



WALLY, WALLY! Acton resident Mississauga high school principal Wally Selihar celebrated his school's OFSAA boys' hockey championship.

Acton man...

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a football team and Selihar set it up. Now the school has 27 varsity teams and more than half of the teachers coach a sport.

Selihar said Mount Carmel's winning ways are possible because of the students and devoted staff who share his vision of what a great school should be.

Having hired about 80 of the 113 teachers at the school, Selihar said when he interviewed them that he assumed that they can teach and wanted to hear all of the other things that they may want to do with kids.

"My direction is that I tell teachers and those on our staff that if they can give anything - a photography club, a video club - if they can give a little extra to students, it's those relationships that are built outside the classroom that are life-long experience that students never forget," Selihar said.

Sports aren't the only focus for Selihar at Mount Carmel. He's equally proud of the yearbook club that has won North American awards, the newspaper club that won a provincial award last year, and the award winning drama, chess and French clubs.

TOWN DIGEST

Acton work tendered

A Thornhill construction company has been awarded the tenders for phase two of the Poplar Avenue/ Crescent Street reconstruction and to construct eight parking bays on the north side of Kingham Road, near Highway 25.

At \$442,206, Calder Hill Contracting was the low bidder for the Town's portion of the two jobs that have a total cost of \$535,000, less than the budgeted amount.

The final phase of the Poplar/Crescent job includes

reconstruction of the road to fix deficiencies and installation of storm sewers to solve drainage problems.

The parking bays, which will be cut into the boulevard on Kingham Road, are designed to provide more parking in an area where parking is a problem.

Rural property standards

All rural properties in Halton Hills are now subject to the Town's property standards bylaw that sets out minimum standards to regulate health, safety and common nuisances.

Until now, only the urban areas of Acton and Georgetown, the hamlets of Norval, Stewarttown and Glen Williams and all rental housing, were covered by the bylaw, but complaints from rural residents prompted Ward Two councillor Joan Robson to ask staff to expand the bylaw so they could maintain certain standards in the rural areas.

It's a move that Acton and Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette applauds because it puts everyone on a level playing field as far as keeping their property "up to spec."

Since the Town has also been receiving complaints from some residents about exterior lights shining into neighbouring windows and properties, the property standards bylaw will also include a section that requires exterior lighting to be installed and maintained so it doesn't shine onto a highway, into a house or in a way that impairs the use or enjoyment of neighbouring properties.

Deadly Polluted Air

Air pollution is the sixth biggest killer in the Region, and while smog is a global problem, it needs local solutions, including changes to the Ministry of Environment's air quality index, according to a report that was expected to receive approval from Halton Council yesterday (Wednesday).

The health effects of poor air quality include increased asthma attacks, worsened symptoms for those with heart and lung disease and premature death.

Halton's medical officer of health, Dr. Bob Nosal's report indicates that air pollution is directly related to 55 of 849 respiratory and cardiovascular disease deaths in 2000.

It was also responsible for 400 hospital admissions and 1,425 emergency room visits in 2002, with a total an \$18-million cost to the health care system.

Halton's efforts to reduce smog include advocating more public transit, expanding Halton's clean air initiative, looking into providing more bicycle lanes to encourage people to leave their cars at home and promotion of the impact of smog on public health.

Last summer, Halton issued seven smog alerts covering 23 days, warning people with lung and heart related diseases to stay inside.

POLICE BEAT

Rock arrest

Police arrested a 25-year-old Bower Street man after a patrolling officer saw him running from the New Variety at 122 Mill Street E. at 4:07 a.m. on Sunday, after a rock was thrown through the glass front door.

The man was charged with mischief under \$5,000 and breach of probation and held for a bail hearing. Damage

to the door is estimated at \$1,000.

Container theft

An industrial garbage container valued at \$5,000 was stolen from the McDonald's restaurant construction site in Acton East overnight last Monday/Tuesday.

Police said whoever took the red, 14x 8x 4-foot bin, had to have a specialized truck.

Drunken accident

A 46-year-old Ballinafad man was charged with impaired driving and driving with over 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millimetres of blood following a two-car accident at Trafalgar Road and Highway 7 at 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

OPP report the man was driving a 1999 Chrysler Intrepid westbound on Highway 7, just east of Trafalgar Road when he crossed into

the eastbound lanes and struck a westbound car driven by a Brampton man.

There were no injuries and the suspect was taken to the Georgetown police station for a breathalyzer, which he failed.

No fire

A downdraft and not a chimney fire was to blame for smoke in a Church Street home 9:28 on Saturday night.

After checking on a wood burning fireplace, crews found no chimney fire had occurred, but smoke had entered the home because of a downdraft in the chimney. No damage occurred.

False alarm

Acton firefighters raced to McKenzie-Smith Bennett School at 6:58 p.m. last Monday to find that kids playing in the pool area had pulled the fire alarm.

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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 (1) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter M-45 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Civic Centre at 6:30 pm Tuesday May 21, 2002, will consider passing a by-law for the extension of a culvert and the widening of 32 Side Road between Fourth Line and 100 metres west of Fourth Line.

During the extension of the existing box culvert, 32 Side Road will be closed on an emergency basis only. One lane of through traffic will be open at all times.

Plans detailing this project and the proposed by-law are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries can be directed to Mr. T. A. Drewlo, P. Eng., Manager of Public Works at 905-873-2601 extension 2602.

The Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerks Department prior to the meeting date.

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