

COMMENT

Perspective lost

In 30 degrees smog-alert weather, all thoughts of political correctness ought to fly out all those air-conditioned windows. I mean, in the sweltering heat, who cares?

Well, it seems as though the good people running the Stratford Festival care this summer, heat wave or no heat wave. Despite the fact that most people simply only want to see a good play, much as most really and truly just want to sit down with a good beach book at the cottage, the public relations people at Stratford have become adept at political correctness. A good play, as in all good story telling, flies off the stage when there is the possibility of offending someone.

Last week, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Canadian division (CAIR-cd) was upset over a scene in The Merchant of Venice after a critic described it and resulted in the Stratford Festival altering its theatrical presentation: the prince of Morocco who prostrates himself in front of Allah has been modified and a one-page pamphlet on Islam will be handed out with the program before every production.

This was, I suppose, to be expected. Much like any other big corporation faced with controversy and bad press, the Stratford Festival moved into major damage control.

A theatrical presentation offending anyone? You must be mad.

And we are. Mad, that is. In the same way the military must have been temporarily mad to go after one of their own in the name of political correctness when they pulled rank on some schlep looking at pornography on their lap top. We are all mad to allow this nonsense to continue, heat wave or no heat wave. Canadian Forces Commander Eric Lerhe was relieved of his post and charged last week with violating the National Defence Act after he admitted accessing Internet porn sites on a government computer.

Now I agree we all have to be very careful with our privacy these days. Put anything in writing and be cognizant, always, that it will find its way onto anyone's desk or computer. Be wary, by all means.

Surfing on a lap top owned by your boss is a no-no. Surfing porn on a lap top owned by your boss is a definite no-no. It's not admirable, to be sure. But treating the guy like a time worn criminal, throwing him to the outraged howls of zealous women's groups, slapping his photo on the front page of a national paper? Let's have a little per-



DIANE HART

spective.

I mean, the world is on fire — Asians and whites in England are involved in nasty race riots, the worst in years; another bomb has blown someone else up in the Middle East, riot police broke up an anti-globalization protest in Barcelona, Nepal remains tumultuous.

What, pray tell, are we doing with our energies? We are going after Shakespeare, the greatest playwright and frothing at the mouth about some guy looking at porn. And we are running around in circles trying to prove our own self-interest about this or that.

I don't get it. Of course, I understand if the good people at Stratford want to keep everyone happy. They're the paying guests, after all. The military is another world altogether, I suppose. But when does it stop? Where do you draw the line between accommodating the paying guests and the squeaky wheels and giving in to nonsense? How many pamphlets can you stuff in a program, how many more words of explanation/interpretation/dissemination do people need?

Writer/broadcaster and all round brain Rex Murphy says this is the golden age of nitpickery, where "the greatest expressive genius of the human race has to be filtered through the infinitely more narrow and arid sensibility of the grievance-mongers, where poetry has to genuflect - maybe even fall prostrate - to the squawking missionaries of race, class and gender."

So enough already. If you have enough energy to get steamed up about Shakespeare, of all things, or you are as righteously indignant as the Women Against Violence Against Women group about some guy surfing the web on his own time, I guess that's your business. I'm just glad I have tickets to see another play at Stratford this summer.

And if anyone takes offence, I'm going to scream the house down.

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By Kym Funnell
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Pesticides should be banned

The pesticide industry has recently responded to a federal panel of experts' recommendations concerning the safety of pesticides with arguments to support their business interests. They describe the "benefits" of pesticides and claim that government testing for risks ensures safety. They also raise fears of severe insect infestation and outbreaks of disease without their products, just as they did 40 years ago with DDT.

DDT had been tested and approved. It later was banned in Canada and the US because of its harmful effects, perhaps most noticeably in destroying wildlife. The US EPA and Health Canada both recently announced the phase out of Diazinon and Dursban, citing concerns for health including nerve damage. They also had previously been approved as safe.

Pesticides are highly poisonous substances designed to kill living organisms. Exposure can cause acute or chronic effects on health. The Ontario College of Family Physicians say pesticides affect neurological development, reproduction, growth, and the functioning of the immune and endocrine systems. They play a known or suspected role in a myriad of diseases and developmental abnormalities, including cancer, childhood leukemia, reduced fertility, and behavioural problems.

In Mexico, Dr. Elizabeth Gillette found 4 and 5 year old children exposed to many pesticides scored significantly lower in tests of mental and motor abilities than did an almost identical control group of children living nearby. The exposed children also had an increase in aggressive behaviour. The rates of birth defects, premature births and still births were more than double in the test group. Puberty and breast development begins at about age 7, as compared to age 12 in the control group. Most pesticides found in this area of Mexico are still in use in Canada.

Women in that part of Mexico commonly develop breast cancer at 20 years old. Studies of the high incidence of breast cancer in several affluent areas of the US are continuing to look to environmental exposures, such as may occur from use of professional lawn care services, as possible causes because traditional risk factors fail to account for the high number of cases.

Some groups of pesticides whose chronic effects on human health are still relatively unknown, such as the phenoxy group which includes the popular lawn herbicide 2,4-D.

Lead in gasoline, Thalidomide, asbestos, and DDT were all once used widely. While the government waited for the "smoking gun", the public suffered with pulmonary disease, cancer, and children with lowered IQs and learning disabilities. Finally the government banned these environmental health hazards. At present, our regulatory system permits the continuation of our chronic dependence on pesticides to the detriment of the environment, agricultural sustainability and human health. We have already given health protection priority by banning asbestos, DDT and other products. The weight of evidence demands that pesticides should be next.

