

Crime Stoppers hopes re-enactment will help solve Milton cold case

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Halton Crime Stoppers is hoping a re-enactment of a 2007 homicide, filmed in Oakville May 18, will finally bring justice for the victim's family.

Raymond Michael Venerus, 55, was murdered outside his home on Dublin Line in Milton on Feb. 21, 2007.

Police said around 9:50 a.m. on that day, Venerus got into his Jeep Cherokee and

drove to the end of his driveway, where unknown suspect(s) approached him.

"He was not a man to back down from a confrontation and he stopped his Jeep and got out," said Det. Const. Paul Proteau, Halton Crime Stoppers Co-ordinator.

"Raymond Venerus was fatally shot once in the head. To date, police have been unable to identify the person responsible for shooting him."

It has been nearly a decade since this murder took place and Proteau said the re-enactment

video, filmed at a residence on Burnhamthorpe Road West by CHCH, is intended to get people thinking about this incident again in the hope that someone may remember some crucial piece of information or have a change of heart and tell Crime Stoppers what they know.

"Mr. Venerus has family in the Milton area, who deserve to know what happened to their father and grandfather," said Proteau.

"Police believe there are those in the area who can still shed some light on this investi-

gation and we are appealing to anyone with information to come forward."

Proteau said a lot can happen in 10 years. During that time, the killer may have told someone what they did or someone could have found out.

"Maybe there is a spouse or ex-partner or friend of the person who committed the offence, whose relationship with that person has soured and they are ready to talk about this now," said Proteau.

If that is the case, Proteau said that person

Study includes review of ward boundaries

Best in the notion of reducing the number of municipal elected officials.

The report comes as the first phase of a two-part review. Once a decision is made on the future composition of Milton Council, the consultant team will undertake phase two of the study, which will encompass a comprehensive evaluation of the Town's ward boundaries and set out alternative boundary options to ensure effective and equitable local government.

The goal is to have all changes decided on and in place before the 2018 municipal election.

In addition to more Milton representatives, Regional Council also voted to add one more Oakville councillor to the Halton table. This would see regional council comprised of 24 members — the chair, eight councillors from Oakville, seven from Burlington, five from Milton and three from Halton Hills.

For further details and to view the phase 1 report visit <http://milton.ca/en/townhall/CouncilCompositionReview.asp>. Those who can't make it to the open house can submit comments online, or call 905-878-7252, ext. 2109.

— with files from Julia Le



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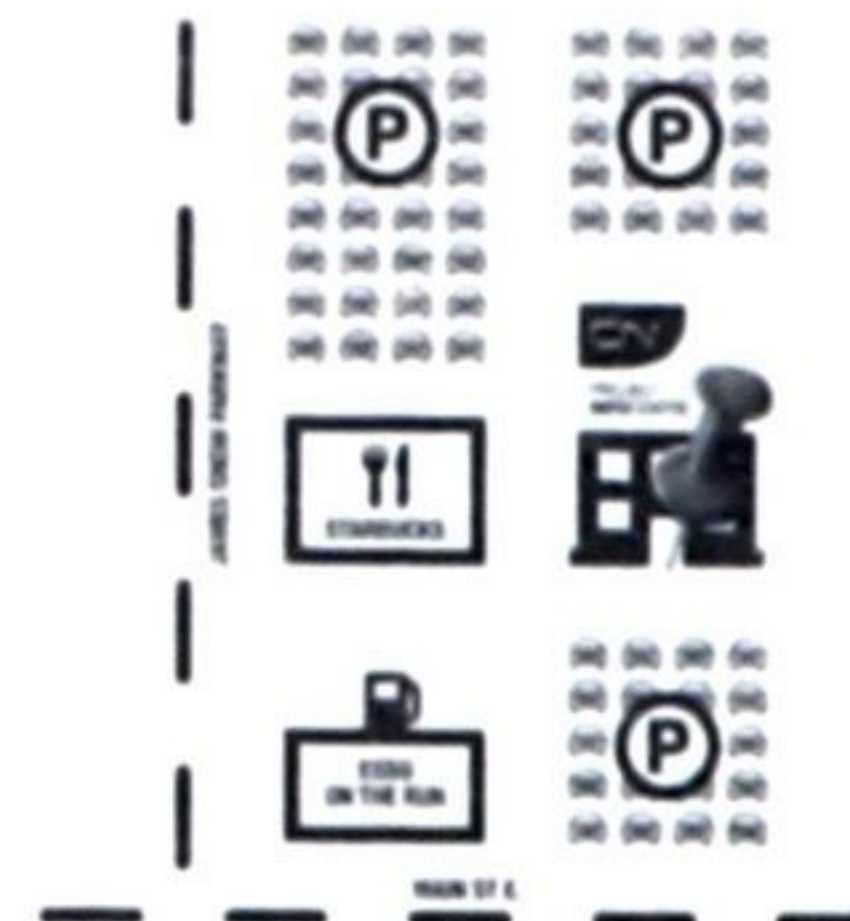
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