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FRIDAY...
The new (and improved) Halton Hills fire station projects took another step towards reality Monday at Town council. For details see Friday's *Independent & Free Press*.

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Shrek hits the ice in Acton

Carissa Kri (left) played the role of Donkey and Kyle Marshall was Shrek in the Acton Skating Club's 43rd-annual carnival held Saturday at the Acton Arena. The theme of the show was *Shrek On Ice* and among the special guest skaters was Acton's Maja Vermeulen and her ice dance partner Andrew Doleman. **For more photos see page 17.**

Photo by Donavon Gaudette

Police to focus on nabbing speeders

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Halton Regional Police Service has three prime concerns in Halton Hills: traffic, traffic and traffic.
That mantra was recited by both HRP's Chief Gary Crowell and District 1 (Halton Hills and Milton) Commander, Superintendent Signy Pittman when they were invited to make a presentation on the state of policing in Halton Hills at a recent council meeting.
"I can tell you are our top three concerns in the region are traffic, traffic and traffic," said

Crowell.
"What we did last year in the region—although it's the responsibility of each front-line patrol officer to be enforcing traffic, they're also answering calls and doing criminal investigations—we decentralized the traffic unit and assigned them to the Districts and we went from six officers to 18 officers dedicated solely to traffic because of the concerns we have. So accordingly with the emphasis on traffic, our Provincial Offences Act tickets statistic went up 15.6 per cent," said Crowell.
But in the same time period, the number of motor vehicle collisions also rose by 10 per

cent and number of deaths from vehicle collisions last year more than doubled.
"We're already seeing a trend in 2008 that's causing us concern," the Chief said. "We've had six fatalities so far in the first quarter of this year; two in Halton Hills, two in Milton and one each in Oakville and Burlington."
Some of the actions being taken on traffic enforcement:
• Intercept Lidar Operations— a team of officers identifying speeders on the road in a radar operation.

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