

SCHOOL VANDALIZED

An unknown person threw a rock through a cafeteria window at Acton High School between 5:30 p.m. on June 30 and 11:15 a.m. on July 2.

A caretaker also discovered that the windows of an old Toyota used by auto shop students were broken with rocks.

Damage to the school is estimated at \$800.

FALSE ALARMS

Kids who pulled the fire alarm at the Acton East plaza brought Acton firefighters rushing to the scene twice in the past week.

When firefighters arrived at the plaza at 3:49 p.m. on Monday they were told that a young child had pulled the pull station.

The alarm system could not be reset because the pull station was damaged, and all business owners were advised to call the

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fire department if the alarm sounded.

At 1:38 p.m. last Monday, a young child pulled the pull station at First Choice Hair Cutters, bringing Acton crews racing to the scene.

The alarm system showed a ground fault problem and plaza officials were advised to have the system checked.

WIRES DOWN

Acton fire crews secured the scene when a hydro pole and wires fell onto a car on Highway 25, north of 15 Side Road, at 8:38 a.m. last Wednesday.

A truck had become entangled in the wires and pulled down a pole onto an on-coming 2001 Aurora.

There were no injuries. Fire

crews remained on scene until hydro cut the power.

Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$4,000.

At 10:24 p.m., Acton crews responded to a call about arcing hydro wires in the area of Highway 25, south of 22 Side Road.

Several tree branches that were touching power lines were on fire and crews stood by until hydro crews removed the

branches.

NO PERMIT

Acton firefighters found a homeowner roasting marshmallows over a small fire in an airtight stove in his backyard when they responded to a burning complaint on Tyler Avenue at 9:37 last Tuesday night.

The homeowner was informed about the burn permit system and advised to let the fire burn down.



The Regional Municipality of Halton

A Partnership That Works!



IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE

The Joint Board under the Consolidated Hearings Act gave approval to Halton Region in 1989 for a new landfill site. Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act was included and a number of conditions were set.

Condition 1 of the approval is as follows:

For more than a decade, the Regional Municipality of Halton searched for a new landfill site to receive the waste of its citizens. A great deal of money was spent in the search, and residents of two communities felt threatened by the impending decision. In 1987 and 1988 a Hearing was held by the Consolidated Hearing Board established by the Environmental Assessment Board and the Ontario Municipal Board. This Board heard that although the Regional Corporation was responsible for disposing of waste, it was not alone responsible for waste reduction, reuse and recycling measures. This Board also heard that the waste recycling objectives in the Region were modest, being less than 20%.

The Board orders, therefore, as its first condition of approval for a new landfill site in the Regional Municipality of Halton, that the Regional Corporation enter into agreements with the Municipalities of the Region to establish a Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee having as its goal the reduction, recycling and reuse of waste so that there will be very little waste remaining to be landfilled. Through public meetings held at least twice a year the Committee should attempt to reach the goal through measures including but not limited to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) paper recycling and denial of landfilling paper products; b) promotion of individual, private and public composting facilities; c) provision of glass and metal recycling facilities for residential, apartment and commercial establishment waste, including provision of reception areas for packaging materials at point-of-sale of such materials; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) development of measures to encourage retail outlets to reduce to the maximum extent possible "disposable" items and packaging materials, including fast-food packaging materials; e) provision of reception areas for household hazardous wastes, and f) consideration and development of mandatory recycling programs which include rewards and penalties for compliance and non-compliance. |
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Once each year the Regional Municipality shall report on the participation of area Municipalities and the extent of cooperation and progress on the work of this Committee in full-page advertisements in the newspapers having general circulation in each of the Region's constituent Municipalities, under the headline "IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE", and is to include this condition in full at the beginning of such advertisement.

JOINT MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee is composed of members living in the municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Its goal is to promote the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), in order to minimize the amount of garbage landfilled, and was established to satisfy the above Condition.

Under the guidance of the Committee, the following programs have been established:

• Solid Waste Management Strategy Implementation:

- "Wasteless" Program focused on waste reduction by encouraging Grasscycling, Backyard Composting, and Green-shopping
- Subsidized Sale of Backyard Composters
- "BlueMax" Program to enhance Blue Box Recycling Program with addition of Polycoat containers
- School recycling program

• Foam and Electronics Recycling Program

• Salvation Army Reuse Depot

• Enhanced Communications Program including Calendar and Newsletter

• Household Hazardous Waste Depot including:

- Paint Exchange Program
- Household Battery Recycling Program

• Special Environmental Events

- Compost Give-Aways
- Tire Amnesty Days and additional summer event
- Environment Day
- Backyard Composter Truckload Sale

The Joint Committee meetings are open to the public. Public input and participation in the development of programs is encouraged.

MATERIAL DIVERTED IN 2003 BY THE RESIDENTS OF HALTON REGION



Total diversion from landfill by **ALL Waste Reduction initiatives** was 74,100 tonnes (41% Waste Diversion).

30,740 vehicles brought in 663,630 litres of household hazardous material to our Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

Total residential waste landfilled at the Halton Waste Management Site was 106,440 tonnes.

A Report describing compliance with all the Conditions of Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act is available for review. To obtain a copy of this report or if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact:

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