Brian Hopkins



OAKVILLE (905) 845-6601

NOTICE OF DECISION OF
ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 194 &
NOTICE OF THE PASSING
OF ZONING BY-LAWS
Industrial Zoning Component
Z42.03.64
BY
The Corporation of the Town of Oakville

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Oakville passed By-law 2001-006 which adopts Official Plan Amendment No. 194 on the 13th day of June, 2001 under Section 22 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chap P.13, as amended:
AND TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville passed Zoning By-laws 2001-007, 2001-059, 2001-060, 2001-061, 2001-098, 2001-099 and 2001-127 on the 13th day of June, 2001 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap P.13, as amended:
Appeal Period Ends July 17, 2001

Appeals against the Official Plan amendment should be directed to Mr. Edward Salisbury, Director of Planning Services, Town of Oakville at the address shown below, setting out the objection and the reasons in support of the objection together with a cheque in the amount of \$125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

Appeals against the Zoning amendments should be directed to The Clerk of the Town of Oakville at the address shown below, setting out the objection and the reasons in support of the objection together with a cheque in the amount of \$125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

If you wish to appeal the Official Plan amendment and the Zoning amendments please enclose individual cheques for each by-law, in the amount of \$125.00 each. The lands affected by By-laws 2001-006 and 2001-007 are all the Town of Oakville Industrial properties and some Parkway Belt lands as shown on the map below.
By-law 2001-006 – OPA 194 replaces the industrial policies with new employment policies and replaces the secondary Plans for the industrial Districts with new generalized Secondary plans called Employment District Plans.
By-law 2001-007 rezones the M1 through M7 and some Parkway Belt zones, PB, PBA and PBR to the new employment lands zoning categories of E1, E2 and T1. Some parcels of land will retain their arterial commercial zoning, C3A, and some lands are changed to C3A and/or C3R (Commercial – Residential) zoning. By-law 2001-007 also amends special provisions 2, 314 and 655, and deletes special provisions 3, 26, 65, 97, 112, 120, 137, 140, 143, 161, 165, 227, 229, 233, 251, 260, 266, 276, 288, 299, 325, 344, 351, 368, 370, 372, 380, 382, 383, 387, 405, 412, 431, 434, 447, 477, 478, 484, 486, 499, 508, 561, 569, 596, 620, 622, 675, 697.

By-law 2001-059 is site specific

and permits outside storage and operations at 2001 Speers Road.

By-law 2001-060 is site specific

and permits outside storage and operations at 461 Cornwall Road.

By-law 2001-061 is site specific

and permits outside storage at 1311/1313 Speers Road.

By-law 2001-098 is site specific

and permits outside storage and operations at

1225-1233, 1317, and 1407 Speers Road. By-law 2001-099 is site specific

and permits the production of industrial gases at 3361 Rebecca Street.

By-law 2001-127 is site specific and permits outside storage at 451 Woody Road.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning by-law or an Official Plan amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group, however, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

The complete Zoning amendments and Official Plan amendment are available for inspection at the Town of Oakville, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON L6J 5A6 in the Planning Services Department from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Any questions regarding these items may be directed to Lynne Gough, Planning Services 905-845-6601, Ext. 3025, email: lgough@town.oakville.on.ca or Ramona Boddington, Planning Services 905-845-6601, Ext. 3032, email: rboddington@town.oakville.on.ca.

Date of Decision: June 13, 2001

Date Notice Sent: June 27, 2001

Last Date of Appeal: July 17, 2001

Edward C. Salisbury, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning Services
The Town Clerk, Town of Oakville



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

PROPOSAL NUMBER PROP-12-2001

SEALED PROPOSALS on forms provided will be received by the Town Clerk's Department, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 5A6, until 12:00 noon, local time on

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2001

Specifications, proposal forms and proposal envelopes may be obtained from the Town of Oakville Purchasing Department, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6; Telephone (905) 338-4197.

The Town of Oakville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and the highest or lowest as the case may be will not necessarily be accepted.

R.J. Coumoyer, C.I.M., P.Mgr.
Director, Purchasing and Office Services

COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 3, 2001

Council Meeting

Council Chambers

7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 9, 2001

Planning & Development Council

Council Chambers

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Community Services Committee

7:30 p.m. - Oakville Room

Administrative Services Comm.

7:30 p.m. - Bronte Room

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Planning & Development Council

Council Chambers

7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE TOUCHSTONE
PHONE LINE 815-5959

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

QUOTATION FOR:

TENNIS COURT RESURFACING AT
OLD ABBEY LANE PARK AND
SHERIDAN HILLS PARK, OAKVILLE

QUOTATION NUMBER:

Q-34-2001

SEALED QUOTATIONS on forms provided will be received by the Purchasing Department, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 5A6 until 12:00 NOON, local time, on

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2001

Specifications, quotation forms and quotation envelopes may be obtained from the Town of Oakville Purchasing Department, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6; Telephone 905-338-4197.

The Contractor whose quotation is accepted shall be required to post a Performance Bond satisfactory to Town Council, equal to 100% of the contract price, and a Labour and Material Bond equal to 50% of the contract price. Alternately, the contractor may provide an irrevocable unconditional letter of credit for 100% of the contract price.

An Agreement to Bond or Letter of Intent will be required with the quotation submission.

A certified cheque, Bank/Trust Co. draft, or bid bond for the amount specified in the quotation document MUST accompany each quotation.

NOTE – PRE-BID SITE VISIT

A pre-bid meeting for potential bidders will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2001 AT 9:00 A.M.

All potential bidders are encouraged to attend.

The Town of Oakville reserves the right to reject any or all quotations and the highest or lowest as the case may be will not necessarily be accepted.

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