



**BANDMASTER GEORGE ELLIOTT** accepts a cheque for \$500 from the Trunk Sale committee, represented by **Jake Kuiken**, left, and **George Hargrave**, right, last Saturday. It's the third cheque for \$500 the committee has given to Acton Citizens' Band this year. - Ted Tyler photo

## Sixth Line improvements start soon

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**  
The New Tanner

Later this month the Town will begin a \$115,000 road construction project to improve safety on the Sixth Line north of Highway 7 but at least one resident is unhappy with the scope and timing of the project.

"We're grateful that the rural councillors were able to get the project put back in the budget when staff suggested that it be cut, but how long is it going to take to get the road resurfaced?" asked Sixth Line resident Bill Gerrie in a recent interview.

"This road is unsafe with the S-curves and hills and speeding traffic and with all of the money being spent in the urban area you'd think they could spend more on rural roads," Gerrie said.

Town engineering department spokesman Ted Drewlo said the public seemed satisfied with the design after a September 9 public meeting. The project shown to the public included removing rock in the area of a very sharp curve just north of Highway 7 and shifting the road to straighten it.

"There's no money for resurfacing. We're going to do what we can and improve the road to the degree we can with the \$115,000 and when we run out of money that's it - we'll have to see if council wants to keep putting more money for the project in the capital forecast," Drewlo said, adding that it would cost approximately \$500,000 to remove a second curve and a knoll and resurface the Sixth Line from Highway 7 to 32 Side Road.

Gerrie also wants the 80k/hr seed limit in the Sixth Line reduced to 60-kilometres once the construction is complete. Drewlo said the speed study has not been completed but because of the number of houses staff would look at the suggestion carefully.

While Gerrie complained that there had been at least 16 accidents, including a fatal, on the Sixth Line in the

past decade Drewlo said that the Town's accident analysis showed the road doesn't have a higher accident rate than other rural roads.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette, who asked that Gerrie's letter be set to staff for a report, said that "we try to do the best we can," when trying to improve conditions on the Town's rural roads.

## Firefighters planning Santa Claus parade

Believe it or not, Acton Firefighters' Association is planning for the Acton Santa Claus parade on Saturday, Nov. 21.

In a letter to interested citizens last week parade chairman Bill Spielvogel notes the theme for this year's event is "Fairy Tale Christmas." He is urging citizens to participate in the parade by entering a float and/or a financial donation.

Cash prizes for floats this year are: 1st overall, \$100; 1st school, \$50; 1st commercial, \$50; 1st service club, \$50; 1st other, \$50.

The parade starts at 1 p.m. from McKenzie-Smith-Bennett middle school on Acton Boulevard and ends at Prospect Park. For informa-

tion contact Bill Spielvogel at 853-2924.

## Charge 89 with seatbelt offences on kickoff day

Last Saturday Halton Regional Police checked 5,629 vehicles across the Region as part of Operation Impact, this year's seatbelt campaign. Seat belt charges were laid against 89 people as well as six other charges for such offences as driving with licence suspended and no driver's licence. There were no drinking and driving charges laid. The campaign continues until Oct. 17.

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