

# Appeal Hwy. 401 court ruling, urge Acton councillors

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Both Acton Councillors Norm Elliott and Rick Bonnette want to Town to appeal a recent court decision that quashed a by-law freezing development in the so-called 401 corridor.

Council has not decided what action, if any, it will take and continues to weigh options and outside legal advice.

An Ontario Court Judge ruled that the Town "acted in bad faith" by enacting the by-law, which shelved two proposed developments until long-range plans for the 401-Steeles Avenue-Trafalgar Road-401 industrial area are decided.

Councillor Rick Bonnette favours appealing the court ruling.

"I think that the court judgment is flawed and that we should appeal," Bonnette said in an interview on Thursday.

"The 401 corridor is to be the jewel of Halton Hills with pristine development, not the composting facility originally proposed by

Equity Waste Management."

Councillor Elliott also said that the judge's ruling is flawed and should be appealed.

"There are a number of things in that ruling that are inaccurate," Elliott said in an interview last Wednesday.

"We will have to wait and see what Council decides but I don't think that Council acted in bad faith.

"I think that Council acted in absolute good faith with the interest of the community at heart, not just the local ratepayers."

Councillor Gerald Rennie refused to comment on the issue.

"We are still discussing our options with staff and I don't want to comment one way or the other," Rennie said in an interview on Monday.

Although Council met in a closed-door session with its lawyer for two hours Monday night, no public debate took place and no decision was made. Council has until October 14 to decide whether or not to appeal the ruling.

## Police seek clues after break-in

A car stolen from Toronto was left behind at the scene of a recent break-in south of Acton, and Halton investigators are seeking clues to the identity of whomever was responsible.

At about 1:30 am on Friday, Sept. 16, a door was forced on the west side of the old Speyside school on Hwy. 25 at 17 Sideroad. Offices inside the building were ransacked, and a computer was dismantled, before the person or persons ran from

the premise as the first patrol car arrived to investigate the triggered burglar alarm.

A red Honda Civic, stolen from Toronto, was left at the school. There were two attempts to steal cars on the 15 Sideroad the same night.

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## Two new options for paying property tax

Acton residents now have two more options when it comes to paying their property taxes.

Council has approved two automatic pre-payment plans—one monthly payment plan for realty taxes and a plan for property and business taxes using the four regular tax payment dates. Both plans involved automatic withdrawals from taxpayer's bank accounts.

The pre-payment plan was spear-headed by Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette, who said the plans will make it easier and faster for people to pay their taxes.

"I think it will be easier for some people to manage 10 smaller payments instead of the four big ones a year," Bonnette explained as he described the plans as "quick, easy and convenient."

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