School yard proposal...

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said, adding the sale would severely hamstring the Town.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville echoed Bonnette's concerns, adding he'd had a lot of people express "grief" about what they thought was a "bone-headed move" by the Board to consider selling the property.

School board chair Ethel Gardiner said, "it's sad and unfortunate" that the land might be sold, but "... the Board is looking for dollars anywhere they can find them to help them afford to build new schools."

"It's a shame to lose that property in terms of provid-

ing recreational facilities for kids, there's no question of that," Gardiner said, describing the strategic plan, which still needs Board approval, as 'comprehensive and aggressive.

McKenzie-Smith Bennett parent council chair Susan De Vaan.

said the last time there was talk about selling the land, a group of parents protested the move and they would do so again.

'I don't like the plan to sell it. I think they should keep it intact for the safety of the children and the sports fields," De Vaan said on Tues-

Town Council will write to the Board, the Minister of Education and Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh, indicating it has made a significant investment in the development and maintenance of the property and has many serious concerns regarding the severance proposal.

The Board's strategic plan also outlines enrolment projections for a minimum of 15 years, new school construction, additions to existing schools and proposes school closures. The plan calls for Junior Kindergarten to be reestablished at McKenzie-Smith Bennett and a purchase of a portable for the school in

Correction

A sports story in last week's New Tanner about girls' high school hockey said Krista Kearns scored a hat trick and indicated she was the daughter of former Edmonton Oiler Don Kearns. It should have said Edmonton Eskimos, not Oilers.

A photo caption on Page 4 showing the dog, Kodi romping in the snow indicated he was a Siberian Husky. Wrong breed. He's a Malamute, sometimes called an Alaskan Malamute.

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EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE: Joy Thompson (left) the Town's manager of recreation services, gratefully accepted a plaque after being named the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year. Last year's winner, Betty-Ann Bryne, made the presentation at the Chamber's business achievement awards dinner last Thursday at Blue Springs Golf Club. - Frances Niblock photo

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It will be safer and easier for students to walk to two Acton schools after heavy snowfalls now that a Town committee had added just under a kilometre of local sidewalks to the list that is cleared and sanded by the Town.

In Acton, the new routes to be cleared include the north side of Cedar Road from Churchill Road to Acton High

School, Churchill Road North on the west side from Queen Street to Peel Street, the east side of Churchill from Peel to Cedar Road and the south side of School Lane from Main Street to Robert Little School. The Town clears seven-kilometres of sidewalks in Acton at a cost of \$900 per kilometre. Town staff is also investigating a suggestion by Acton Councillor Clark Somerville that the sidewalk on the south side of Churchill Road, easterly to the Home Hardware store, be added to the list.

adding they are working towards a March 17 deadline for a report to the province on the

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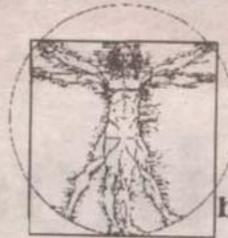
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CORNER



When you leave Take the keys

A RECENT incident in the United States where a driver parked a vehicle with a child left inside and the keys also left in the vehicle, the vehicle stolen and the child pushed out of the backseat only to be dragged to his death by the thief, has led to this column.

Many times vehicles are left running or with the keys in them in our small town, with the excuse "well, I was only going to be a minute." That's what the lady whose car was stolen thought.

Even if the vehicle is not stolen, when left running, some cars can still be put in gear by a child left in the vehicle, and tragedy can occur.

I will be enforcing the Town bylaw which reads: No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, shall allow such motor vehicle to stand unattended unless it is locked in such a manner as to prevent its operation by any person not authorized by the owner, driver or person in charge. Total fine \$63.75. BYLAW #84-1, 4(1)c.

Also Section 170(9) of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act states that it is an offence to fail to take precaution against vehicle being put in motion, which also covers leaving the keys in an unlocked vehicle. Total fine \$65.00.

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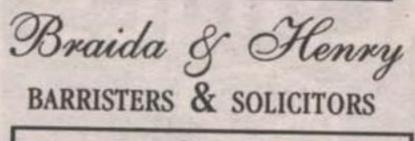
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