

# Police recover missing gun — detective in hot water

Halton Police are breathing a sign of relief after a police officer's stolen .40-calibre Beretta pistol was

recovered early yesterday morning.

The pistol, along with the detective's unmarked

car, were stolen from a Dundas neighbourhood sometime between 6 p.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday.

Although the car turned up Tuesday, only a short distance away from where it disappeared, the steel box containing the pistol and other "use of force" equipment remained missing until Thursday.

"Over night we received information, and working with a number of other leads and in conjunction with the Hamilton Police Service we were able to this morning (Thursday) recover the weapon," said Halton Police Chief Gary Crowell.

"It's an incredible relief I'm sure not only for our police service, but also for the community, who I know has expressed a lot of concern about

the weapon being missing."

Crowell also pointed out that because the pistol was found with its trigger lock still intact, it had not been used.

All ammunition for the handgun has been accounted for and pepper spray, which also went missing during the theft, has been recovered.

At press time, police were still looking for a bulletproof vest, an ASP baton and handcuffs taken from the detective's car.

The detective, whose car and "use of force" equipment were stolen, is now facing the Chief's Disciplinary Review Committee. A Professional Standards Bureau Investigation found the officer was in direct contravention of Halton Police policies and proce-

dures concerning the appropriate storage of police "use of force" equipment.

"This is a serious incident that requires prompt disciplinary action. The officer will be held accountable," said Crowell.

"This matter now goes before my disciplinary review committee to determine penalty."

Disciplinary measures could range from anything to a loss of pay to charges being laid under the Ontario Police Services Act.

The officer has been reassigned to administrative duties pending the outcome of the review.

The investigation into who stole the "use of force" equipment is still ongoing.

## Tree planting Saturday

In celebration of Oakville's designation as the Forest Capital of Canada for 2007 and Oakville's 150th birthday, the public is invited to join Ground Breakers Oakville to plant 200 trees and shrubs at Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Rd. (east side just north of the QEW) on Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon.

The south-facing lawn that slopes down to the diversion channel is the area that will be planted.

Volunteers can meet in the south end of the Town Hall's parking lot.

All ages are welcome and everything needed to plant, from shovels to gloves, will be provided.

Teenagers who need volunteer hours are encouraged to attend.

Ground Breakers Oakville, an affiliated group of Oakvillegreen, has planted more than 3,900 trees and shrubs in Oakville during the past four years.

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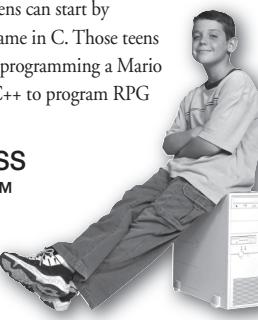
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## Mayor's Oakville Status Report

Mayor Rob Burton personally invites you to attend a meeting of Town Council to hear an update on Council's work to date and an overview of its plans for the term ahead.

**Date:** Monday, October 1st  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chamber  
 1225 Trafalgar Road

The meeting will also be broadcast on Town TV at [www.oakville.ca](http://www.oakville.ca)

