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**PRESERVING THE PAST:** Mayor Gord Krantz cuts the ribbon to officially open the new archives facility at Halton County Radial Railway while archivist David Hardisty (right), general manager Tom Twigge and Ward 3 Councillor Jan Mowbray look on. Two former Canadian Pacific boxcars — fully renovated — now house Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association memorabilia, including vintage drawings, photographs and clothing.

## ATV drivers destroying private property: police

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SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

There's a serious problem in Nassagaweya with all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), say Halton Regional Police.

They're receiving numerous complaints of excessive noise and property damage and ATVs being used on roads, said Staff Sgt. Susan Delaney.

"The problem with these vehicles is they are exactly that, vehicles, not toys, and are subject to many rules and regulations," she said.

"They are fun and useful recreational vehicles but can also be dangerous and

destructive if not driven properly and in appropriate places."

One resident, who wished not to be named, said he can hear many ATVs on the back portion of his property, primarily late in the afternoon and throughout the weekends. Due to difficulty of accessing the back of the property with a regular vehicle, catching the culprits is difficult.

"We can hear them at the back of our property — they are so loud," the Nassagaweya resident said.

"It began in early spring and there just seems to be more and more of them. We posted 75 'No Trespassing' signs and, when we went out there a few weeks later, over

three quarters of them were gone and the rest were bent and twisted. We put a fence up to prevent them from coming on the property, but they removed it as well as cutting down some of our trees. It really makes me angry that people would have so little respect for someone else's property."

The resident said the noise and property damage are not his only concerns. He has heard shots fired in the wooded portion of his property and has found shotgun casings. He fears for the safety of his children as well as the wildlife that frequent his property.

The resident said that access is being gained from the hydro right-of-way on First Line in Nassagaweya and that a makeshift

ATV course had been set up. He believes many of the people using it are not residents and park along First Line to unload their ATVs. He has asked the police and Ward 3 Councillor Jan Mowbray for help in stopping people from trespassing on his property.

Mowbray asked for support from the Town of Milton and it has agreed to recommend a 'no stopping' bylaw on First Line so people can't park and unload their ATVs, she said. This could take a little time to put in place.

"Town staff has agreed to support erecting 'no stopping' signs but all new signs require

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