

Acton man is charged with theft over \$5,000 - police

Halton Regional Police Regional Fraud Unit has concluded a seven month fraud investigation resulting in charges against an Acton man.

Halton Police began an investigation into allegations that over a two year period of time, two Rockwood men invested over \$155,000 into an alleged charitable event run by a company known as "Good Time Events"

Police said the owner of Good Time Events led the victims to believe their investment was going toward an event known

as a "Cardathon." A Cardathon was described as a large charity gaming event which promised a 50% return on the investor's money. The event was to be held at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

When there was no progress in event scheduling, the apparent fraud was brought to the attention of the Halton Regional Police Service.

Detectives learned that a charitable event called Cardathon had never been booked at the Rogers Centre, nor did the Rogers Centre have any know-

ledge of Good Time Events.

On March 3, Halton detectives arrested 32-year old Stephen Turkosz of Acton, and charged him with two counts of fraud over \$5,000.

To date no money has been paid back and there was never a return on the investments made, Police said.

Anyone with information related to this crime is asked to contact the Burlington Criminal Investigations Bureau at (905)825-4777 ext 5399 or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

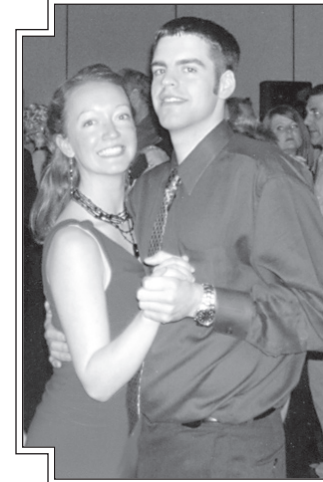
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"The Park is not a business, but it would increase traffic through and to the downtown core if it was part of us. We'd like to do more things like Movies in the Park and things like summer and winter festivities that would bring more people out and that would benefit the entire downtown," Wilkes said, adding she'd love to see boat rentals return to Fairly Lake.

"There are so many people in town who don't even know where Prospect Park and Fairy Lake are and that is just a sin. To me, it's just a gold mine of hubs that could be used and the more we can have happening in the Park, the more people will visualize what the downtown has to offer."

Town Council received the request from the BIA and sent it to staff for a report.



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Suzuki praises Green Energy Act...

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government will introduce a Green Energy Act, Premier Dalton McGuinty promised to modernize the province's energy transmission grid to accommodate renewable energy sources and

to expand the use of solar, wind, hydro, biomass, and biogas. In the process, according to Premier McGuinty, the move would help generate investment and create more than 50,000 jobs over the next three years.

Governments such as Germany's already have a considerable head start when it comes to renewable energy, and even the U.S. is becoming a world leader in clean-energy technology. It would be great if this latest move

by the Ontario government encouraged other Canadian politicians to get in on the act - not just for the sake of clean air, land, and water, but for the sake of keeping our economy strong as well.

What's the rush says Arnott

By Frances Niblock

Bill 150, the Green Energy Act and Green Economy Act, now proceeding rapidly through second reading at Queen's Park, should be called the "Power Grab Act" according to Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott who suggests the Liberals are pushing the legislation through quickly because they have something to hide.

"I also think that the government is trying to divert attention away from the economy in advance of the March 26 budget," Arnott said on Monday as the Opposition continued to question the Minister of Energy about the wide ranging legislation that affects 21 acts including The Building Code, Places to Grow Act, Greenbelt Act, Planning Act and Environmental Protection Act.

Bill 150 is designed to make it easier to develop renewable energy projects and create a culture of conservation.

In an interview on Monday, Arnott repeated some of the comments that he made in the Legislature after the bill was intro-

duced in late February. "We asked that the bill be sent to a committee for a full discussion with public input after first reading. It is very unusual for such an important piece of legislation to be called for second reading debate right after it was introduced for the first time. What's the rush?" Arnott asked.

He said the bill would give the Minister of Energy new powers to allow for warrantless entry into businesses and there are concerns that the bill give the Minister new powers to circumvent normal processes, specifically with the development of wind-mill power.

"I expect and anticipate that municipalities will have concerns as well, but we haven't had a chance to hear from them and it would have been better to hear from the public after first reading," he said, adding he hasn't had a lot of comments from constituents, but expects them once more details of the bill are known.

The Government said that the legislation will fight climate change, create a green economy and

create 50,000 jobs in three years, a number Arnott said apparently was "pulled out of the air."

"It would seem to me that the Government is actively trying to divert attention away from the

economy. We have a lot of questions and so far, no answers about the new powers the Minister will have when the bill passes, what he intends to do with them and why he needs them," Arnott said.



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