

Former house on property found to contain mould

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uals have joined the fundraising team to date, donating either their time, talent or money.

"Certainly Milton and the region of Halton have been very, very supportive of what's evolving here," offered Mayor Gord Krantz. "It's a worthy cause and I wish you well in your endeavor here."

Before construction of the new residence can begin, site plan approval from the Town is required. The plans are currently under consideration by Town staff.

The house that originally sat on the property was torn down last week.

After the land was purchased in 1996, the house on the property was scheduled for renovation. But two years later the structure was found to contain potentially harmful mould and deemed unsuitable.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Don Cherry (centre) joins with other dignitaries in the ground-breaking ceremony for Rose Cherry's Home.

Hit-and-run driver tells victim's family he regrets leaving

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search of a better life.

"He was the kindest person I had ever met. He was an innocent victim of a tragic accident that left him to die alone on the road. The fact Mr. Carroll did not stop was callous and cowardly. I will miss him every moment for the rest of my life."

The Wierzbicki's youngest son, Daniel, 5, wasn't in court.

Following the victim impact statements, Mr. Carroll read a letter of apology to the victim's family.

"I've been waiting for this moment for 10 months. There is absolutely no excuse for my actions. I should have stopped the car and assisted the man. I accept full responsibility for my actions. I never thought I would be capable of such a cowardly and despicable act. I hope some day I will be able to face this tragedy like a man. Although I don't know this man, he will always be in my thoughts."

During final submissions, assistant Crown attorney Mary Ward told the court she's seeking a jail term of nine to 15 months plus a five-year driving ban.

Defence lawyer Fred Fedorosen argued his client should receive a conditional sentence to be served in the community.

Mr. Carroll pleaded guilty in March to careless driving causing death and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

He was travelling on Tremaine Road, just north of Derry Road, at about noon August 14 when he struck Mr. Wierzbicki, 41. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

At the prompting of his ex-wife, Mr. Carroll turned himself into Halton Regional Police two days after the accident and confessed to the hit-and-run.

Sentencing is scheduled for August 26 before Justice Harry Edmonstone in Oakville court.

Trustees considered having deficit budget

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Strategic Plan and construct needed schools and, potentially, the ability to open existing schools in the fall of 2002, be it resolved that the HDSB, with great reluctance, approve the 2002-03 budget."

As well, the board's budget directive will ask Ontario Education Minister Elizabeth Witmer to send a representative to meet with Halton Education Director Dusty Papke "to examine the HDSB budget in detail and provide solutions to the financial shortfalls that are inherent in this budget."

Trustees will also request that one-time funding be made available to the board from the government's contingency fund, which, trustees say, was created by budget surpluses of \$1 billion per year for the provincial budgets of 2001-02 and 2002-2003.

Several Halton trustees wanted to actually submit a deficit budget. It has been done by the Ottawa-Carleton school board while the Hamilton-Wentworth public board approved a deficit budget Monday. The Toronto public board is also considering a deficit budget. Ms Witmer has appointed a ministry official to look into the Ottawa-Carleton case.

Under provincial legislation, trustees can be fined and/or removed from office for passing budget deficits with board operations potentially taken on by the ministry.

"This board is just the right size to be taken over," Milton Trustee Erica Andrew told her colleagues prior to the passing of the balanced budget. "I don't think we can afford to call the government's bluff."

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