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## New wheels

Budd's BMW Oakville donated a Mini Cooper to Halton Regional Police Thursday for its Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in local schools. The car has been creatively turned into a police vehicle. From left are Staff Sgt. Andrew Fletcher, Halton Regional Police Services Board Chair Keith Bird, Daryl Budd of Budd's BMW, DARE Halton board Chair Joe Zukiel and Police Chief Ean Algar.

## Town working on traffic signal co-ordination

Local residents should soon notice an improvement in the flow of traffic through town.

The Town is working to interconnect its traffic signal system to the Regional Road signal system, which would in turn allow for better signal co-ordination and a smoother trip for motorists.

Council approved using the Town of Oakville for traffic signal maintenance at its meeting last week, which is one of the first steps toward improving the flow of area traffic.

A report from Director of Engineering Services Paul Cripps explained the Town of Oakville uses the type of equipment required for the interconnection.

Some council members applauded the move toward better signal co-ordination,

like Wards 2 and 4 Councillor Ron Furik.

"I'm pleased to hear this — it's certainly something I've been asking for for quite awhile," he said.

The Town plans to install new traffic signals on arterial roads that intersect with Regional roads, while the Region will install new signals on east-west arterial roads within urban Milton.

Mr. Cripps said the Town's first step will be tying the Thompson Road signals into the Derry Road system. The timing of this is dependent on the Derry Road widening project, which is anticipated to be finished by next year.

He said 10 years is a realistic timeline to have the signal system throughout town co-ordinated.

## Give blood and be a hero

Canadian Blood Services invites Milton residents to be heroic and donate blood in support of the 'Everyday Hero' campaign.

Clinics will run Thursday at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Drive, from 2 to 8 p.m., and August 27 at the centre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

By dropping by a clinic this summer, donors can enter to win a trip for four to Orlando, Florida, courtesy of Air Canada or one of 35 DVD prize packs featuring a Walt Disney Pictures presentation of a

Pixar Animation Studios film, The Incredibles.

The 'Everyday Hero' campaign is designed to increase awareness of the ongoing need for blood during the summer months.

"Even though people like to take a summer break, the need for blood never takes a break," said Judy Compton, regional director for Southern Ontario.

For eligibility or clinic information, or to schedule an appointment to give blood, call 1-888-2-DONATE.

## Town changes zoning for truck repair facility

A strip club proposed for west Milton several years ago will never open its doors now that council approved a zoning change for the Steeles Avenue property.

The decision was made last week to give the zoning bylaw amendment the go ahead, which removes an adult entertainment parlour as a permitted use for the land.

Instead, a truck repair facility will be setting up shop on the property located just

west of Regional Road 25. It was approved as a temporary use for a period of three years.

After that, council could review the matter and would have the option to renew it.

Council previously denied the application that would've allowed for a strip club, but it was then approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Even with the OMB endorsement, the development never proceeded.

## Zoning change at corner

Local residents could soon see anything from a car dealership to a gas station open up at the corner of Steeles Avenue and James Snow Parkway.

Council passed a zoning bylaw amendment for the property at its meeting last week, changing it from employment to auto commercial.

The new designation permits auto-related commercial uses, such as a car dealership.

Town Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio said the property's owner, Harry Snoek in Trust and American Construction and Excavation Ltd., as yet has no definite plans for the six-acre site.



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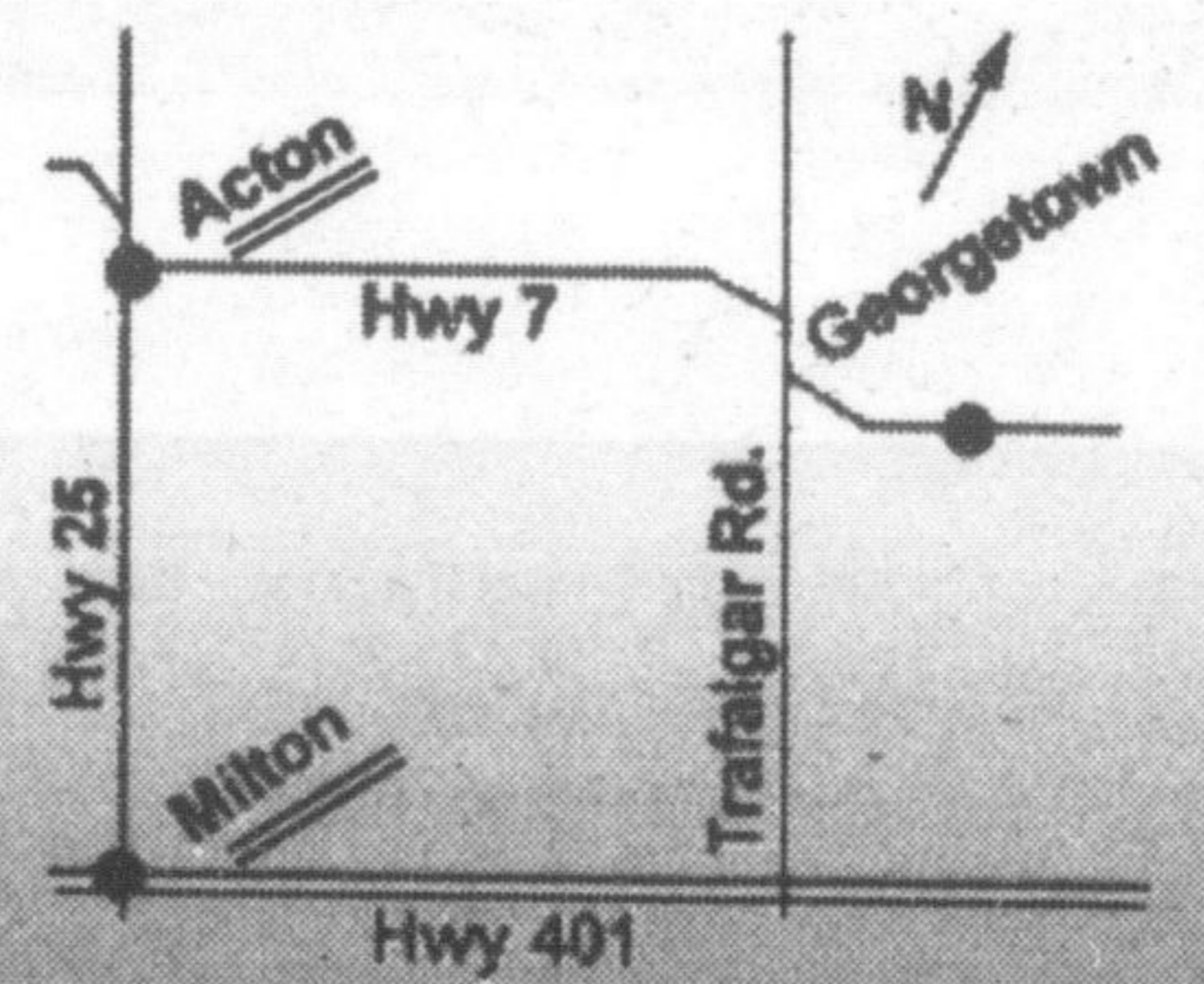
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