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# Old town hall getting a police makeover

**By Chris Simon**  
Innisfil council could be spending more money to convert the town's old administration building into a police station. A town committee approved a plan to spend over \$160,000 on architectural and engineering fees, which will help convert the old building into the South Simcoe Police's new North Division administration facility. If

approved by council, the deal, which was brought forward by the architectural firm MCLA, would essentially jump start plans for the conversion the building once municipal staff move into the New Town Hall later this month. The town has already allocated about \$2.4 million in upgrades for the old office and the current North Division police station, said community services director

Kerry Columbus in a report to council. The upgrades are necessary, to meet the needs of Innisfil's growing population, and conform with current health and safety standards. "In addition to the construction costs, there are permit costs, professional consulting fees, furniture fixture and equipments, testing, inspection, legal and surveying costs," said

Columbus. "(The architect) has indicated that they will work with the police department and town to help address these expenses, in order to get an overall cost." Upgrades to the old building would include the construction of an elevator, barrier-free washrooms, and roof, door, floor, fire alarm and security system replacements. Once the proposed

project is completed, the police division's administration offices will operate out of the old town building, while the current North Division station would be used specifically for detention quarters and "uniform police functions". The current station is located adjacent to the old town building. However, it would also need several upgrades, according to the architect.

MCLA had previously been involved in construction of South Simcoe's new South Division station in Bradford West Gwillimbury. "A logistical and cost effective first step would be the appointment of MCLA as the architectural firm for the successful completion of the conversion of the existing Innisfil Municipal Office to a police facility," said Columbus.

## Icy conditions contribute to accident

South Simcoe Police responded to a reported vehicle on its side in the ditch on Sideroad 10 just south of County Road 88, Bradford West Gwillimbury Friday. The 55-year-old Bradford man suffered minor bumps after he lost control on Sideroad 10, due to icy conditions. The man did not require hospital treatment. The collision is still under investigation.

## Two arrested after break-in and assault

On Feb. 17, South Simcoe Police were called to a Bradford area residence regarding an assault and theft. Police investigated an incident which had taken place earlier in the day at the victim's apartment. As a result of the investigation, a 28-year-old woman and a 43-year-old man, both from Toronto, were arrested and charged with breaking and entering, assault and theft under. They were released on a promise to appear and undertaking. The accused and victim are known to each other.

## Church and community centre broken into

Sometime Monday night, unknown people forced their way into the Newton Robinson United Church. The Bond Head Community Centre was also broken into. A small quantity of change was stolen from the church. Nothing appears to have been taken from the Community Center. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers.

# Teen beaten Friday

## South Simcoe Police

**Teen sustains injuries after beating**  
South Simcoe Police responded to a report of an unknown man attempting to enter a house on Leonard Street in Innisfil at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday. Upon arrival, police found a 19-year-old man beating victim, who was seeking assistance. An investigation determined the victim had been beaten at a neighbouring Leonard Street residence. Police arrested a 17-year-old young offender and have charged him with assault causing bodily harm. The victim suffered facial injuries and had some teeth knocked out.  
**Furniture smashed after domestic incident**  
On Saturday February 16, police responded to a 911 call at a Holland Street West address in Bradford, regarding an undetermined call disconnect. Upon attending, officers found a 31-year-old woman had been having a domestic argument with her 35-year-old boyfriend. The woman had left the house and the man proceeded to smash furniture and household fixtures at the rented home. The man was arrested on two counts of mischief

under \$5,000 resulting from a domestic incident. He was held for a bail hearing in Barrie on Feb. 17.  
**Teen sought by police**  
On Saturday February 16, police responded to a 911 call of a domestic assault occurring at an Alcona residence. Upon arrival, police found a 19-year-old woman had been assaulted at her residence by her estranged 18-year-old boyfriend. The suspect fled the residence prior to police arrival. During the course of the assault, man damaged household fixtures. At the time of this incident, the suspect was on bail for prior offences to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. The suspect is currently being sought by police. Upon his arrest he will be charged with one count of assault, three counts of mischief, and two counts of breach probation.  
**Toronto truck driver charged with careless driving**  
On Friday afternoon, a Honda travelling eastbound on County Road 88 was struck by a southbound transport truck exiting Highway 400. The 35-year-old Honda

driver suffered minor injuries to her hand. The truck driver was unhurt. The 34-year-old Toronto man driving the truck was charged with careless driving.  
**Man allegedly assaults wife and daughter**  
South Simcoe Police have charged a 28-year-old Innisfil man with two counts of assault following a domestic dispute at an Innisfil residence on Tuesday evening. An investigation revealed that the man had pushed both his wife and daughter during a heated argument. The man was taken to the North Division station for processing and was later released on a promise to appear. He will appear in a Bradford court on March 20.  
**ATV driver allegedly drunk**  
A 32-year-old Bradford man is facing charges of impaired driving, driving over 80 milligrams and possession of a controlled substance after a police officer observed an All Terrain Vehicle being driven erratically on Simcoe Road in Bradford Feb. 12. The officer stopped the ATV and had a conversation with the driver, who showed signs of impairment. The man was arrested and a search revealed a small quantity of marijuana. He was transported to the

South Division station for an Intoxilyzer test, which confirmed his blood alcohol concentration was in excess of .08 mgs. The man was issued a 90 day Automatic Drivers Licence Suspension and released with a court date of March 20.  
**Innisfil man fails to show for court**  
Police have charged a 20-year-old Innisfil man with failing to appear in court. The man was scheduled to appear in Bradford court on Feb. 14. The man attended court later in the afternoon to learn a warrant was issued for his arrest. He turned himself in to police, and was held in custody pending a bail hearing on Feb. 15.  
**Bradford high school broken into**  
On Feb. 14, police responded to an alarm call at a high school in Bradford. Police located a broken window, which allowed entry into the school. It does not appear that anything was taken from the school.  
**Car wash broken into**  
Sometime overnight unknown suspects broke into the car wash on Disette Street in Bradford West Gwillimbury. A quantity of cash and tools were taken. A substantial amount of damage was caused during the break-in. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers.