park well to grow by 2,500 people, providing Halton assumes risk for fish and fish habitat in Fairy Lake and Black Creek.

Halton must also be part of a compensation agreement to mitigate any adverse impacts due to increased water takings, and Halton must make improvements to the Acton Water Pollution Control Plant.

Halton's director of engineering services, Rick Robertshaw,

said a final report on the Acton water quality and quantity issues will be ready for a special Regional meeting on June 9.

"We are really working against the clock on this one," Robertshaw said in an interview Thursday.

"We have to get the Acton water thing settled before the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) hearing on Acton development that begins the end of June."

An Acton east developer, Coscan Developments, instigated the OMB hearing in a move to kick-start growth in Acton.

Coscan's plans to build a major shopping plaza and 258 houses on land east of Churchill Road and south of Highway 7 have been on hold since 1989 when a group of Acton developers, fighting for their share of limited water and sewage capacity, objected to the proposal.



SCIENCE STARS: McKenzie-Smith students Rachelle Taylor, left, and Philip Eddolls, both Grade 7 students, won awards in the recent Halton Region Science championships. Taylor entered her "Recalling Sense" project in the Behavioral category, while Eddolls participated in the Life category with his display on Bread — Where, What and How? (Doug Harrison photo)

NEWSSHORTS

Tot survives ejection

A 2-year-old Acton girl is lucky to be alive after falling out of a car on Young Street at 8 am on Thursday morning.

Her father, charged with failing to use a proper seat belt system securely, told *The Acton Tanner* that it is a "miracle" his girl received only minor bumps and bruises when she fell from the rear of his car as it rounded a curve.

Police report both 32-year-old Ray, and toddler Courtney Anne Russiani, were wearing lap and shoulder belts when the accident occurred and that Russiani, travelling at 20 kilometres an hour, was driving properly.

Russiani said that Courtney Anne fell from the car after she got out of her car seat and unlocked the door.

Russiani took his daughter to Georgetown Hospital where she was treated for facial cuts and released.

Esso heist

Halton Police have issued a zone alert for a suspect and vehicle wanted in an armed robbery Saturday night at the Mill Street Esso gas station.

The 18-year-old Rockwood employee told police a masked man with a six to eight inch hunting knife entered the office at 8:30 pm and demanded money.

Police report the employee, who was visibly shaken but not hurt, handed over "several hundred dollars" and the suspect left in an older-model, light-blue Ford Taurus or Tempo, with rust on the doors.

The suspect is 5'9", 150 pounds, with greenish-blue eyes. The investigation continues.

Windows smashed

Police have no suspects or witnesses in connection with \$500 damage done to windows of a house being built on Lasby Lane, near the Acton Curling Club.

An employee of Bayfield Homes, of Woodbridge, told police that five windows were smashed on one house overnight last Tuesday.

Pole fire

Acton fire fighters doused a hydro pole fire on Highway 7 near the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya, just after noon on Sunday.

Hydro crews had been working on the pole and left when the fire started.

Road closure

A reminder to anybody who may be driving through the Bovis subdivision on Saturday afternoon.

Mason Boulevard and McDonald Boulevard from Wallace Street to Division Street will be closed from noon to 5 pm for the Warren Grove war-time reunion.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you take 12 days labour from all employees, then obviously we don't cut as much grass or plough as many roads."

— Ray King, Town treasurer, Front Page

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Have you heard of the acronym H.O.M.E.S.? It is said to be the best way to remember the names of the five Great Lakes — Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior.

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