

# Bylaw may ban youths from owning replica firearms

Should Halton have a bylaw in place that bans youths from owning replica firearms?

That's the question Region staff, the Halton Regional Police Services Board and the police chief will soon be mulling over at the request of regional council.

At a recent meeting, council referred a Township of Scugog bylaw that regulates the sale and possession of replica and imitation firearms to the aforementioned group for local consideration.

The bylaw prevents those who are

under 18 from possessing the gun look-alikes while on public property or private property that the public has general access to.

"In terms of officer and public safety, we should consider this," said Burlington Councillor John Taylor.

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale noted that replica firearms have become a real problem for some communities.

In addition to Scugog, other municipalities in Durham Region have also recently passed bylaws to deal with the

imitation firearms in response to visits from a police constable urging them to do so.

The constable told those councils that since toy manufacturers are making replica guns look so realistic, it's posing problems for officers who have to distinguish quickly if the gun a person has is real or an imitation.

The GTAH Mayors and Regional Chairs Group have supported Scugog's bylaw in principle.

—With files from *TorStar News Service*

## Driver clocked doing 77-km over speed limit

A 26-year-old Toronto man could be facing a hefty fine and six demerit points after Halton Police stopped a vehicle for speeding on Regional Rd. 25 north of 15 Sideroad Saturday night.

Police say the vehicle was clocked going nearly twice the speed limit—or 157 km in an 80 km zone.

Drivers caught going more than 50 km over the posted speed limit are required to go to court and cannot make an out of court settlement.

## Fire calls Police investigating cause of Acton vehicle blaze

Firefighters were called to a vehicle fire in the driveway of a Regional Rd. 25 Acton home early Thursday morning. When they arrived they found a fully involved fire in the engine compartment and a small fire in the backseat of a Suburban.

They extinguished the fire and police responded. Police are still investigating the cause of the fire.

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Halton Hills firefighters were called to the 22nd Sideroad and Guelph Line area at approximately 11 p.m. last Monday for a vehicle fire.

When they arrived fire crews found a fully involved car in a farmer's field approximately 20 ft. from the road. They extinguished the blaze.

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Firefighters responded to a grass fire on Dublin Line Friday afternoon. When they arrived they found grass, garbage and a small outbuilding on fire.

Foam and water was used to fight the stubborn fire, and heat and smoke made it difficult for firefighters to extinguish all the embers from the trash and outbuilding. It took fire crews two hours to finally put out the fire.

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