

Mother Nature calls shots on snow clearing...

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 one owned by Halton, but used by the Town.
 Drewlo said without that truck, they are down to nine tandem trucks, seven single-axle trucks, four small trucks and two graders, along with sidewalk clearing equipment.

During budget talks, staff warned without the truck they might have to lease or rent a truck because the delivery date on the new vehicle is six-to-eight months.
 He said the Town almost doubled the number of kilometres of sidewalks it is clearing

this year in Acton to 19, but it has been a "difficult" winter so far, equipment-wise, because they are using back-up equipment on a full-time basis.
 "It's not doing the job and it's not doing it fast enough," Drewlo said, adding this year's budget includes a request for new sidewalk clearing equipment.
 Snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks, once 15-centimetres has accumulated, on arterial and collector roads with an average daily traffic count of over 1,000 vehicles, and on streets with schools, and on walkways that connect to collector, arterial roads and those with traffic vehicle counts over 1,000.



MR. PLOWS: Town crews have been busy clearing snow from Acton streets for the past few weeks. Scenes like this one at the corners of Church and Willow Streets have been common place. - Danielle McIsaac photo.

Once it stops snowing and a minimum eight-centimeters has fallen, the Town deploys staff and equipment within 48 hours. Icy sidewalks will be sanded or salted within 48 hours.
 During the winter, a works supervisor checks several times daily with Environment Canada,

a Regional weather source and the Internet for the latest forecast, and adjusts staffing levels to meet winter control standards set by Town Council. Last year, 41,252-kilometres of road were cleared, using 2,337 staff hours.
 Before ploughing a road, rock salt is laid down to melt the snow as it falls, leaving a layer of brine, or salt, on the road that stops the snow from

packing and becoming ice. Once it turns to slush, the road is ploughed.
 On heavily traveled class one roads - like the former Highway 25 - minimum standards call for a bare road surface within two hours of the end of the storm. A class two road or residential street must be cleared within four hours.
 Class three roads, hardtop ru-

ral roads and urban side streets, must be ploughed with six hours and sanded within 18 hours.
 Some of the snow removed from Acton's downtown, municipal parking lots and school bus loading zones is disposed of at the Acton works yard on Commerce Crescent, but most is trucked to a snow dump facility at the main works yard in Georgetown.

Councillors approve Giant new Loblaws

Loblaws has Town Councillors' approval for a huge, new format supermarket on the Dominion Gardens property in Georgetown.
 The approval, with pages and pages of conditions, means Loblaws will close its current store in the

Georgetown Market Place, which it will sub-lease to a non-food store for the 10-year balance of its lease.
 Just under half of the new 138,000-square-foot building will be used as a food store, and the balance will feature a pharmacy, photo lab, fitness centre and housewares, electronics and baby wear department, all under one roof.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
 Reconstruction of Victoria Avenue (Acton)

Projects: P-2004-C-25 & PR-2220
 Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2004
 Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Place: Halton Hills Civic Centre
 Esquing Room
 1 Halton Hills Drive

The Town of Halton Hills is proposing to reconstruct Victoria Avenue which will include excavation, new road base, storm sewers, concrete curbing, sidewalks, asphalt and sodded boulevards. In conjunction with the above work, the Regional Municipality of Halton is proposing to replace the existing watermain and sanitary sewer including new services to streetline.

This Public Information Centre will provide you with an opportunity to review the project drawings and to discuss the proposed works with representatives from the Region of Halton and the Town of Halton Hills.

Interested persons are invited to drop in any time during the above-noted hours to review and comment on the proposed works. If you are unable to attend this Public Information Centre and wish to obtain additional information or provide written comments, please address your concerns to:

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CORRECTION:
 An advertisement for Blooms Away Flowers & Gifts which appeared in the February 5 edition of The New Tanner (page 4) inadvertently listed some internal newspaper information instead of: "with every purchase over \$20.00 receive a free gift." The New Tanner apologizes for the error.

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