



Driver charged

A 41-year-old Acton woman was charged with careless driving in connection with an accident on Kingham Rd. Wednesday morning in which a car was driven up the ramp of a parked flatbed, tumbled off, landed upside down and skidded into a parked vehicle. Halton Police report the view of the driver of the 2002 Chrysler Sebring was obstructed because the windshield had not been cleaned of frost. No one was injured however, the Sebring was severely damaged.

Photo by Jennifer Townshend

Councillors' pay portion to remain as tax-free expense

Councillors will continue to have one-third of their pay deemed as tax-free expenses.

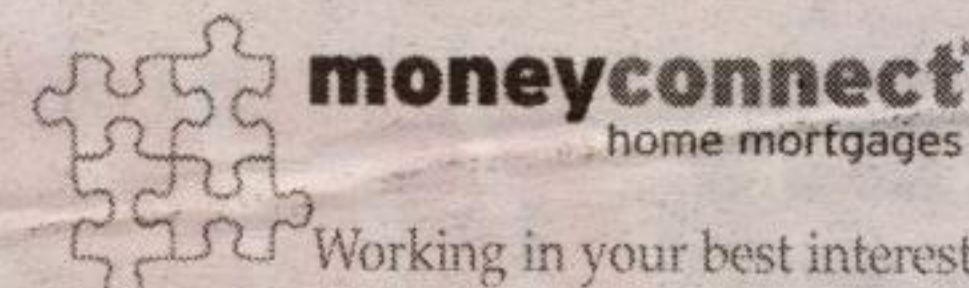
Under the old Municipal Act, one-third of an elected council member's salary was deemed expenses resulting from his/her position. Under the new Municipal Act, councils have until January to decide whether to retain this allowance or the amount becomes fully taxable.

Council approved at Monday's meeting to retain the one-third-expense allowance.

If council had decided to eliminate the allowance, it would have cost the town an additional \$35,000 in increased compensation to maintain the same level of net pay. The cost would have resulted from increased income taxes, Canada Pension Plan and Employer Health Tax.

The mayor earns \$42,770 a year while councillors receive \$18,200.

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