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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Charge laid in crash

Halton Police have charged a Brampton man in connection with an October 27 accident on Winston Churchill Blvd. that resulted in the death of Kim Wiltshire of Georgetown.

Charged with criminal negligence causing death is Frank Arsenault, 46, of Hearthstone Court, Brampton. He is to be in Milton court December 14.

The accident occurred at about 8:20 p.m. when Wiltshire's Dodge Neon, which was westbound on Winston Churchill Blvd., was struck on the left side by an eastbound GMC pickup truck driven by Arsenault. Wiltshire, 22, was taken to Georgetown Hospital where she later died. Arsenault wasn't injured.

Generator stolen

Halton Police are investigating a break and enter into an unlocked garage on the Fifth Line sometime between Sunday and Tuesday.

A generator and tools valued at \$2,100 were taken.

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On the ball

The action was fast and furious as Georgetown District High School Rebels' Davina Taylor (left) put forth a great effort to clear the ball, but was covered by Aldershot's Jackie Jacobson during Halton Secondary School Athletic Association senior girls basketball action Wednesday. The Rebels came up on the short side of the contest, as Aldershot won 30-27. See also page 14. Photo by Ted Brown

Board hopes for extension on school closures

School lease-back options and a deadline extension for closures were expected to top the Halton District School Board's shopping list at a special meeting this past Friday.

Board officials were to meet with Ministry of Education officials (Nov. 13) to discuss their concerns regarding school closures.

Currently, the Halton board must make plans by Dec. 31 to eliminate an excess school capacity of 5,800 pupil places to receive funding for new schools.

But there's new hope for a deadline

extension, especially since the province announced changes in funding for school operations last week.

"We're hoping for a reply fairly quickly," said education director Dusty Papke. "We'll expect some kind of decision within a week."

If the ministry agrees to an extension, he is suggesting postponing some school closures for a year to allow a final plan to be developed with adequate community input.

Until then, Papke suggested the board continue its closure review process.

Papke said the board's major issues are to

generate funding for new schools in high growth communities and to generate a new education development bylaw. The current one expires in March.

The bylaw allows for development charges the board can use to collect money for the purchase of school sites.

Superintendent Gerry Cullen noted it's important to purchase these sites when land is available in new areas.

"The greater concern is timing," he noted. "If we don't get to sites and then we lose them,

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