

Penman acclaimed, Inglis named CH committee chair

Brian Penman will once again hold the head seat on the Conservation Halton (CH) board.

The Milton councillor was acclaimed as the 2006 chair at CH's 50th inaugural meeting recently. Penman has served as a director of CH for 26 years, including 10 as chair.

John Vice, the citizen appointee from

Burlington, was acclaimed as vice-chair. Bob Inglis, representing Halton Hills, was selected as chair of the conservation areas/community relations advisory committee, while Allan Elgar of Oakville was chosen as chair of the resource planning and watershed management advisory committee.

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Police blotter

Police make second arrest in downtown RBC robbery

Halton Police have arrested a second man in connection with the robbery at the Royal Bank in Georgetown last week.

The robbery occurred at the Main St. E. bank at about 1:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

At the time a man entered the bank and gave a teller the note demanding money. He was given cash and he fled the bank with the note to an awaiting vehicle.

After further investigation police arrested and charged Rodney Robert Bushey, 26, of Mississauga, with two counts of possession of stolen property, and being an occupant in a motor vehicle in connection with the robbery and police sought a warrant for the arrest of Andrew Aaron Lamore, of no fixed address.

Lamore has since been arrested in Windsor and has been charged with robbery, wear disguise during the commission of an indictable offence, possession of a stolen property, operate motor vehicle while disqualified and three counts of break probation.

He was held for a bail hearing.

Halton Police are investigating a break and enter into a Tenth Line home sometime between last Sunday and Friday.

Entry was gained after a side door was forced open. The home was ransacked and approximately \$5,000 in items, including a television, computer, printer, DVD player and wine was taken.

A 12' by 12' trampoline, valued at \$350, was taken from the garage at a Fourth Line, Acton home sometime between Wednesday and Friday.

Approximately \$2,000 worth of hand and power tools were taken from the box of a pickup truck parked at a Rachlin Dr., Acton home sometime late Sunday or early Monday.

Police have charged four Georgetown male youths with five counts each of theft under \$5,000 in connection with thefts from vehicles in Georgetown last Sunday and Monday. The entries occurred on George St., Main St., Queen St. and Morris St. Another male youth from Georgetown was referred to the diversion program in connection with the thefts.

A Milton man was charged with impaired driving and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after police saw a man attempting to back into a parking spot in a Hwy. 7 lot Monday March 6.

Charged is Christopher Lloyd Whetham, 41, of Main St. E.

Two male youths are facing charges in connection with a robbery at the Rockwood Convenience Store Saturday afternoon.

Wellington OPP report two males entered the Main St. store at approximately 4 p.m. One youth pushed the owner behind the counter and held him as the other youth stole approximately two cartons of cigarettes. Both youths then fled the store.

The owner of the store was not injured.

On Sunday, police arrested two youths in connection with the incident.

Charged with robbery and possession of stolen property is a 16-year-old Guelph youth and a 17-year-old youth from Orleans.

Large crowds treated to army rappelling exercises

Sgt. MIKE KASE
Special to the IFP

Local residents saw or heard unfamiliar objects in the skies over Georgetown last week as two Canadian Forces CH 146 Griffon Utility Transport Tactical Helicopters were tasked to support Rappel Master Course 0601.

The rappel master course was conducted at Georgetown Armouries March 11-19. The aim of the rappel master is to safely dispatch personnel and/or equipment from an aircraft into an area that can not facilitate the landing of a helicopter. To effectively do this requires successful completion of the rappel master course.

The nine-day course graduated 13 reserve soldiers from the Greater Toronto Area including two from Georgetown. On this course safety measures are the primary focus and an overwhelming requirement to pay attention to detail, as "lives are hanging by a rope".

The qualification will enable successful candidates from this course to

conduct training on a rappel tower (like the one behind the armouries) and to dispatch personnel and equipment from the CH 146.

Each candidate was required to dispatch a minimum 16 soldiers and one equipment bundle from the helicopter. The candidates were also required to pass one written test and approximately nine practical performance checks.

The time restraints and weather conditions worked against the staff and candidates during the first few days of the course but later in the week the weather cleared and the helicopter exercises began. Drawing in a large crowd was certainly bonus to the candidates as it is uncommon for the public to see what the reserves do in action.

At the end of the course everyone successfully completed the course with no serious injuries.

The Lorne Scots Army Reserve are currently recruiting for summer employment and if interested please call Sergeant Lonnie Naughton at 905-451-2741 or go to www.army.dnd.ca/lorne_scots/

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