



Glen Lawson Road to be repaired

The Town will use millings – ground-up asphalt scraped off roads that are being resurfaced – to help with short term repairs to Glen Lawson Road, a rutted dirt road south of Acton.

At Council on Monday, Regional Ward 1/2 Councillor Clark Somerville asked staff is there is anything that could be done, other than just grading, to fix the busy road.

Engineer Rick Henry said the ground-up asphalt from the roads in Acton that are being resurfaced this year will be mixed in with the existing gravel on Glen Lawson Road.

“What it does, it tightens up the gravel, so it’s a short (term) fix,” Henry said, adding that staff have also discussed resurfacing the one-kilometre long road, which would buy about five more years of life.

Glen Lawson Road is scheduled for reconstruction in 2012.

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Michael Chong gets coveted cabinet post(s)

Privy Council, Sports and Intergovernmental Affairs are all his baby now

Wellington-Halton Hills M.P. Michael Chong was sworn in Monday as President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister for Sport.

Intergovernmental Affairs is part of the Privy Council Office and deals with policy in such areas as federal-provincial-territorial relations, Aboriginal affairs, the evolution of the federation and Canadian unity.

As Minister for Sport, Michael will also have responsibilities for Sport Canada. Sport Canada supports the achievement of high performance excellence and the development of the Canadian sport system to strengthen the unique contribution that sport makes to Canadian identity, culture and society.

Commenting on his appointment Monday, Michael Chong said "I'm honoured to have been asked to serve in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's first cabinet as President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister for Sport. I will work hard to ensure that Canada is one nation indivisible from coast to coast to coast, so that all Canadians from all regions are an integral part of this great country of ours."

"While I now have ad-

ditional responsibilities, I remain committed to my primary responsibility – that is to serve the people of Wellington-Halton Hills as their Member of Parliament in Ottawa."

PRaise FROM MCGUINTY

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty had some praise for Michael Chong when quizzed about the suitability of federal cabinet ministers from Ontario appointed Monday.

McGuinty viewed Chong's



The Honourable Michael Chong

appointment as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs as another good sign. The Wellington-Halton Hills MP will be charged with the thorny issue of the \$23 billion gap between what Ontario sends to Ottawa and the funds transferred back to the province in

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Tax hike reduce 4.7%

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 The New Tanner

Town Council will use an unexpected one-time provincial grant of \$82,000 to reduce this year's operating budget and Town tax hike to 4.7 per cent, a 0.4 per cent decrease from the 5.1 per cent approved by the budget committee last week.

At Council on Monday, Treasurer Ed DeSousa reported that although they did not anticipate any money this year from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, \$82,000 was deposited in the Town's account on February 1.

Calling the \$82,000 "unexpectedly good news," Mayor Rick Bonnette urged councillors to use the money to reduce the operating budget and taxes.

Georgetown Councillor Mike Davis suggested they use \$67,300 of the \$82,000 to open the libraries on Mondays – a repeat budget request that has been narrowly defeated in past years.

Regional Ward 1/2 Councillor Clark Somerville said as they debated the budget, there were a lot of items that they "could have, and should have and might have" put

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Faulty alarm sends firefighters to Kenney St.

An off-duty part-time firefighter out walking his dog heard a fire alarm sounding in a Kenney Street residence at 1:01 p.m. on Saturday.

When he couldn't get any response, he called for help and crews got into the house through an unlocked window and found there was no fire.

It's believed a faulty detector caused the alarm.

Wire fire

Arcing hydro lines caused trees limbs to burst into flames after wet heavy snow pushed the lines onto branches in front of a residence on Fifth Line, south of 22 Side Road at 11:01 p.m. on Saturday.

The limbs had burned through and were no longer on fire when Acton firefighters arrived on the scene. Firefighters notified hydro crews of the incident.

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