



MEN AT WORK: The men of St. Alban's Anglican Church took over the cooking duties as they flipped the flapjacks for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. These fantastic chefs mustn't have burned one because it was a full house all evening. - Angela Tyler photo

Spending plan approved by Council

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The New Tanner

Many projects competing for limited funding.

That is the capital budget scenario facing Halton Hills until 2014.

On Monday, Council approved a \$9.5-million capital spending plan for this year, and 2006-2014 forecasts totalling \$60-million. While the forecasts are not binding on future councils, they are the blueprint for future spending.

Half of this year's \$9.5-million capital budget is earmarked for engineering and public works projects, with fire department projects coming second, including money for a new Georgetown fire headquarters and for land for a third station.

Capital spending in Acton includes:

2005

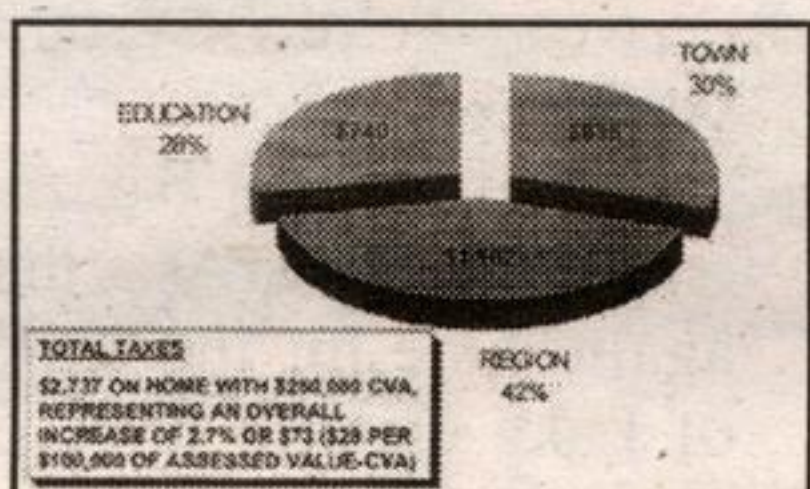
\$544,000 for gravel and paving of the Fifth Line from 17 Side Road to 22 Side Road and from Bridlewood Boulevard to 32 Side Road

\$105,000 to finish the Main Street North parking lot

\$220,000 to replace a heavy rescue unit at the Churchill station

\$30,000 to replace the furnace at the Acton pool

\$100,000 for phase one of



Distribution of 2005 total residential taxes

the Acton East sports park \$165,000 for phase one of the Wallace Street park \$72,000 for phase one of the Rennie Street park \$25,000 for a surveillance system at Acton arena

There are \$5.9-million in projects this year that did not meet the funding guidelines and were not approved.

The 2006-2014 \$60-million capital forecast represents \$6.7-million annually with many projects competing for limited funding. The Town will continue to bank \$1-million annually

in its pay-as-you-go funding strategy to avoid more debt for new facilities.

Acton long-range capital forecasts until 2010 includes:

2006

\$650,000 to reconstruct Wallace Street from McDonald to Commerce

\$204,000 for a skateboard park

\$50,000 for a Fairy Lake water quality study

\$178,000 for an Acton spray pad

2007

\$400,000 to reconstruct Eastern Avenue

\$65,000 to replace the Zamboni

\$10,000 for arena structural repairs

2008

\$200,000 South Acton land use and servicing study

\$40,000 arena repairs

\$65,000 tennis court re-

Break and enter

Police said an unknown suspect somehow "compromised" the lock on the back door of First Choice Haircutters in the Acton East plaza overnight last Wednesday/Thursday.

Once inside, the thief stole an undisclosed amount of cash.

Property damage

A Danville Avenue resident reported that between 4 and 8 p.m. last Thursday, someone broke a front pane of glass and an exterior light at his residence, causing \$25 damage.

Theft from car

Cash, a VISA card and driver's licence were stolen from a 2004 Dodge parked at 40 Maria Street overnight last Thursday/Friday.

Police said the thief en-

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tered a reportedly locked car - there were no signs of forced entry - to steal \$85 cash and the personal documents.

Skidoo stolen

A snowmobile valued at \$10,000 was stolen from the rear of a residence on 32 Side Road at the Sixth Line some time between January 21 and 30.

Police said the thief left the snowmobile trailer and cover behind, but took a black and yellow 2003 Skidoo MXZ 800.

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