

Hit-and-run death case in court Tuesday

A man charged in the July hit-and-run death of a young Milton woman will return to court later this month.

Stephen Alchin, 34, of Halton Hills, faces charges of criminal negligence causing death, failing to remain and drug possession.

A representative for his lawyer appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Milton last week, during which two return court dates were set — March 30 for a pre-trial in Milton, and June 21 and 22 for a preliminary hearing in Burlington.

Alchin's case will come up

again Tuesday at Milton court in order to confirm those dates.

Lauren Cooper, 18, a student at Milton District High School, was rollerblading the night of July 13 on Second Line, just north of No. 15 Sideroad, when she was struck by a vehicle and killed.

Region committee passes motion to seek funding

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Katsos urged the Region to have the Regional chairman meet with Halton MPs to request their support in ensuring funding announcements are made by February 1.

In addition, he asked for the Regional chair to write to the minister of human resources and social development to applaud the government's commitment to funding homelessness programs, but also urge her to announce continued funding for the current SCPI programs by February 1 and ensure there are no delays in funding after March 31.

The committee put Katsos's requests into the form of a motion and supported it.

Katsos also outlined the successes of the SCPI-funded programs. Locally, those programs are: Links2Care, which provides a transitional housing program for homeless families; the Halton Multicultural Council, which has two apartments in Burlington for immigrant and refugee families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; Support and Housing-Halton, which offers transitional housing with supports for people with serious men-

tal illness and Transitions for Youth's Bridging the Gap, which has an outreach program for homeless youth aged 16 to 24.

He said with the \$324,900 allocated for local transitional housing services in 2005/2006:

- 24 adults and 30 children spent 3,530 days in transitional housing
- Six youths spent 498 days in transitional housing
- 155 youths were supported in finding emergency and transitional housing
- 24 adults and 155 youths were supported in accessing other services required to stabilize their lives
- 114 adults and 198 youths were provided with information and referrals.

Outgoing Burlington Councillor Joan Lougheed went on to voice her support for SCPI and the programs.

"I think the success speaks for itself," she noted.

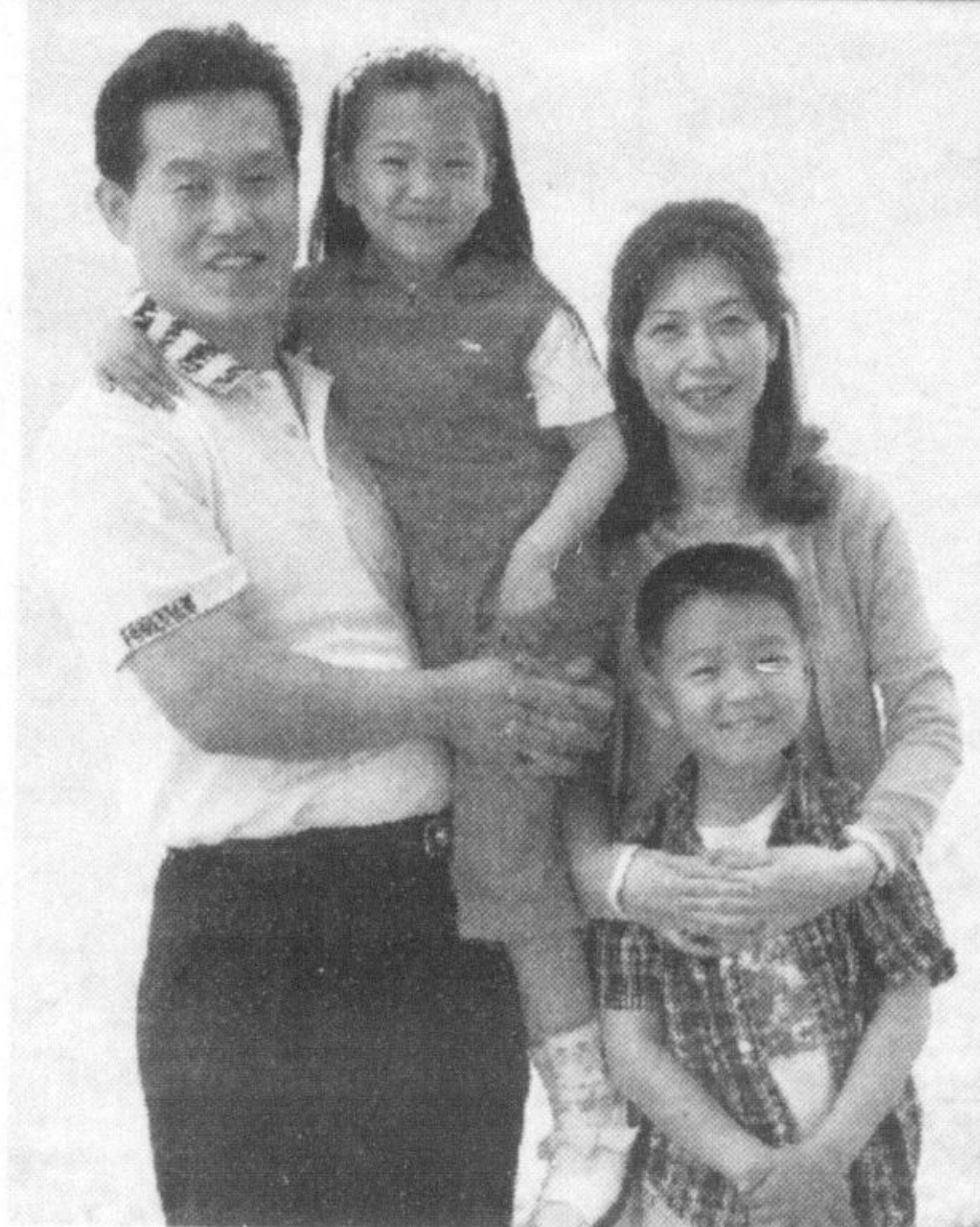
The committee's resolution will now go before regional council Wednesday.

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- November 29 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council
- December 6 9:30 a.m. - Inaugural meeting of Regional Council

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