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BOOK SALE DONATIONS: Proceeds from a used book sale at St. Joseph Catholic School were donated to the Canadian Cancer Society by students Olivia, Nicole and Olivia last week. Society president Cathy Gerrow gratefully accepted the \$101.35 cheque. - Submitted photo

Draft firearm bylaw a dud

By Frances Niblock

Like a dud bullet, the Town's plans to rewrite its firearms discharge bylaw mis-fired.

When more than 70 per cent of respondents urged the Town not to proceed with changes to the bylaw that governs where firearms and bows can be discharged within Halton Hills, staff took heed and at a recent council meeting, politicians followed suit.

Among other things, the proposed changes to the bylaw enlarged the area where guns and bows could not be discharged and enlarged the size of rural property needed before firearms could be discharged. One rural resident with less than two acres said under the proposed legislation he would not have been able to practice shooting his bow and arrows.

One of the contentious changes proposed making a property owner legally responsible if anyone entered his property and shot a firearm – even a pellet gun. The property owner could have been fined as much as

\$100,000.

Georgetown Councillor Joan Robson who chairs the Community Affairs Committee where the proposed bylaw was first rejected, said when they looked closely at the changes they determined there were a number of things better in the original bylaw. She noted that the Province controls hunting and the Town control discharging things like pellet guns.

Georgetown Councillor John Duncan said it sounded like the proposed changes would cause more problems than they solved, including putting an impossible onus on a landowner to know who was discharging a firearm on his property.

"You can't control who is on your land...without barbwire fences," Duncan said, adding the bylaw was better the way it was.

A public meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the bylaw was cancelled and 2,000 letters explaining the Town's position were delivered to affected landowners.

Bad weather bus news

With winter weather emails parents to inform here, the Halton District School Board reminds parents/guardians of the numerous ways to check for school bus transportation cancellations and tem could be delayed school closures.

traditional notification methods of radio and television stations listed below, the Halton District School Board has added the use of the Home Notification System to inform parents/guardians of transportation cancellations and school closures. The Home Notification System is an automated system that telephones and/or

them of cancellations and closures

Due to the volume of calls being made, the Home Notification Sysand we therefore strongly In addition to the recommend parents also of communication: check radio or television stations, the Board website or switchboard. The Home Notification System is a supplementary method of notification.

Parents may check with their child's school to ensure they receive messages through the Home Notification System. Newly registered families will CKOC (1150 AM), automatically be included CHWO (740 AM) and

in this notification system based on information provided at registration.

The Halton District School Board's primary method of informing parents of school closures will be the following methods

(Note: The decision to cancel transportation and/ or close schools before the start of a school day will be made prior to 6:00 a.m., and radio/television stations will be informed by 6:30 a.m.).

AM Radio: CFRB (1010 AM), CJOY (1460 AM), CHML (900 AM),

CHFI (680 AM). FM Radio: CHFI

(98.1 FM), WAVE (94.7 FM), Y108 (107.9 FM), CING (95.3 FM), CKFM (99.9 FM), KLITE (102.9 FM), CBC (99.1 FM), and CIMJ (106.1 FM). **Television Stations:**

CHTV Morning Show and CITY TV. Websites: www.halton-

bus.ca and www.hdsb.ca. For more information about school bus transportation cancellations and school closures, refer to the Halton District School Board website (search for "inclement weather" information under "Policies").

Cold Case murder Who killed Wayne Greavette?

By Frances Niblock

Thirteen years ago, Wayne Greavette was murdered in front of his family by a mail bomb - now his family have renewed their calls for justice and closure.

The cold case was highlighted in a CBC documentary on the weekend, along with a plea for anyone with any information to come forward to try to solve the callus and cowardly murder.

Greavette, 42, who had been a partner at S.E.R.G.E. Beverage and Equipment Ltd., west of Acton, had a falling out with his business partner and opened a business in rural Acton before moving to Moffat in Puslinch Township and opening a similar business.

On December 12, 1996, Greavette opened a parcel that was delivered through the Acton Post Office to his house. In it was a floatable flashlight and a note that contained several names known to Greavette and a suggested

business deal.

Several times Greavette tried to turn the flashlight on and on his final attempt it blew up. He took the brunt of the blast, protecting his wife, son and brother who were in the room. Greavette was killed instantly.

Despite a long and thorough investigation by the OPP, and a \$50,000 reward for information, the case remains unsolved.

At the time, police released a composite drawing of two men who, a month before the murder, had asked at the Acton Post Office for Greavette's new address.

Police also asked anyone in the bottling and packaging equipment business to check correspondence in their files because the note with the bomb was typed on a faulty typewriter that left a distinctive slash after each period.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

