

# Province freezes GTA growth *Atoms places fourth...*

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The New Tanner

The owners of two parcels of land outside Acton's urban boundary are among those who can't even apply to develop the land under a new greenbelt study area zoning order from the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The bill is expected to have third reading at Queen's park this spring and is designed to protect environmentally sensitive areas and contain urban sprawl, by investigating the possibility of a

greenbelt in the Golden Horseshoe area.

At Town Council on Monday night, John Linhardt the manager of development review, was asked by several politicians to explain the implications of for Halton Hills.

Linhardt said a preliminary assessment of the zoning order indicates it precludes development outside urban settlement areas, except those uses that comply with Town zoning uses, and existing uses.

"Basically, consider it a

one-year moratorium on development outside of your approved urban boundaries, as well your approved hamlet boundaries and the various boundaries for the rural cluster settlement areas," he said, adding Council recently voted to support Halton's position and defer urban boundary issues for five years, as part of comprehensive review of the Halton urban structure.

Linhardt said the legislation will not affect development applications in Georgetown, Acton, the 401 corridor, or the ham-

lets that are within the urban boundary, but might affect the proposed hamlet expansion in Glen Williams, which has not been approved by Halton.

"It could affect any of the applications that are out in the rural area, however, they are not the bulk of our work," Linhardt said, adding the way the legislation is drafted, people could not even apply for the next year to do something in the rural area that is not otherwise consistent

with existing zoning. Several landowners in Georgetown South have come to Council asking for expansion of the urban boundary, along with owners of land at the north-west corner of Highway 25 and 25 Side Road, and south and east of the Devon Place subdivision in Acton East.

Linhardt said staff would bring a full report on implications of the greenbelt study next month.

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29 seconds in the third on three overtime format, Ingersoll scored, ending a great game for the Acton boys.

Three stars for the Acton boys in the final game were First Star Michael Courvoisier, Second Star went to Nick Eagan and Third went to Jesse Harris for his fine play in the net. The Atom boys showed that they are really coming together as a team and are

ready for a long playoff run.

Scoring for the Atom team during the four games were Nick Eagan 6G 4A, Michael Courvoisier 5G 4A, Jesse Spurell 2G 5A, Josh Tremblay 6A, Lucas Molinaro 2G 4A, Dylan Agnew 3G 2A, Jake Lewis 2G 1A, Scott Garvie 3A, Mackenzie Morrison 1G 1A, John White 2A, Brandon Lockyer 2A and Cameron Carr 1A.

## Banks accepting donations for Iran 'quake victims

Canadian Red Cross today announced that cash donations to help the victims of the earthquake that struck Bam, Iran on December 26 will be accepted at nine Canadian banks. Funds raised will assist the International Red Cross Red Crescent in providing immediate relief and basic assistance to the more than 30,000 people injured and 80,000 left homeless.

Starting today cash donations will be accepted at these financial institutions until February 2, 2004: BMO Financial Group, HSBC Bank Canada, RBC Royal Bank,

Canadian Western Bank, Laurentian Bank of Canada, Scotiabank, CIBC, National Bank of Canada, TD Canada Trust.

Money is urgently needed to provide shelter, water,

food, health care services and other basic necessities to vulnerable people in Iran. Up to 85% of the homes and buildings in Bam were destroyed in the earthquake. Survivors left homeless during cold temperatures and conditions of freezing rain and snow are facing extreme hardship. While the longer-term needs have not yet been assessed, the scope of destruction and the impact on the population indicate that those needs will be considerable.

"The banks' assistance in this effort is most appreciated. The Canadian Red Cross is asking individuals and corporations to contribute to our appeal for the victims of the Iran earthquake," said Susan Johnson, National Director of International Programs and Humanitarian Issues for

the Canadian Red Cross. "Donations will help meet the enormous need for immediate essential relief and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction needs in the region."

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### Welcome to 2004

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully you haven't broke all of your New Years Resolutions, just yet.

Now that winter has arrived, I wanted to advise everyone about a potential problem I noted while on patrol in Acton.

PLEASE... I know it's cold out and you are only leaving the car for a couple of minutes to let it warm up, defrost the windows, get a coffee pick up a newspaper etc, etc...

Remember that it takes less than 10 seconds for someone to hop into your unlocked, running car and drive it away. We've all read in the papers, seen on TV, or hear on the radio about the tragic consequences resulting from the use of stolen vehicles. The operators of these vehicles are involved in robberies, break & enters, fail to remain motor collisions, run red lights and generally don't care about anyone or anything, except getting caught.

I know it's an inconvenience to clean all the car windows and get into a cold car. Or to lock and unlock the car doors when you're only going to be gone for couple of minutes. But if you stop and think about the consequences, it's a small price to pay.

There are specific Town by-laws and Provincial Statues that deal with leaving vehicles running unattended. Acton' patrol officers have been verbally warning offenders. Please be aware that officers will be monitoring the situation. If the problem persists offenders will be charged.

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