

Metric challenge for Leno Braida at HQ

Building Products of Canada in Acton bid farewell to plant manager Leno Braida with a party at the Acton Meadows Golf Club Friday.

Dr. Braida is being transferred to the company's headquarters in Montreal where he will assist in the company's cross-Canada conversion to the metric system. He will also act on behalf of the company with the federal government.

Dr. Braida, his wife Lydia and several guests were dined for the evening. Dr. Braida received several gifts including a metric calculator and a brief case.

Dr. Braida's replacement, Brian Lockhart of Esso Chemical Canada in Sarnia, starts at the end of March.

Dr. Braida joined Building Products in 1969 as a production manager. He eventually assumed the position of plant manager the following year.

Prior to joining Building Products, Dr. Braida was plant manager of Polybottle in Rexdale.

His assignment in Montreal is expected to last between two and four years and is considered quite important by company officials.

For many years Mr. Braida was chairman of the Halton Separate School Board and an active member of the Oakville Aquatic Club.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abele Braida, Main St. He grew up here and attended Acton schools before going to university where he received his Ph.D. degree.



FOOT LONG cigar was one of the gifts presented Friday to Leno Braida, who is transferred from the Acton Building Products plant to Montreal.

Booth suggests

Return to pre-region Recreation Boards

The return to recreation commissions, as they existed before regional government, was a topic thrown out for discussion at Halton Hills administration.

All recreation commissions and parks boards were scrapped under Bill 151 which set up the Region of Halton.

Booth said it would call for an amendment of the bill, and asked members to think about it.

He said 'We have recreation advisory committees we have groups in Norval, Hornby and Glen Williams who don't have any funds, budgets or responsibilities, the buck still stops here. These groups don't relieve us any responsibility.'

He suggested a recreation commission for the whole town with perhaps four members of council on it. He said

this group would draw up a budget and make recommendations for capital expenditures.

Councillor George Maltby said if the administration committee had the power to include the present recreation advisory committees in budget discussions the same thing could be accomplished. "We would have less control than we do now."

Maltby contended recreation advisory committees should include representatives from the Glen ball club, Hornby and Acton minor hockey and soccer groups.

Booth said he was not suggesting a big group like that. Councillor Les Dudy said recreation commissions and parks boards in the past were separate entities who could pass bylaws and draw up and spend their own budgets. "It would almost eliminate this

committee (the administration committee). We would be left with five."

Councillor Ric Morrow said it would not only eliminate most of the administration committee's function, but would eliminate 50 percent of the reason for having a town of Halton Hills. "Recreation is the only thing not duplicated at the region," he commented. He said the members could stay home, and predicted that might just happen within 15 years, if the region takes over local governments.

Maltby claimed the hamlets feel ignored now, having no direct input, in Ward 2 recreation affairs. "Maybe one answer would be the establishment of a third recreation advisory committee," he suggested.

Both said he just wanted members to think about his idea.

Mill/ Main collision

Vehicles driven by Carla Wood, R.R.4, Acton and Brian Baylan, 400 Lakeshore Rd., Mississauga were in collision at the Mill/ Main corner on February 19, according to Halton Regional Police.

Police say that Baylan's large semi-trailer and truck was backing up to make deliveries when it when it was collision with the Wood vehicle, travelling west on Mill St., E.

An estimated \$300 in damages was incurred to the right front fender and light of the Wood vehicle, report police.

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ious problem to the downtown merchants in Ward 1 and bring to council a recommendation that reflects the concern of the merchants and residents of Ward 1 as well as the through traffic on No. 7 highway.

"Perhaps now is the time to consider Parking Meters, not only on Mill Street, but on side streets such as Willow, John and St. Alban's Drive. I wish to thank for your consideration for the concerns expressed regarding Parking in the downtown part of Ward 1. Yours very truly, G.W. McKenzie"

Dudy letter

Dear Sirs:

"Please receive this letter of comment as an additional source of considered opinion, that may be helpful to the Committee, as a whole, as a support to Councillor Hurst in conveying Ward 1 concerns, and further comment that may interest Mr. Austin, our Engineer, in his considerations regarding By-law 76-7, of which 3rd reading was referred back, at the recent Council meeting of February 16th, 1976.

