

PCBs not a fire hazard

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would act as a fire retardant. Councillor Norm Elliott had expressed concern at last week's council meeting over the effect a fire might have on the PCB storage facility.

"PCBs are, in fact, a fire retardant. That's why they were put in transformers in the first place," Goddard says.

The company is examining plans to continue using the facility as a storage depot for used equipment. Some have wondered if this might mean that the company is planning on expanding the industrial waste storage, but Goddard says these fears are unfounded.

"We do have a lot of equipment that's brought into and out of production use and so we propose storing that there. We're talking of steel processing equipment.

"There's no intent to do that (expand the PCB storage). These PCB stores are all over the place." Although, he added, "We did move one drum of fluorescent light capacitors out of a plant in Dresden and we moved it to Acton."

Goddard says the Town was informed when the ballasts were moved six months ago, along with the Ministry of the Environment who gave their consent. Fluorescent light ballasts contain PCBs

within their sheet metal casements.

According to environmental reports filed with the Ministry, the PCBs and soil contamination are no danger to anyone living near the site. And Goddard says even a fire would pose little danger.

"I just can't image if the place went up in flames how it could affect anyone. It's not like the building is right next door to any other building," he said.

Goddard said that his company has met, and will continue to meet, the guidelines and standards set by all the appropriate agencies, particularly the fire department and the Ministry of the Environment.

NEWSSHORTS

Explosion destroys building

A man working on a propane tank suffered serious burns to his hands and face after the tank he was working on exploded. James Thring, 51-years-old, said he was tightening a valve on a tank in his shop at Jet Industrial when he heard a loud 'whoosh' before being engulfed by flames. Thring was working alone at the time, but managed to get out of the building, where he was assisted by a passerby and taken to hospital. The building was completely destroyed by the fire, which resulted in an estimated \$100,000 in damage. The exact cause of the explosion is unavailable.

Immigration card, wallet stolen

A 16-year-old Acton resident lost her immigration card when her wallet was stolen Sunday between 11 am and 3 pm. Also lost were \$5 cash, a temporary driver's licence and a ScotiaBank ATM card. The wallet was taken from the seat of a car.

Vandals try to get into tire yard

Vandals broke a chain link fence to gain entry into Tri-City Services tire yard at Queen and Young Streets in Acton sometime after 6 pm on Friday. The broken lock was noticed Saturday at 9:30 am but it appeared that nothing else had been disturbed. Damage to the fence was estimated at \$10.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The response from the visiting delegates was overwhelming. Everyone was impressed by the support and spirit that exists in this town."

— Jim Warrington, Agricultural Society member, Page 4

DID YOU KNOW?

Tuna Fish swim at an average speed of nine miles per hour constantly. They never stop moving.

Good luck to Lakers

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY ANNE-MARIE MCGERAGLE & MELISSA PAWLAK

St. Joseph's Lakers volleyball teams are excellent!

On Monday the girls' team placed second in the North Halton volleyball championship, sending the top two teams to St. Bernadette's in Oakville, and on

Wednesday beat St. Raphaels two games straight. They will play again next week and St. Joseph's school is wishing them the best of luck in the Halton tournament.

The boys volleyball team came first in Tuesday's North Halton tournament. They travel to St. Bernadette's on Thursday. Good luck, boys!

The North Halton tournament was hosted by our school and we were all very proud of both teams. We were all there to cheer them on.

Way to go Lakers!

Mrs. Ryan-Cosulich went to the Planetarium with Ms. Spiak's class on Nov. 23. They watched a movie about the solar system.

Mrs. Ryan-Cosulich's class is doing line-dancing in gym. They are being tested on it.

The classes in St. Joseph's are working on the "Book It" program.

Friday, Nov. 26 was a P.A. Day. That's all for this week!

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