

Linda Dougherty chosen Citizen of Year

Judges selected VON nurse Linda Dougherty as Acton's 2005 Citizen of the Year on Tuesday night from among several nominated for the recognition. Although Linda is not an Acton resident she has spent the past 13 years caring for patients in this area as a nurse with the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON).

"I'm totally overwhelmed," was the initial reaction from Linda when advised she had been chosen as the 2005 Citizen of the Year.

The three judges chose Linda because "she's an individual who has touched the lives of many Acton

citizens. She is one who works with both her heart and her hands.

"Linda's nickname among families in town is "Guardian Angel" and she's a credit to the nursing profession. She is a person with special qualities and abilities who is able to handle the emotional requirements demanded by this type of work," judges concluded.

Linda's nominators all agreed that although nursing is her profession, she consistently and selflessly goes beyond the call of duty providing care and compassion and that she "has in fact been a beloved guardian angel

for many, many families in Acton for many years."

A dinner recognizing Linda will be held in April or May on a date which is suitable for the recipient and Acton Rotary Club.

The Citizen of the Year is an annual award for which nominations are solicited from the community by the Acton Rotary Club. Each year three past recipients of the award serve as judges to review the nominations and select the current Citizen of the Year. The judges this year were Max MacSween - 2004, George Henderson - 1996, and Joan Waldie Jenkins - 1991.



Linda Dougherty

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Henny Loggersnapper (Marie Zions) and director Eddie Cheek (Mark Tiller) consult in the Acton Old Town Hall Dinner Theatre's murder mystery at the old town hall. See Page 8.


Pedestrians and motorists alike were startled to see a mile long parade of farm tractors going through on Hwy. 7 Tuesday escorted by police cruisers. See Page 6 for details.


This well known local couple celebrated their golden anniversary Saturday. See Page 9.

Slam brakes on public transit



SIGNIFICANT SIGNING: With a flourish of ceremonial pens, Regional and Town officials and landowners in the 401-Steeles Avenue corridor officially signed a financing agreement on Tuesday that will jump start industrial development in the corridor in Halton Hills. Halton chair Joyce Savoline looks on while Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette signs the deal, watched by partners, back from left: John Zdunic, Petra Fischer, Anne Zdunic, Isaac Meisels, Dave Leeming and Jonathan Fischer. - Frances Niblock photo

Sign deal for 401 corridor

With the flourish of ceremonial pens, the public and private sector partners who will accelerate bringing water and sewer services to the 401-407 Gateway Business Park in Halton Hills inked a deal to pay for the services at a signing ceremony on Monday at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown.

The financing deal means the services

necessary for industrial growth will be built now, not in seven to 10 years as would have been the case if Halton Region, The Town and four landowners had not agreed to what was described as a "creative" financing plan by Halton chair Joyce Savoline.

She said the financing plan builds on an earlier Halton original investment of

\$26.2-million in water and wastewater infrastructure, and will open up more than 500 acres of employment lands.

The five landowner partners will pay \$5.7-million up-front, and the Town will put up \$1.5-million to put the pipes in the ground. When the developers begin to build - anticipated by late next year

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Mayor says more public information is needed

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
 The New Tanner

Mayor Rick Bonnette - an opponent of a public transit system in Halton Hills - convinced Council to slam the brakes, temporarily, on debate on plans for a bus service until the public can become more involved.

Following a poorly attended public information meeting on a proposed Halton Hills community bus service, held with little notice before Monday's council meeting, Bonnette asked his colleagues to defer debate on the proposed transit system until the April 18 meeting of Council.

Bonnette said he was "floored" when he saw the Town's ad for the public meeting which made it seem like a transit system was a "done deal."

"If we go to full public transportation - and I have difficulty with it, make no mistake, I have difficulty with it -

I think at least... we should have full public information," Bonnette said, adding the meeting should be publicized in all three local newspapers.

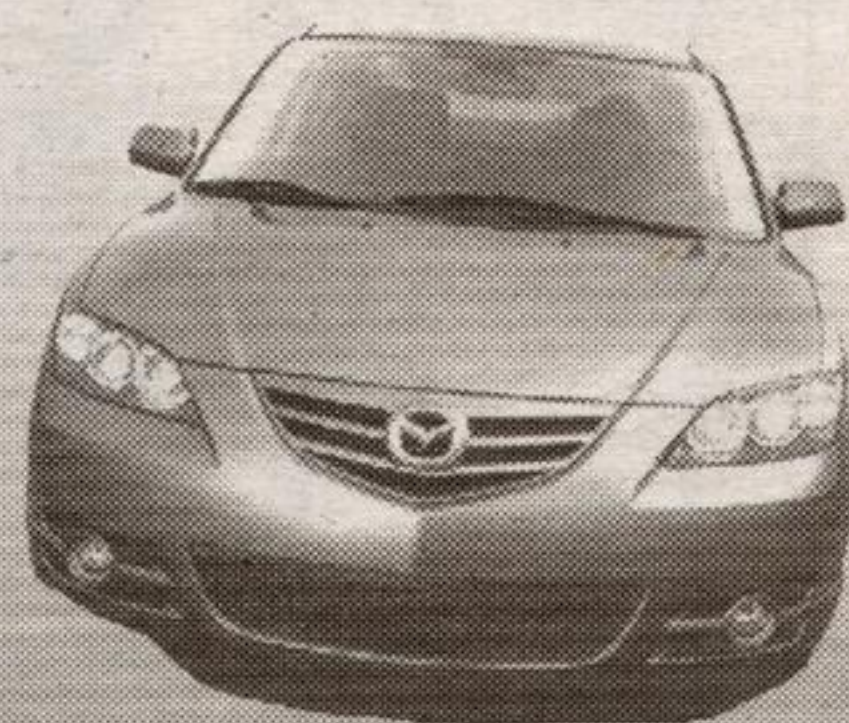
All councillors supported the deferral, including Wards

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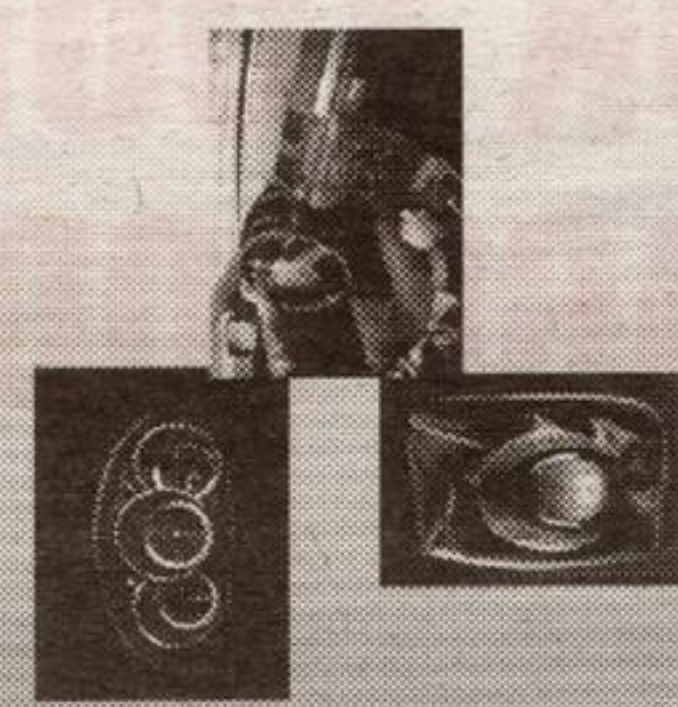
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