"On the strength of concerns expressed to me recently by individuals, personal observations etc. please consider the following:

"1. Parking—in view of the recent approach to Council by Acton Merchants, and the pending reconstruction of Mill Street we might be well advised to defer regulatory parking until both of these matters are further resolved. "The matter of parking has changed considerably in the past two to three years. If parking areas provided had been fully utilized, I was always convinced parking was adequate. Due to growth in population, and recent observation, the existing lots are, now used extensively; and I do recognize growing problems regarding parking. "Therefore, in the recon-

struction of Mill Street, it would create a critical condition if alternate parking were not provided first and the traffic rerouting that will be required at the time of construction would only compound this situation.

"2. The voluntary withdrawal of parking on St. Alban's Drive by L & L Ford Sales employees, seems to have relieved the problem there, and perhaps a second look at the situation may suggest restricted parking on the north instead of the south side, from L & L Ford to Willow Street.

"3. Mill Street—The critical area as I see it at present is the parking at the several intersections. We should entertain eliminating parking of one car each side of Willow Street, John Street, Elgin Street, Frederick Street and Wilbur Street on Mill Street. To eliminate parking on all of one side would require the area of a fair sized parking lot in itself.

"Therefore, "a) Since there will always be the bottleneck at Mill

Street and Main Street I would recommend the reconstruction of Mill Street in its present form with same dimensions of roadway and sidewalk.

"b) The relief required for this traffic route would be an early study and approval by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for a by-pass for trucks and through traffic.

"c) To facilitate the detours that will be required shortly, may I suggest you entertain one way traffic on St. Alban's Drive from Main Street to Willow Street and one way traffic on River Street from Willow Street to Main Street.

"d) The retention of as much parking on Mill Street as is reasonable until new parking areas are available.

Yours truly,
L. A. Dudy
Councillor Ward 1

License plate taken

A license plate and bracket were reported taken from a car in the parking lot at the arena Feb. 19. An Acton man reported the theft to police.

St. Patrick's Day

CARDS and NOVELTIES

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Centre gets . . .

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suggested more of the support funds should be coming from the province.

Hill answered if the project is successful Queen's Park might be willing to increase its share of the funding next year.

In response to a question from Councillor Jim Watson, McKenzie said a board of directors has already been set up to run the centre.

Councillor Mac Anderson said he could see the need for a start up grant and agreed it should be a once only grant. He was worried this project would be like many others started in the past which wanted a start up grant and then just kept coming back year after year for more money.

Anderson suggested since Halton Hills was giving the centre \$3,000 the region could show its support for the project by giving \$2,000 or \$2,500. He added the reduced grant would encourage people connected with the project to get out and raise funds in the community.

Another alternative he proposed was to hold up giving the centre any money and then if the centre ran out of funds to give a grant then. He added giving any grant was contrary to regional policy.

Eriksen's suggestion of a grant of \$4,000 won committee approval and he noted if the region gave less than \$4,000 the project would have a tough time getting off the ground.

The grant is still subject to council approval.

Pebbles Lane? not likely

Halton Hills isn't going to name an unnamed street in the Silvercreek area until it takes over provincial property there later this year.

There is a small parcel of land which has been a roadside picnic area at Silvercreek which will be given to the town by Queen's Park later this year.

The park isn't used anymore since the route of Highway 7 was changed to go by the area.

The street Richard and Elizabeth Rock have asked the town to name Pebbles Lane is part of old Highway 7 at Silvercreek. The road

dead-ends near Highway 7 and leads to 27 Sideroad. Councillor Ern Hyde said if the street is named it should have Silvercreek in the name. The committee will delay giving the street any name until it takes over the road park.

Car swerves

A single car collision Feb. 22 on Highway 24 caused minor injury to driver Grace Gushulak, Guelph. The car swerved out of control on icy highway, striking guideposts on the side of the roadway causing \$880 damage to the cars and posts.

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