

# Trial date for officer charged with attempt to obstruct justice

A June 2 trial has been set for a Halton police officer charged with attempting to obstruct justice.

Sgt. Rod Wilson, 45, appeared in Milton provincial court Monday in connection with an anonymous message left on a politician's telephone answering machine.

The message left for Halton Hills Regional Councillor Pam Johnston in June is related to an investigation surrounding an anonymous letter alleging police wrongdoing.

An investigation was launched by regional police last year to determine the author of a controversial letter distributed by Ms Johnston at a June 3 regional council

meeting in Oakville.

The letter alleged high-ranking Halton police officials covered up an apparent wife assault by an officer in 1983. The author is still unknown, according to police.

A subsequent OPP investigation into the alleged cover-up found no evidence to back the charge.

The 20-year veteran of the Halton force also faces a misconduct charge under the Police Services Act in connection with the anonymous answering machine message.

His hearing has been put over until October 1, pending the outcome of the criminal charge.

# New parking lot for Campbellville will shrink downtown park: Brooks

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Mr. Lee said he'd be willing to support "any configuration that's better, with less cuts in parking." But he stressed that "over the last several years that corner has been a problem," and the opportunity to fix it could be lost if Milton drags its heels, since Halton plans on beginning work in the village soon.

Ward 1 councillor Brian Penman said he was "a tad confused and certainly frustrated" with hesitation at this point because for "the last 17 or 18 years," there has been pressure to improve safe parking in the village. The councillor added that he has been "horrified" by

some of the dangerous manoeuvres orchestrated by cars and pedestrians on busy weekends in the village.

Mr. Brooks admitted that while weekend afternoons were often plagued with traffic congestion in the village, "for the rest of the week there are very few cars around."

Many of the downtown business owners in Campbellville are wary of seeing a shrunken park, Mr. Brooks said.

"A lot of the merchants are not in favour of doing away with one of the attractions that brings people to Campbellville."

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