

Council okays diversion of funds to finish Guelph St. sidewalk work

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Sidewalk repairs on Guelph St. will be a top priority this year after council approved the diversion of funds earmarked for accessibility signage.

The Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee (HHAAC) had planned to spend the \$30,000 to improve signage and tactile markings this year. But HHAAC recommended the redirection of funds after learning the Province plans on setting new sign standards within the next two years.

The \$30,000 will be combined with the public works department's \$37,000 (diverted from other sidewalk repair projects)," said Chris Mills, Director of Infrastructure Services, "to finish off the Guelph St. sidewalk retrofitting project."

"Hopefully we can get our some of our main sidewalks up to a good state of repair," said Councillor Moya Johnson, council's representative on HHAAC. "We will work from the main roads out to the more secondary roads over time."

Councillor Clark Somerville questioned whether there was a long-term project planned to improve the state of the interlocking brick in Acton's downtown core.

He requested a report back on the time frame when all the sidewalks will be done.

"We did an extensive report... If we did them all we wouldn't be able to afford anything else," said Johnson. "There is a phasing included. There has been work done in Acton for assessment, so it's not just Georgetown. We

will bring that (the report) back at another meeting."

"Right now the monies allocated is for this year to deal with just Guelph St. in Georgetown," said Chris Mills, Director of Infrastructure Services. "And then, we would be looking at continuing the program— hopefully— in future years."

Police blotter Vehicles damaged, stolen

Halton Police report about \$2,000 worth of damage was caused sometime late Friday or early Saturday to a Mercedes and a Jeep parked at a Miller Dr. home.

Police say patio stones were used to scratch both vehicles.

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A 1993 GMC pickup truck valued at \$5,000 was stolen from Neely Automotive on Trafalgar Rd. sometime Sunday or early Monday. The blue truck was parked in the lot at the business for repair.

The licence plate number is 7838KH.

Plant sale to be held tonight

In Wednesday's issue of *The Independent & Free Press*, an incorrect date for the Georgetown Horticultural Society's plant sale was reported.

The sale will be held today, May 9, at 6 p.m. at the Gellert Community Centre.

The Independent & Free Press regrets the error.



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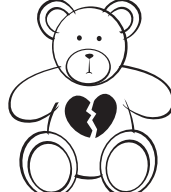
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