



BATTLING THE ELEMENTS: Day or night town staff have been out keeping streets and sidewalks in Halton Hills clean. In this photo taken at the corner of Main and Wilbur Sts. on one unpleasant evening you can see the snow plough at work in a maze of Acton Christmas lights - Charles Tysoe photo

Town staff ready for storm

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sidewalks and 22 municipal parking lots.

Policy calls for crews to begin snow removal on secondary routes once eight centimetres of snow has fallen, and immediately on the major arterial and collectors roads where Spear said they aim to keep them “black and wet” as soon as the snowfall begins. He said they also keep bus stops, bus loading zones and crosswalks clear as soon as the snowfall begins.

Spear said each storm prompts calls and e-mails to the public works de-

partment from residents either complaining because crews weren’t out soon enough, or from people who say they’ll clear their own sidewalk and don’t want the Town to spend money to do it.

“We get some pretty irate people calling – we seldom get congratulations – but that comes with the job,” Spear said, adding they at the mercy of Mother Nature and forecasts are just that – forecasts.

“We can be ready with all of our equipment and staff, but if the snow falls faster than we can get to it, that’s what happens,”

Spear said, adding they have 25 public works staff

on three shifts to clear snow and can call on six recreation and parks staff to help out.

The Town’s fleet of snow clearing equipment includes three sidewalk ploughs that also sand and salt, four small trucks with ploughs that also sand and salt, 12 tandem trucks that sand and salt, two graders, five 4X4s and three ton trucks with plough for clearing parking lots.

Spear said he’s “sure” that the \$250,000 snow clearing budget for 2008 was all spent and hopes that this year’s budget, with a minimal increase, will also received Council approval in the coming months.

Christmas sales consistent..

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this holiday season where owner Sandy MacDonald said there were no flowers left after the Christmas rush.

“I would say we were busier than last year, but won’t know

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Fallbrook fate?

While Town Council made it clear that it will not accept title to the Fallbrook Farm, it did reaffirm an earlier decision to ask its heritage advisory group – Heritage Halton Hills – to prepare a heritage designation report for the property in the Silvercreek Conservation area on 27 Side Road.

The owners of the property Credit Valley Conservation are at odds with a group of citizens who want to preserve and restore the 19th century square log house. The group, called Friends of Fallbrook, complain that they can’t become incorporated and accept donations without CVC permission. CVC officials said they hoped to meet with the group as soon as possible, but warned if the Town refused to accept title to the property, CVC would ask Halton for a special levy to cover maintenance costs for the facility this year.

The Council vote to ask for the heritage designation was a 6-5 and it was noted that even with a heritage designation, the Town could give CVC the go ahead to deconstruct the farmhouse if the Friends of Fallbrook can’t come up with enough money.

for sure until I check our books. It certainly was a good year,” MacDonald said, adding they had not planned to open between Christmas and New Year’s but did because of the demand for flowers. She said they would have a 50 per cent off sale of Christmas gift items beginning next week.

While sales lagged behind last year’s levels at Acton’s Giant Tiger, owner/manager Alec Boyd said he was not “too disappointed” with the holiday season shopping.

“Not surprisingly, it wasn’t as good as last year – some weather related and also because of the economy in general. Overall, we’re not unhappy with where we ended up – definitely a little softer than last year,” Boyd said, declining to provide any hard numbers.

He said that although there were not fewer people coming through the doors than last year, they were buying less.

Officials at the Hide House declined to comment on their Christmas sales.



Notice of ANNUAL MEETING of the ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting to be held on **Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 am** at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton.

Purpose of the meeting is to receive the Financial Statements for 2008, for the Election of Officers and Directors and to review and vote on changes to the Constitution.

New Members Welcome.

Jill Medland
Secretary/Treasurer
Acton Agricultural Society
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Crime Stoppers

Halton Regional Police are investigating a violent store robbery in Acton on December 2.

Shortly after 9 p.m. on December 2, an unknown male entered Jug City, located at 22 Mill Street East. He jumped over the counter and assaulted the lone female employee, knocking her to the ground. As a result, the victim suffered minor injuries.

The suspect filled a small black cloth bag with cigarettes and an undisclosed amount of cash from the register before fleeing the area. He is described as male, white, 5’9”, skinny build, wearing a black balaclava, a black top and beige pants. Total loss is not yet known.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other matter, you may be eligible for a cash reward. You will never have to give your name or testify in court. Crime stoppers of Halton does no subscribe to call display. Please call 1-800-222-TIPS (1-800-222-8477) or check us out on the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.com

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