

Police blotter

Halton Police charge area men after Friday road rage incident

Two men have been charged after a road-rage incident that took place in Halton Hills just before 6 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

Witnesses told Halton Police two westbound vehicles were traveling at a high rate of speed on Five Sideroad near Winston Churchill Blvd., at times forcing other drivers off the road.

The two vehicles, a 2001 Honda Accord and a 1999 Toyota Camry, came to a stop, side by side, at the traffic light at Five Sideroad and Ninth Line. As both cars continued westbound on Five Sideroad, the driver in the eastbound lane passed the other vehicle and proceeded to slam on his brakes, resulting a rear-end collision.

The men exited their vehicles and began a heated argument on the roadway, after which one of the drivers got back into his car and drove it into the other.

Charged with dangerous driving are David Ronald Overland, 54, of Huttonville, and Janos Barcsanics, 53, of Acton.

Approximately \$10,000 damage was caused by a someone who took a Caterpillar excavator from a construction site to dig up a section of Regional Rd. 25 in the 32 Sideroad area late Friday

or early Saturday.

A black 1998 Honda Civic that was taken from a Mountainview Rd. residence between 1 a.m and 8:30 a.m. Saturday was recovered later this past weekend by Trenton OPP.

Police have no suspects.

Damage is estimated at \$500 after a vehicle on Peel St. in Acton was vandalized overnight Friday. Unknown persons spray-painted the car and flattened its tires.

The contents of a purse were stolen from a third-floor apartment unit on Chapel St. in Georgetown between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturday after entry was gained through an unlocked door.

Cash, identification and credit cards were taken from the purse, which was found empty outside the apartment building. No suspects have been identified.

Thieves attempted to steal two vehicles in the 162 Maple Ave. area around midnight Saturday without success.

In both cases, owners discovered their vehicles had been entered and the ignitions were damaged.

A homemade trailer was taken from a Trafalgar Rd. home sometime between 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday morning.

Parked in the driveway with a for sale sign, the 1990 double axle blue trailer has the licence plate H30735 and was valued at \$3,000.

Collectible coins, jewelry and a camera were stolen from a 22 Sideroad residence after someone broke into the house by using a ladder to enter an unlocked upper-storey window during the daytime hours Friday.

Rooms in the home were also ransacked and about \$750 in items were taken.

A blue 1993 Chevrolet pickup truck was taken from the Town of Halton Hills works department parking lot on Trafalgar Rd. sometime between Wednesday and Friday of last week.

The truck, bearing the licence plate 765 2VK, has an estimated value of \$7,000.

Halton Hills firefighters responded to a suspected case of arson after a portable toilet was set ablaze around 4:20 a.m. last Thursday at St. Brigid's Catholic Elementary School in George-



Halton Police say approximately \$10,000 damage was caused by someone who took this Caterpillar excavator (rear) from a construction site and dug up a section of Regional Rd. 25 this past weekend.

Photo by Ted Brown

ence in the village of Norval Sunday morning after a woman was found unconscious outside a residence.

"At the outset, it appeared to be something quite serious because there was some concern as to how she came to be there," said Halton Regional Police Detective Sergeant Murray Drinkwalter.

As it turned out, the intoxicated female had fallen and hit her head on the ground.

She was reported to be in stable condition in hospital on Sunday afternoon and was expected to fully recover.

There was a large police pres-

Town seeks public's opinion on possible growth options

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The public will get several opportunities this month to comment on Sustainable Halton's five growth concept plans released in June.

The Town of Halton Hills will host a public information centre, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and facilitated workshop, 6:30-9 p.m. on Monday, September 8, at the Gellert Community Centre. Anyone wishing to participate in the workshop part of the evening must register with Renee Brown of the Planning Dept. at reneeb@haltonhills.ca or 905-873-2601 ext. 2291 by no later than tomorrow (Thursday).

"We want to hear the public's view," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "While Halton Region will hold a public information centre on Sept. 16, this council and staff felt it very important that we hold our own meeting. ...We encourage the public to come."

This will be followed a few weeks later with a special council meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24 when Halton Hills council votes on a town position on the Sustainable Halton Plan's five growth concepts.

Halton Region will host its own public information centre (PIC) on September 16, 6-9 p.m. in the Georgetown District High School cafeteria.

Mary Lou Tanner, Halton Region's Director of Planning and Transportation Services, who made a presentation to Halton Hills council about the five concepts at the July council meeting, says public feedback is welcome at any time before September 30.

Tanner said the preferred option would not be released to the public until sometime in the first of half of 2009.

But Halton Region has its own deadline to meet— it must select the preferred



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growth option to meet provincial Places to Grow and Ontario Municipal Board deadlines by June 16, 2009.

Sustainable Halton planners came up with nine initial concepts and have whittled those to five— with all the future growth (about 120,000 people) between 2021 and 2031 split between Halton Hills and Milton. None proposed expanded boundaries for Acton. The numbers also do

not include intensification that may occur in existing urban areas.

Of the five, four outline options for an expanded Georgetown urban boundary in the south that propose residential growth from 20,000 to 40,000 people, plus commercial and institutional development. All five concepts include additional industrial development on both sides of the 401 Corridor.

Tanner said the five concepts could be mixed and matched to come up with a

favourable option— adding that the planners want to hear what people like and don't like about each option.

Milton's Town staff recently released a response to the concepts, saying it would accept growth on the basis of several principles, including: That the cost of providing lake-based servicing to Halton Hills be borne by Halton Hills' landowners/developers, and that Halton Hills' development doesn't impede Milton's ability to manage its growth.

To learn more about the Sustainable Halton concept plans go to Halton Region's website, www.halton.ca or Town of Halton Hills planners John Linhardt, manager of Planning Policy, 905-873-2601, ext. 2294, johnl@haltonhills.ca or Steve Burke, senior planner-policy, 905-873-2601, ext. 2254 or stevebu@haltonhills.ca

Copies of the discussion papers are available from the planning department, on the website, www.haltonhills.ca or at both branches of the Halton Hills Library.

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