

# Town council lauds Credit River trail plans

A Credit River Valley Development Plan that will link an extensive recreational trail system through at least four major urban centres including Halton Hills was enthusiastically endorsed by General Committee Monday night.

Councillors heard that the development plan committee initiated by Peel Region will include representatives from all municipalities and Regions through which the Credit River and its tributaries flow.

The development committee will be chaired by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) which regulates the entire area.

However, before Halton Hills officials endorsed the plan, Councillor Alf Spence aired concerns over the wording of the resolution. He said it might be construed that Halton Hills will contribute money to the project.

However, Town Recreation Director Tom Shepard assured councillors that there will be no monetary commitment, and he warned that if Halton Hills fails to pass the trail en-

dorsement the Town will lose its chance to participate in the project.

Councillor Joe Hewitt called the trail "one of the most exciting things to happen in the (Credit River) watershed area."

Hewitt also wanted to know if the Credit River Trail program would encourage Halton Hills to develop trails along tributaries such as Silver Creek.

Shepard replied that the Recreation Department will shape its parks policies along those lines.

The Recreation Director also pointed out that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the CVCA will have considerable input into the trail plan, and that mean's there'll likely be provincial funding for the project.

Involved in the trail program will be the Towns of Caledon, Halton Hills, Cities of Mississauga and Brampton, the Regions of Peel and Halton, MNR, CVCA Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Bruce Trail Association.



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# Freezing rain hits, hydro, buses out

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### Trucks left on blocks

Five trucks parked in a fenced-in compound on Todd Road, Georgetown were found sitting on four-by-four blocks — all 64 of their tires stolen. Police say sometime last weekend someone cut holes in the wire fence to enter the compound, jacked up four new 44-foot dump trailers and one 40-foot dump trailer and took the new tires, worth about \$25,000 total. The trucks were parked at Cobra Manufacturing. Police are investigating.

### \$3,000 in tools stolen

The chain on the front gate and the padlock on the front office of H&H Barely Used Auto Parts sometime overnight Tuesday, police report. A chainsaw, body saw, and numerous other tools were stolen, worth a total of about \$3,000. The company is located at Lot 6, Con. 6, Halton Hills.

### Two-for-one theft

Thieves who broke into an RR1 Norval home on the 10th Line stole a car and a pick-up truck and left behind a car stolen earlier in Brantford, according to police. The car left behind was taken Monday and had licence plates on it that were reported stolen from Burlington earlier this month. The house was entered through a storm window and a microwave oven was taken along with a 1977 Lincoln and a 1983 Ford pick-up. Total value of the theft is about \$20,000. The car left behind, a 1987 Plymouth, was found just down the street from the home that was entered, but police say there is no doubt the same people were involved in the break-in.



Whoops! This Halton Hills Hydro truck found Thursday morning's ice storm made roads around the utility's construction project in Acton treacherous. The rear end of the truck slid down the embankment into the School Creek lifting the

front end up in a lopsided salute. It took a crane to free the truck from its watering hole. Icy roads contributed to many accidents around Halton Hills but police said none were serious.

Freezing rain which turned roads, sidewalks and parking lots into skating rinks also forced school buses off the roads and caused a five-hour long power outage Thursday morning.

All buses in north Halton, north of Highway 5, were cancelled, but schools remained open.

Highways were soon passable but rural roads were not. Rural residents also had to contend with ice on long driveways until the moderating weather melted the ice.

Houses and businesses east of Mountainview Rd. in Georgetown were without power because of the storm and a piece of faulty equipment.

At approximately 4:30 a.m. a dead insulator on a power line feeding into town caused a small fire, which knocked out hydro to the Mountainview substation, and most of the residences and businesses on the east side of Mountainview Rd. The lines are run from Ontario Hydro and feed power to the businesses and residences in the area.

"Because of the storm (that morning), the ice formed on the lines, which caused the power to arc across the poles, and kicked out the lines," said Ken Hodgson, operations foreman for Halton Hills Hydro. "It was caused by some form of a defect in the insulator and burned right through the lines, which caused the pole to go on fire. It affected at least half of Georgetown."

Power was restored to the area by about 9 a.m., he said.

The power shortage caused the traffic lights to malfunction because the timer was knocked out of whack, Hodgson added. Repair crews were brought from Oakville later Thursday morning.

Police reported a few accidents as a result of the ice, but said none of them were serious. Motorists slipped off roads into ditches in most cases. In Acton a Halton Hills Hydro truck slipped off the road near the construction site of the new building and landed down the embankment into the adjacent School Creek.

The freezing rain came into Halton Hills on the tail of a cold wind which whipped the area Wednesday after spring-like temperatures Monday and Tuesday.

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