

# Town Digest

## Innovative planning

A gas bar and plaza can be built at the corner of Queen Street and Tanners Drive, but additional uses for the property remain on hold until more water is found.

Valmar (Acton) Realty Ltd., a division of Rinarin Developments, builder of the Honeyfield subdivision north of Queen Street and west of the Arena, wanted to phase or stage development of a 12,917 square foot plaza, but Halton planners said there isn't enough water. The plan would require 14 SDE (Single detached equivalents) of water and only six are available for the site at this time.

Town planner Adam Farr said Valmar came up with a plan to limit water usage to convince Council to remove a holding provision.

"It allows Rinarin to develop the whole site without having to go to the Region to try to get

additional water which is in short supply," Farr said on Monday, adding Rinarin originally planned to only build as much space on the site as they had water allocation for.

"This sort of an innovative approach that was brought forward to try to let them develop the entire site with the existing water allocation, recognizing the constraints that they are under," Farr said.

Approved low water uses for the property include a business office, convenience store, gas bar, bank, printing establishment and retail store. The holding provision remains in place and will not allow a car wash, personal care store, private club, day nursery, fitness centre, restaurant or medical, dental or drugless practitioner's offices at this time.

"In the future, if Rinarin would like to develop a portion of that property for

a high water user they are going to need an additional water allocation and would have to come forward with another holding removal application to lift the holding provision off the high water uses," Farr said.

Council is expected to ratify the decision to lift the holding provision for low water uses at the September 2 meeting.

## Interim solutions?

Halton Hill politicians, frustrated that the lack of water and waste water treatment capacity continues to stall industrial development in Acton, want the Region to allow low water uses for a septic system on a 70-acre parcel of land west of Highway 25, north of Acton until full servicing can be provided.

At Council last Monday, Mayor Rick Bonnette asked for the support for a Notice of Motion to have Halton approve an interim servicing solution for the property, where five years ago, Magna International considered building a truck plant.

"For the sake of Acton, we can't stand still and wait another four or five years to see some sort of industrial opportunity. We've lost some industrial opportunities on this property - I know for a fact..." Bonnette said, adding companies want to locate in Acton but can't because there is no water or waste water capacity for them.

Pointing to the Mansewood development on Highway 25 at Campbellville Road where industrial development



**(G)OOLYMPICS:** The geese that can be seen on the lawn of a Highway #7 residence out near Rockwood demonstrate that their skills as Olympian swimmers are something to honk about. Perhaps they were inspired by the Olympic gold brought home this week by a Canadian swimmer. - Marie Shadbolt photo

occurred on septic systems, Bonnette said he wants Halton to look at interim servicing so something can happen on the property to increase the industrial tax base.

Acton councilor Mike O'Leary said while Halton has indicated it would be

freeing up some water allocation, the Acton waste water treatment plant is operating at capacity and a \$14 to \$16-million upgrade is years away.

"This is just a stopgap measure. We desperately need new industry in Acton, as does all of Halton Hills,

but to have to wait four or five years for the Region to upgrade the waste water treatment plant when there is the possibility of servicing this land with septic systems, I think the Mayor's resolution is timely and well called for," O'Leary said.

## Carriers from beginning

By Frances Niblock

### 11 years with paper

Neither sleet, nor snow, nor barking dogs stopped various members of the Stockinger/Laustroer family from faithfully delivering The New Tanner to Acton readers for past 11 years.

Beginning with daughter Hjoerdis, continuing with brother Nils Olav and backed up by their mother Liz Laustroer, they began delivering papers to their 106 house route in the Storey Drive-Duby Road-Kingham Road area with the very first issue of The New Tanner on January 29, 1998.

With the children now away at college and uni-

versity, Liz Laustroer has delivered the papers on her own for the past two years, but now she must give up the route at the end of the month to meet the growing demands of her job.

"My husband signed Hjoerdis up for her first route and she split it with her brother (Nils) and I helped out sometimes," Laustroer said on Sunday, adding it was a perfect first job for her children.

"It gave them their own earned money and also

taught them responsibility. Having their pay (currently eight cents per paper) deposited automatically in a bank account taught them about banking, and delivering papers was relatively fast and safe when they were younger," she said, adding she liked doing the route for the exercise and the fresh air.

She said the only drawback was in the winter when they had to fumble with heavy catalogues while wearing frozen mittens.

Laustroer said the paper route was good training for her kids who were allowed to spend their earnings on whatever they wanted.

"They learned how long it took to make the money and how it could all be gone after 30 minutes at the mall. It taught them to save and to think carefully about how they spent it. That's a valuable lesson," Laustroer said.

The New Tanner has approximately 35 routes in Acton with some carriers covering two or three routes. Only one other carrier, an adult, has been with the paper since the first issue.

Residents on the Stockinger/Laustroer route need not worry about their weekly paper delivery - a new carrier has already been lined up and is ready to take over, offering the same reliable service.



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