

Late Tuesday Night

Everton youth, Guelph man die in four vehicle collision

An 18-year-old Everton youth and a 23-year-old Guelph man were pronounced dead at the scene of a four vehicle accident on Wellington Road 124, east of the Sixth Line of Eramosa township on Tuesday, November 9 around 11pm. Two other people were taken to Guelph Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, Wellington OPP said.

Wellington OPP responded to a report of a serious collision on 124 near the Everton corner arrived to find three cars and a transport truck in collision. Members of Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department and Paramedics also responded.

Dead are 18-year-old Adam Scragg of Everton and 23-year-old Jason Hoskins of Guelph, both drivers of vehicles.

Police said preliminary reports indicates that a 1996 Jeep Cherokee was travelling eastbound on Highway 124 towards Erin when it collided with a westbound 1989 Chevrolet limousine. A second collision occurred when a 1995 Volvo travelling westbound collided with the Jeep and limousine and a third collision occurred when a westbound 2003 Freightliner transport truck collided with

the other three vehicles.

The driver of the limousine, Jason Hoskins, of Guelph died at the scene, as did the driver of the Jeep, Adam Scragg, of Everton.

Members of the County of Wellington OPP Traffic Unit were called to the scene to assist with the investigation. Traffic was rerouted on Hwy 7 and 22 Side Road until late Wednesday morning.

Investigating closing of beaches

Acton's often-closed Old Beach in Prospect Park is not being ignored as Halton investigates how to clean up beaches in other parts of the region according to Wards 1/2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville.

Halton's 2004 beach monitoring report shows the Old Beach in Prospect Park was closed for 35 per cent of the 80-day swimming season because of unacceptable levels of bacteria, partially due to droppings from Canada geese.

In 2003, the Old Beach

was closed for swimming for 60 per cent of the time. Acton's Old Beach was tested 12 times and had four unacceptable results that closed the beach for 28 days in 2004. In 2003, 60 per cent of the samples were unacceptable.

The Boathouse Beach

was closed for the entire 2004 season because of consistently high bacteria levels in the past few years.

Councillor Somerville said while Halton will partner with Burlington to explore in impact of water-fowl on Beachway Park, they will look at all areas of the region.

BOULEVARD BEAUTY

Town boulevards could be turned into beautiful blooming gardens now that the Town has okayed a new Adopt a Boulevard program to encourage citizens to

spruce up the town.

Town staff will remove the sod, supply topsoil and install signs recognizing that the plantings are part of the Adopt a Boulevard program. The "adopter" would spread the topsoil, prepare the beds and buy and plant the flowers or shrubs and care for them.

HOPE - Healthy Options for People - will tackle the first boulevard in Georgetown. One boulevard will be adopted each year at an annual cost of \$500.

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