

Sign petition oppose complex

A taxpayers' movement has begun in Georgetown to stop construction of a \$900,000 addition to the Halton Hills municipal building, Seventh Line. In less than a week over 200 residents have signed petitions opposing the complex.

Dr. Alex Furness and Dr. Boyd Hoddinott started the petition Thursday at Georgetown Hospital, circulating it to everyone working at the hospital and got "100 per cent support for the protest."

In an interview this week, Dr. Furness noted he obtained over 70 signatures on his petition in just one day. He pointed out the protesting taxpayers live in all four wards of Halton Hills.

Since all the hospital staff has now been covered the two doctors have posted their petition at the Georgetown Medical Centre and are allowing visiting patients to sign the petition if they want and have also given out petitions to other residents who are circulating them around their neighborhoods and setting them out in stores.

Tuesday, Dr. Furness said the number of signatures on the petition had topped the 200 mark and was still climbing steadily after just five days of existence.

At the top of the petition it says "We the undersigned would urge that council reconsider its decision to build the \$900,000 Municipal Complex. (The tax on the average home has increased over \$100 this year and will probably increase as much or more next year). The need for the new building is questionable as five councillors, Hill, Morrow, Booth, Levy and Maltby voted against it. We hope the six councillors who voted for the complex, Howitt, Hyde, McKenzie, Hurst and Duby will change their minds. We hope the two councillors who were absent, Armstrong and Miller will raise their voices against this building."

"There must be tremendous support for this position against the municipal complex. It is interesting that in a small group like all hospital workers in Georgetown everyone signed it except one person. That one person wasn't a resident," Dr. Furness said.

He went on to point out that very, very, few people who have seen the petition at the Medical Centre have declined to sign it also.

"The response we are getting from people who see the petition is excellent. Everyone says the municipal complex just isn't necessary. They think the money should not be spent at all and if it must be spent there are many other areas where it could be put to better use such as improving road conditions, building a new library or more recreation facilities," he said.

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give out copies to other people who want to circulate petitions and he hopes more will come forward.

He said he hopes there will be at least 1,000 signatures on the petitions before July 28. They will remain posted at the medical centre so people can drop by and signify their opposition.

While there are many signatures on the petition from Georgetown residents, taxpayers who live in Halton Hills' hamlets and on rural routes, there aren't many names on petitions yet from Acton residents since not many have seen it.

Dr. Furness said the group hopes to find someone in Acton this week who would like to start circulating petitions.

Some residents have also written letters to the town

clerk protesting the expansion of the Seventh Line municipal building, Mayor Tom Hill said this week.

Mayor Hill, who has voted against the complex, said he couldn't be specific about the number of letters the town has received since they are being sent to the clerk's office and haven't been forwarded on to council yet.

Commenting on petitions Mayor Hill said he thinks some will be effective in changing council's mind.

"I certainly hope the petitions are effective for the ratepayers' sake since the money tree is running dry. The money tree has been chopped down but some people just haven't seen it fall yet," he said.

People signing the petitions are expected to give their name, signature and address.

Hotchen's closes . . .

Continued from page 1 into the slicing machine. She then wrapped, tied and tagged orders.

At eight they stopped for tea and breakfast.

In less than three-and-a-half hours he finished all the bread for the weekend.

Mrs. Heffernan and Wijke Barends arrived about this time to finish setting up the store and start serving the morning's first customers.

As they arrived they were asked if they had heard the news. Hotchens are not reopening.

"Oh! Aren't they?" one lady said. "Oh, ah no. I don't blame them one bit". That was the typical response.

Hotchens came to Acton from King, Ontario to open their shop in November 1944. They had truck delivery into the district and horse and wagon service in town.

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Mrs. Hotchen often left the back shop to meet Saturday's customers' out front and thank them for dealing so long with the bakery.



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Some folks went around the counter and into the back to wish the couple well and to tell them that they will be missed.

The exchange of well wishing and greetings went on even while Mrs. Heffernan and Mrs. Barends treated the Hotchens and helper Jamie Labbers to a chicken lunch in the shop.

By about 2:30 p.m. most of the orders had been picked up and almost all the goodies sold. Mr. Hotchen left for home and bed.

Many customers ordered as much bread as they could because the alternatives for local bread are Saunders at Rockwood or as far away as Erin, Milton or Georgetown.

Mr. Hotchen said that he has no immediate plans for the two-story red frame building with the white front on Willow Street south.

Now that Hotchen's Bakery is closed those warm aromas of fresh baked bread, cookies, pies, trips, cakes, cupcakes, eucles, hot cross buns and many other items are all memories.

Origin - destination traffic study on

All this week students will be conducting Roadside Origin Destination Surveys in this district.

Drivers will be stopped and asked the origin and destination of their trip, the purpose of the trip, the base of their vehicle and how frequently this trip is made. Answering the questions takes about a minute.

Just a "sampling" is enough for their study, which will be used to assist in the planning of transportation systems in the province.

Locations of the survey sites will be indicated to the public in advance by signs.

In this district locations for questioning are on No. 7 Highway at the Eden Mills Road, just south-west of Ospringe on Highway 24, and at several places on the Guelph Line in Nassagaweya township.

Block Parents forms are due

Application forms for Block Parents will be sent away next Wednesday or Thursday, and organizer Lonnie Harkins this week makes an appeal for all the forms to be brought in. So far about 27 applications have been received and are ready to go out for checking. This takes several weeks.

However, the night of the public meeting about 40 applications were taken and more have been given out since through personal contacts.

Applications may be turned in at the Community Services Centre in the Y or at the Harkins home, 3 Rosemary Rd.

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Sticky wicket tarpot on fire

The situation looked a bit sticky on the Fourth Line Saturday morning, when a tarpot caught fire.

A roofing job on a home between Number Ten and 15 Sideroad was underway when the fire worked itself up to a flaming pitch.

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