

Georgetown Fairgrounds to get early facelift

Thanks to funding by the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program, improvements which weren't scheduled to be done for about eight years, will be made to Georgetown Fairgrounds over the next few months.

The project, worth about \$98,000, will include a paved parking area, storm sewers and improved landscaping.

The work is set to begin this month, and be completed before the fall fair in September.

Bryan Shynal, superintendent of parks for the town, said the parking area accessible from Prince Charles Dr. and Park Ave. will be

paved and storm sewers and curbing will be installed.

"The improvements to the parking area should eliminate the pot holes, make parking more efficient and safer. Congestion will be less of a problem because we will put some lines on the pavement," said Shynal.

He added drainage problems around the track will be repaired and depending on the amount of money left over, new trees will be planted.

A design of the works is expected to be completed in the next couple of months and a public information session will be held so those interested can check out the pro-

posed work.

"This program has offered communities across Ontario the oppor-

tunity to improve local infrastructure, enhance quality of life and create employment," said Halton-Peel MP Julian Reed.

"This project as well as several others in Halton Hills are good examples of three levels of government work-

ing together to benefit the community," Reed added.

"The project will enhance economic competitiveness by providing recreational facilities making the town more attractive to potential businesses," said Noel Duignan, Halton North MPP. "This project along with others previously announced will help create many needed jobs in the community."

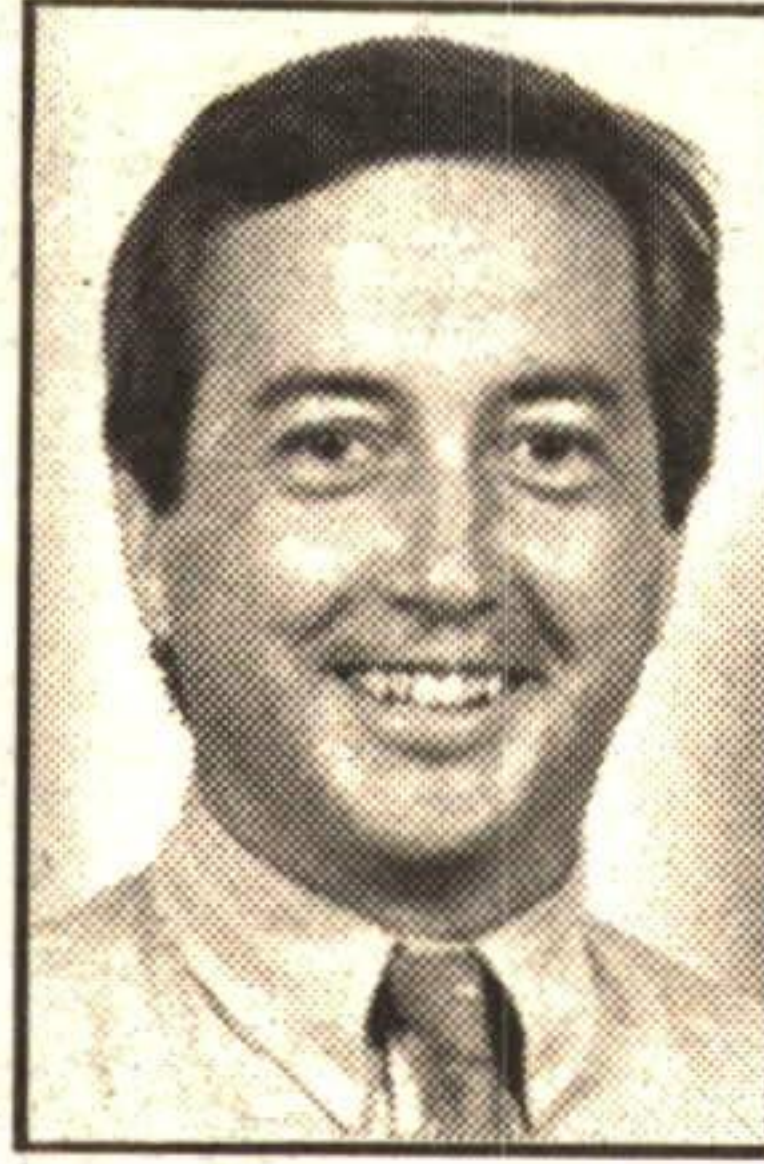
Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program will help to ensure the needs of the community are met.

Last fall \$2.5 million in projects for the town were announced,

including road reconstruction, replacement and extension of storm sewers, park upgrades, the establishment of parkland inventory and installation of a trunked mobile radio system.

The program is a \$2.1 billion shared cost program designed to create jobs through local priority projects which will improve the province's infrastructure and therefore its competitive position. Canada, Ontario and local partners are each contributing one-third of the project funding.

The projects are expected to create up to 37,000 direct and indirect jobs.



BRYAN SHYNAL

Three youths charged in Georgetown robbery

Three Georgetown youths have been charged in relation to a hold up at a Becker's store on October 22, in which a shot was fired into a pop cooler.

Two of the three also face charges in relation to a break and enter last November at a home near Cedarvale Park and one faces several charges after a riot at Syl Apps Youth Centre in Oakville New Year's Eve.

"It certainly is alarming that armed youths are being involved in crimes like this (in Georgetown)," said Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh. "But I don't believe that the population (size) dictates the kind of crime that occurs. Crimes are committed by individuals."

On Oct. 22, three youths went into the variety store wearing ski masks at about 11 p.m. One displayed a hand gun and the clerk was told to hand over cash from the register. The shot was fired, and the youths left with some money.

Welsh said Thursday that two 15-year-olds were charged Dec. 29 with robbery, using a firearm, wearing a

disguise while committing an offence and breach of probation.

One was also charged with pointing a firearm and possession of a weapon dangerous to public peace. The two are being held in custody after the bail hearing. A 14-year-old was charged with robbery in relation to the same incident.

One of the 15-year-olds was charged with respect to a break and enter last November in which a resident was home at the time but left and went to a neighbors to call police, who later arrested four youths at Cedarvale Park.

One of the 15-year-olds also faces four additional charges in relation to the Dec. 31 disturbance at Syl Apps. Police said six youths were apparently upset at being in custody on New Year's Eve and damaged furniture and barricaded themselves in a lounge, armed with broken chair legs. The youth is charged with assault with a weapon, failing to comply with a probation order, mischief and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

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