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Kingham residents agree on parking

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

By process of elimination, some Kingham Road residents quickly came to agreement on how to increase parking and improve traffic safety in their congested condominium neighbourhood at a

public meeting last Thursday at the Boat House.

They want a lower speed limit and eight more parking spaces cut into the boulevard on the north side of Kingham near Highway 25 and their requests will be sent to the Town's budget committee for consideration.

On Monday, general committee members supported Acton and Halton Councillor Rick Bonnette's request for a staff report on reducing the speed limit on Kingham to 40 km/hr from 50, from Main Street to Duby Road.

Because Kingham is two feet narrower than the standard road width, and because each condo is allotted just 1.5 parking spaces, parking has been an issue in the area. In the winter, snow banks make it impossible for larger vehicles, like school buses, to pass each other.

In response, the Town allows 12-hour on-street parking on Kingham, the only street in all of Halton that allows more than three-hour parking.

At last week's meeting Town staff presented three options to improve parking

and traffic safety. By a show of hands, area residents rejected widening the road, at a cost of \$107,000, adding 22 boulevard parking bays on the north side of Kingham, where parking is now banned, at a cost of \$36,000, and a proposal for 30 parking spots on the south side of Kingham, at a cost of \$45,000.

The preferred options, which the condo boards will consider, includes cutting eight parking bays into the boulevard on the north side near Highway 25, and reducing the speed.

At least three Kingham residents berated former condo board member Stephen Grasby for threatening that "activists" would blockade Kingham Road this winter if snow banks narrowed the road.

Kingham condominium

board director Paula Paul had a threat of her own.

"I just hope there's cops (there) when there's barricades, because I'll run whoever's over in the middle of the road," Paul said.

Another resident, who would only give his name as Al, accused Grasby of changing his story on whether the issue was safety and parking. Neighbour Lee Fearn, who suggested eight additional parking spots would alleviate parking problems for Phase One residents, told Grasby he'd call police if anyone attempted to blockade the road.

After the meeting, Grasby said he was upset that the "real proposal" from the first meeting, angle parking was not included in staff's presentation. Angle parking was eliminated at the first meeting as too expensive.

POLICE BEAT

Wet truck recovered

Police said "probably joy-riding" was behind the theft of Limehouse farmer, Fred Anthony's Chev pickup truck last Wednesday. The 1994 truck, valued at \$5,000, was found mired in a swampy area off Commerce Crescent at 6:30 p.m. and had been stolen earlier that day.

Other than being wet, police said the truck wasn't damaged. Police have no suspects.

Honda stolen

A locked blue, 1989 Honda, valued at \$4,000, was stolen from the driveway of a Lasby Lane home between midnight and 7 a.m. on Saturday.

Seniors take stand to prevent falls

Seniors visited displays and took part in demonstrations to learn more about how to prevent falls at the Halton Hills Senior Falls Prevention Fair Saturday in Georgetown. This is the first part of a two year program run by the Halton Region Health Department to raise awareness in Halton Hills that falls are a serious health issue for older adults and can be prevented.

Mayor Kathy Gastle and Councillors John Day and Rick Bonnette welcomed seniors. Dr. Bob Nosal, Medical Officer of Health for the Halton Region Health Department discussed the significance of falls among seniors in Halton.

Some seniors were surprised to find out that:

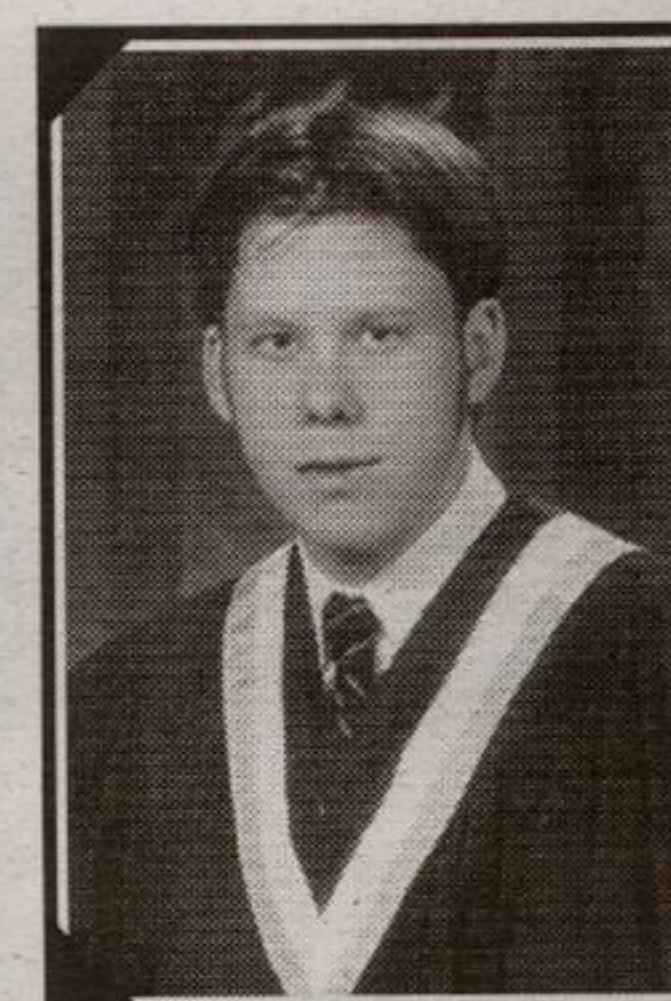
- Every year, over 600 seniors in Halton are admitted to the hospital because of a fall.
 - One in three seniors will fall at least once every year, and 50% of them will fall more than once.
 - Forty per cent of hospitalizations due to falls are the result of hip fractures.
 - Half of seniors with hip fractures never regain their previous level of functioning.
 - Most falls happen in and around the home.
- At the event seniors also learned that falls are caused mostly by: lack of physical activity, taking more than 4 medications, changes in vision and lack of adequate lighting, hazards around the home, a previous fall.

This is Week of the Child

A positive, early childhood experience has a profound impact on a child's development throughout life, according to the Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario (AECEO). This is one of the messages Halton Region is sharing with the community as part of the

AECEO's Week of the Child which runs this week from October 13 - 20, 2001.

The Week is designed to focus on the needs, rights and interests of children, and to heighten awareness about the value of quality early childhood education.



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Hallowe'en

Local citizens have stopped by the Acton Village Constable office to voice their concern about "Hallowe'en" and, more specifically, the night before Hallowe'en.

I want to assure everyone in the Acton Community that your Police Service is aware of past events related to the 30th & 31st October, and we have taken the necessary steps to ensure there will be an appropriate policing response to this year's event.

There will be additional officers patrolling the Acton area on foot-beat and in patrol cruisers.

We are fortunate to once again be receiving assistance from local citizens in assisting with communications, and acting as an extra set of eyes and ears for the police.

I want everyone to know that:

The Halton Regional Police Service has adopted a "Zero tolerance" policy when dealing with incidents of vandalism or disruptive behaviour.

If you choose to cause problems, be prepared to face the consequences of your actions.

Parents, please talk to your children about proper behavior before and during Hallowe'en. Follow up the talk by making yourself aware of their planned activities. Encourage proper behavior and set a good example.

Don't let a few people spoil things for everyone else. I want everyone (especially the youngsters) to be able to enjoy the evening and am hoping for mild weather and a clear sky, with a big full moon.



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