

Police/Fire Report

Help yourself

Cash and a bank card were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Mill Street on August 24 in the early afternoon. Police continue to urge people to lock their vehicles at all times.

Burn complaint

A rural Acton resident was advised not to burn anything else on his property on Dublin Line, north of 25 Side Road, without getting a burn permit from the fire department. Acton firefighters were called to the residence at 9:39 on

Sunday night and found a small unpermitted fire burning at the rear of the property. He was advised to let the fire burn out and get a permit.

Alarm tampering

Some one tampered with the alarm panel at 2 Main St. South, disconnecting the battery back-up at 8:41 p.m. last Tuesday. Acton firefighters reconnected the battery, reset the alarms and advised the owner to lock the alarm panel to prevent future tampering.



OFF TO MARKET: Acton's Farmers' Market, organized by the BIA, is growing in popularity. Shoppers wanting fresh produce, plants, and artisan wares are welcome to attend every Thursday afternoon until 7 p.m. James Wegenast of Tuitman's Garden Centre hopes to see you there. — Denise Paulsen photo

Construction begins on Acton fire hall

With no public debate or comment, Halton Hills councillors approved adding \$77,388 to the budget to expand and improve the Churchill Road fire

station. The contract for the \$410,190 project was awarded to Vema Corp. of Burlington, and includes construction of a Heritage Museum, a fitness room

and replacement of the roof, heating and ventilation systems and air conditioning for the office areas.

In a report to Council,

Fire Chief Brent Marshall said the upgrades would provide Acton with equivalent levels of service and staff facilities to those available in Georgetown. Chief Marshall said the two additions totalling 1,660-square-feet would provide new offices for the training division and utilize existing wiring for office computers and telephones for three fulltime firefighters.

After all of the tenders submitted significantly exceeded the approved budget, the design was reworked to include two additions so services to the building would not have to be relocated. The budget included the cost of replacing one heating/

cooling system, but it was determined that it was not possible to put the existing heating/cooling system back on the roof after it was replaced, so the budget was increased to cover the cost of a second and third heating/cooling system.

As well as reworking the costs to bring it under budget, staff approached a number of local contractors to ask about "in-kind" donations, and Van Raine and Sons Snowplowing of Georgetown agreed to complete all of the excavation work – valued at \$12,000 – on an in-kind basis.

The Acton Firefighters Association has already raised the \$41,000 it

pledged to the project, and Dufferin Aggregates will donate \$50,000 towards upgrades for the Heritage Museum.

While the Acton Firefighters Association and the fire department own many significant pieces of fire department memorabilia, the most prized possession is a 1927 Studebaker fire truck that will be displayed in the Heritage Museum, along with artifacts, including a collection of grainy black and white photographs of the bucket brigade that fought Acton fires in the mid-1800s.

Construction will begin tomorrow (Friday) and the project should be complete by Christmas.

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