

Council shifts responsibility

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bathtub when the upstairs tenant flushed the toilet.

MacDonald said he hired another contractor in May to excavate the drainpipe and put in a cleanout, but he was told after a thorough inspection the problem was that raw sewage was being pushed up the main pipe.

Finally, in August, MacDonald says the sewer mains connecting to the front of his house were replaced and the problem has now cleared up completely.

MacDonald read a report to council which states that the sagging pipe in front of the Bower Avenue duplex had to be replaced, but the Region's insurance adjusters have denied any liability.

Council responded to MacDonald telling him the Town collects tax money and disburses funds on behalf of property owners but is not responsible for sewage and water service. Sewage and water supply is controlled and administered by the Region of Halton.

"We cannot dip into our funds to pay for something we have no control over," Councillor Al Cook said.

Mayor Russ Miller also ex-

plained the Town had little control over the dispute but he said, "I'm also sympathetic."

Miller said the matter could be pursued at the next meeting of the Region and members of council who sit on the Regional committee are now aware of the claim and may help.

MacDonald said afterward he was disappointed the matter had not been handled more directly by council.

"They're taking my tax dollars

but they're shifting the responsibility," MacDonald said. The bank is now pressuring him for mortgage money which he lost from unpaid rent and contractor's bills.

He says the aggravation, lost rent, repair bills and time missed from work have cost him a lot more than the \$8,000 he is claiming.

"It should be 20 or 30 thousand," he says, vowing he will continue the fight right into the courts if necessary.

M.Z. students learning about pioneers, visiting Black Creek Village

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

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At M.Z. Bennett this week, the classes are busy: Ms Dunnet's and Mrs. Mattell's classes are starting a unit on structures and doing lots of building activities. Miss Lawson's class is finishing up their dinosaur unit but they will be continuing their dino-math activities also. Their new subject will be pioneers.

Mr. Mashinter's class is starting map making. The maps are anywhere from the classroom to the world.

Grades 3, 4 and 5 are learning two songs for our Remembrance Day assembly.

Our school had a draw for a family pass to the movies and our winner was Karly Macpherson. Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Bannerman

are also learning about pioneers in the true sense of the word — that of inventing anything new or doing something for the first time. Each student will choose a pioneer to research and make a presentation to the class. All together, they will learn about 63 pioneers. They are looking forward to a trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village on Nov. 25.

On Nov. 3, Mr. Shrubsole's class had a policeman come in. Next week they will have an ambulance driver come in to talk to the Kindergarten's about what things you can do and things you shouldn't do.

Our school is having a Christmas fundraiser that will be selling wrapping paper, Christmas mugs and lots more.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, our school's third pizza day will take place.

NEWS SHORTS

Station Hotel burglarized

Thieves broke into the Station Hotel early Saturday morning and made off with several hundred dollars worth of booze, a liquor dispenser and five cases of beer. Police say the side door of the hotel was pulled until the lock gave way sometime between 1:30 and 6:30 am. One tenant of the hotel described hearing a loud "bang" sometime during the night but didn't investigate. Once inside, the burglars broke a small padlock into the liquor cabinet, removed the petty cash from the register and made off with the beer from the cooler. Total value of the stolen merchandise was calculated at just over \$675 dollars.

Hit and run driver sought

A man driving a blue Pontiac is being sought in connection with a hit and run accident which occurred at Main and Mill Streets on Saturday night at 9:30 pm. Police said a car turning onto Mill Street from Hwy. 25 had an advanced green when a northbound Pontiac ran the red light, causing a total of \$1,000 damage. Both drivers got out of their cars but the suspect, described as a 30-year-old white male who may have been intoxicated, took off when he learned police had been called. Police later found the Pontiac on Queen Street in Acton but they are still looking for the driver.

Stolen car recovered

Police found a 1982 Camaro last week which had been reported stolen in Kitchener two months ago. The car, valued at \$200 dollars, had been abandoned near 15 Sideroad and the Town Line.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We try to give them some skills they can carry on with them throughout their adult life. Fair play, a little discipline and life skills are taught."

— Dan Green, Acton Wolf Cub pack leader, Page 10

DID YOU KNOW?

"Gymnasium" stems from the Greek word "gymnos" which means naked. And that's how the ancient Greek athletes practiced — in the raw.

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HONOURING OUR VETERANS: Branch 197 president Joyce Buchanan and past president Jim Phillip lay a wreath at the Acton Cenotaph during the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday. (Tony Rouse photo)