



LOTS OF CLEAN AIR: Acton High students, from left, Matt George, Staciaco Cockburn and Brendan Carley, all 17, took a break from the books recently to blow up balloons to promote clean air during the Halton Region Lung Association's "Clean Air Celebration" visit to the school. (Doug Harrison photo)

Lunch-time crossing guard hours slashed by Council

COUNCIL DIGEST

The Town has adopted a proposal to save money by cutting all lunch hour crossing guards and to further study the possibility of eliminating five crossing guard stations altogether and reducing another two.

Cutting the lunch hour crossing guards will save the Town \$23,760 dollars per year. There will be a further saving of \$18,900 dollars if the other proposals are implemented.

In the Nov. 17 issue of *The Tanner* we reported the Town's plan after crossing guards voiced their concerns that their hours would be reduced. Guards have said that in many locations crossing the road can be especially dangerous for an adult, and much more so for a

child.

It is generally agreed that most children don't come home for lunch, and part of the Town's survey was to find out exactly how much the lunch hour crossing guard services were used. The proposal also included a section which shows the average interval between cars which would allow for a safe crossing. In all cases the report says that the Town exceeds provincial safety requirements.

The actual study was not tabled as part of the report, so exact numbers of crossings in the Acton area are unknown at this time. But apart from the cutting of lunch hour services, Acton crossing guards won't be affected.

The proposal will go before the Town Council next week for final approval.

Fee increases proposed for Rec programs

Council approved a comprehensive report the Recreation Department put together detailing fee increases for next year. The report calls for moderate increases in most fees and must gain final approval at next week's council meeting.

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Co-op a positive experience for Acton High students

BY BRAD HAMMOND
The Acton Tanner

Several students from Acton High are currently participating in the Co-operative Education program. This program allows students to work at their chosen career while still attending school.

These students gain experience and knowledge that cannot always be delivered through a text book or classroom.

Co-op is a hands-on learning process from which everyone benefits. Local businesses gain student employment at no cost; students gain the opportunity for personal growth and increased self-confidence, while learning marketable job skills.

Joan Boychuk, co-op leader at Acton High enthuses, "Employers are very willing to give a lot of responsibility to our students. Our

students are accepting and meeting the challenge. In fact they are exceeding the expectations of myself and their employers. They are doing a terrific job."

A number of students are working with young children in schools throughout the community. Eileen Campbell, Matt George and Cindy Jackson are all at McKenzie-Smith, while Melanie Cook, Julia Trenton and Jennifer Wilson are working out of M.Z. Bennett.

Other students working for local employers include Janisse Bailey who is working at the Acton Veterinary Clinic, Brad Hammond with *The Acton Tanner* and Donald Patterson at Samstrung Auto.

Julie Robinson and Katherine Thomas are traveling to Eden Mills, where they are working with senior citizens at the Eden House Retirement Home. Other students

working outside the community are Alana Clark, who is at Colour Your World in Georgetown, Carrie Ferguson at Bronte Creek, and Sarah Fleet at Attridge Bus Lines in Burlington.

Adam McDowell's placement takes him to Crawford Lake, while Matthew Wilson is learning music production at Cherry Beach Recording Studios in Toronto. Kasey Iredale is travelling to Georgetown for her placement at Jones Funeral Home.

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