Hockey equipment swap will be held this Sunday

Goal is to help young hockey players acquire the hockey equipment they need regardless of financial situation

As Milton's youth prepare for the upcoming hockey season, a local man is working to ensure everyone has the equipment they need.

To accomplish this, Tim Benson is organizing a hockey equipment swap meet, which will see people trade or donate equipment that doesn't fit anymore.

"My goal is to help our young hockey players get outfitted with appropriate equipment in the least expensive and affordable way," said Mr. Benson.

"Even though many parents can

afford to buy new equipment for their children, there are those less fortunate people who cannot. We've all see the young players with skates too big or helmets that are not safety certified."

An event of this type hasn't been held in Milton for eight years, he added.

The swap meet is scheduled for Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Arena on Thompson Road. In addition to the trades, donations will also be accepted.

"If enough is donated, there is a possibility of bringing it (remaining equipment) to the native children on the reserve near Parry Sound," Mr. Benson added.

"I have been in contact with an elder up there and there is an interest."

Neither dealers or vendors will be permitted to take part in the event.

Vehicles have right of way at downtown crossing areas

Pedestrians should exercise caution when crossing Main Street at the signed crossing locations, warn Town staff.

Some drivers stop as a courtesy for pedestrians, but they're not required to by law, and vehicles actually have the right-of-way.

which would have a button to initiate (traffic control) lights," said

Phil Antonio of the Milton community services department. "All you really have there are walkways in which pedestrians should be careful prior to entering into the road-

Since the re-construction project was completed last month, several "It's not an official walk — near incidences of vehicle/pedestrian collisions have occurred at the three crossings, located between

James and Martin streets.

The "bump out" crossings are intended only to provide easier travel between the two sides of the street, he said. "All we've done is re-construct those bump outs and made them a little tighter into the roadway. That type of philosophy (exercising caution) should be used by people on any crossing."

Drug trial is set for February

The trial of a Fourth Line couple charged with drug offences will begin February 10 in Ontario Court (superior division) in Milton.

Douglas Weil and Agnieska Wojyanowska were charged June 14 after Halton Regional Police seized 251 marijuana plants and hydroponic growing equipment from a Fourth Line home.

The trial date was set following pre-trial motions Thursday.

A preliminary hearing, held to determine if there's enough evidence against the accused to go to trial, was held March 12 and April 8 in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Milton.

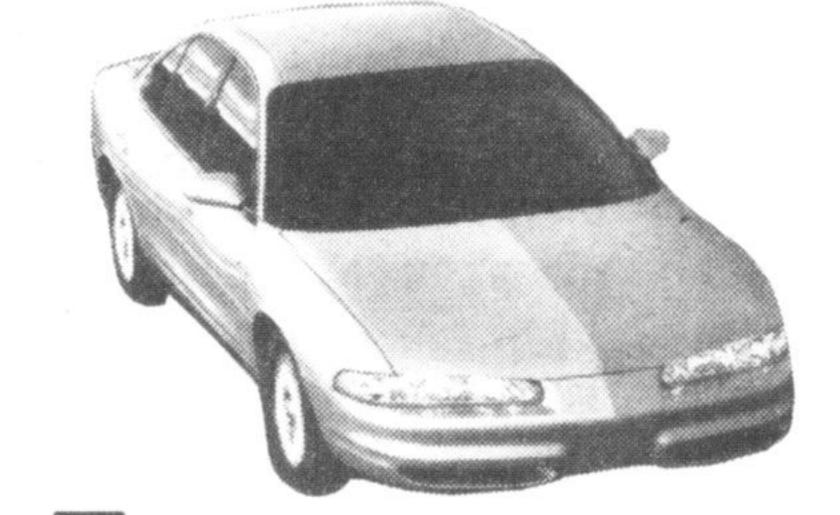
Mr. Weil and Ms Wojyanowska are each charged with producing a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

The trial is expected to last nine days.





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