

No questions asked for medal return

A tearful Acton grandmother is pleading with who ever broke in her home last week to return 75 stolen Irish dancing medals, won by her granddaughter, by dropping them in a Canada Post box.

"Whatever else they stole, I just want the medals back," she said, adding there will be no questions asked if the medals are returned.

"The insurance can cover most of the stuff, but it can't cover those medals and they aren't worth any money, but have sentimental value."

Last Tuesday, a sliding glass door at a George Street residence was forced open and items valued at approximately \$5,000 were taken including an antique safe, two antique cameras, WWII binoculars, two gold bracelet with diamonds, emeralds and rubies, half-carat diamond earrings and the medals.

Halton Detective Sean Baker said it is an "unusual" case, as police would prefer to make an arrest first. "It's done, basically in this situation, because of the sentimental value of the items that were taken with the medals themselves," Detective Baker said on Monday, adding they "normally" like to catch the thief/thieves.

"That becomes a little bit secondary in this situation that we would consider doing this in order for them to get their property back."

Initially, police were not in favour of a "no questions asked drop off" because it might "jeopardize" prosecution of the culprits, but Detective Baker said if they find out whose is responsible through alternative methods of policing, there's nothing to stop a criminal investigation which could lead to charges.



GIFTS GALORE: Tania Orton of The Bergamot, Acton's newest gift store, gathered with local politicians and business owners last Thursday to celebrate the grand opening. On hand to cut the ribbon and offer best wishes, were, from left: Councillor Clark Somerville, Janet Wilson, Gail Root, Tania Orton, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Lois Ryder, Dr. Dana Selby, Councillor Mike O'Leary, Nancy Wilkes and Councillor Jon Hurst.

— Denise Paulsen photo



Bring it on Town ready for Mother Nature

The Town's fleet of snow moving equipment is poised for the first winter storm – 17 trucks, most

with plows, spinners and conveyors, two graders, two loaders and seven smaller trucks with plowing, sanding and salting capabilities.

As he watched the weather network, Environment Canada updates, and a roadside weather detector on Highway 25 at Speyside last week, Dick Spear, the Town's Superintendent of Public Works, was confident they are ready for whenever Mother Nature turns nasty.

A supply of two-tonnes of salt and 71-tonnes of sand have been stockpiled at the Trafalgar Road works yard. The salt goes directly onto routes what are classified as busy urban arterial and collector roads – including Acton

Boulevard, Queen, Mill, Young and Main Streets in Acton – which get treated first to try to keep traffic moving through town.

"Once there is eight to ten centimetres of snow on neighbourhood roads, they will be plowed. If we can get the arterials and collectors bared off and keep them bare, then we start on the secondary roads," Spear said, adding they redirect six Recreation and Parks employees to road clearing duties, along with three seasonal workers.

The Town clears over 900-kilometres of roads, 125-kilometres of sidewalks and 22 municipal parking lots. Town policy requires crews to begin snow removal on sec-

ondary routes once eight centimetres of snow has fallen, and immediately on the major arterial and collector 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 was unable to say how much is in the budget for snow clearing this year – there won't be any huge budget overruns if there is bad weather – after several years of being nailed by bad storms which wrecked havoc with the budget, staff began using a five-year average to determine how much snow to expect.

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Evelyn Kamminga - November Draw Winner

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