

'Heroin not new in Acton,' officer contends

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The Acton Tanner
Halton police report that while Acton residents may have been surprised by the recent arrest of

five local residents on heroin-related offenses, police were not. "Heroin is not new in Acton," said Halton Detective Sergeant Bob Waller on Thursday.

"Heroin has been in Acton for quite a while. In fact, we bought heroin in Acton six years ago in another undercover operation."

Waller said Acton does not have a major heroin problem but that the town has "more than a few" heroin users and sellers.

"Acton has small-time users. There aren't heroin addicts hanging around on the street, but there are addicts in Acton."

Waller said that in any community you will find almost every kind of drug and that Acton is no exception.

"You think that to find heroin you would have to go to a large city, but Guelph has a heroin prob-

lem and you might even find it in Rockwood," Waller explained.

Acton was chosen for the latest undercover operation because, in Waller's words, "it was Acton's turn."

"We keep rotating our drug operations throughout the Region and now we have funding to do three street projects each year."

"Acton was ready for an operation, plus we had information that several people were dealing drugs, including heroin," Waller said.

The five Acton residents arrested in Project Blues have been released on bail and are making their way through the criminal justice system.

Students to receive vaccine

MUNICIPAL DIGEST

The hepatitis B immunization vaccine will be available to all Acton students entering Grade 7 this fall.

The expanded voluntary program — funded by the Ministry of Health at \$5 per shot — is aimed at curbing the increase of the liver-attacking virus in young people.

The virus is primarily spread by sexual contact or by contact with the blood of an infected person. Half of the people with hepatitis B never feel sick and can spread the disease without knowing it.

Halton Health staff estimate approximately 4,750 students in the region will be eligible for the vaccination in 1994-95.

Each student who participates in the program must receive three doses of the vaccine during the school year.

Loose ends to be tied

In a housekeeping move, Town Council will enact a by-law to stop-up, close and sell part of an original unopened road allowance that is now part of the Acton Legion's subdivision.

In 1986 Council intended to close the road allowance, which extends from Cobblehill Road and crosses Mill Street into Fairy Lake, but the by-law was never approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs when the land was sold to the Royal Canadian Legion for what is now its housing subdivision.

When searching the title for the property the Legion's lawyer found that the by-law to close the road allowance was never sent to the Province and also not passed by Halton Region.

Those steps are now being taken to tidy up loose ends.

Christmas in July

The Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) will spend approximately \$8,000 to refurbish its 34 Christmas decorations that help spruce up the downtown of Acton each Yuletide season.

Instead of purchasing new ornaments for Mill Street the committee decided to try and save money by having the existing ones repaired with new lights and parts.


Not ready yet

Acton Holdings Ltd. has been granted a one-year extension of draft approval for its east Acton subdivision plans by Council.

In a report to Council last Monday staff reported that Acton Holdings officials wanted a two-year extension in order to complete all of the conditions for development.

Staff reported that a one-year extension will allow Council to monitor the progress of the applicant with an option for earlier review than a two-year extension would provide.

Acton Holdings Ltd. has draft approval for 17 lots and a storm water management block on an 11.2 acre parcel of land at the northwest corner of the Fourth Line and Hwy. 7 at the east end of the existing Coles Court.






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