

More rental accommodation badly needed in Halton Hills

There is a dire need for more rental accommodations in Georgetown and Acton, two planning students discovered during studies conducted this summer.

Lee Ann Hall and Doug Kostaschuk, urban planning students at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto, have been working for Halton Hills all summer. One project has been a rental accommodation study.

"We found out what I guess everybody already knows. There isn't any rental accommodation available in Halton Hills," Kostaschuk said.

The pair explained the purpose of their study was to update information for the municipality dealing with how many different types of rental accommodations there are in town.

"They said the shortage could quickly be remedied, even if only for a short time, if there were some new apartments built, but because of rent controls, developers are reluctant to build."

"More rental accommodations are needed and developers should be given incentives to build them. Right now developers don't feel it is economically feasible to build rental units," Kostaschuk said.

Another interesting thing the two students discovered here this summer revealed itself in two neighborhood studies they did.

Looking at Marywood Meadows in Georgetown, they found out residents moved there from places such as Toronto, Brampton and Bramalea to find a quieter lifestyle.

The number of people living in each home in Marywood Meadows is larger than in most areas of the town and while the people come from all walks of life they have one thing in common—affluence.

Houses in Marywood Meadows are larger than most in the town and in most cases it is not a family's first house.

Their study of the condominium townhouses in Acton revealed that most of the residents come from outside Halton Hills and for the vast majority it is their first home.

They chose to live there because the townhouses are affordable but they all still aspire to have a home like the ones in Marywood Meadows some day.

They are both delighted that downtown merchants in Georgetown and Acton are planning to revitalize the commercial area and noted "both Georgetown and Acton have a lot to work with and aren't complete losses like downtowns in many com-

munities."

The pair carried out a commercial study dealing with the downtown areas, commercial strips and plazas in Halton Hills determining the size of the stores and what types of services are offered in each area.

The severance policy they have developed will be good for Halton Hills if it is adopted by council, the students predicted.

They have called for strict controls over development in ward two so the rural area will stay rural. They would like to see more population density in Acton and Georgetown. The pair feel this density increase can be achieved by "infilling vacant property without enlarging the boundaries of the two urban areas."

Both students described their summer work in Halton Hills as educational and as they prepare to enter their final year at Ryerson both are taking back valuable information they hope to use in the thesis they each must write this year at school.

Miss Hall will use information gleaned from study of mobile home use in Halton Hills while Kostaschuk plans to implement some of the material he gathered when doing the commercial study in his thesis.



URBAN PLANNING students Doug Kostaschuk and Lee Ann Hall discuss a feature of one of the plans they prepared this summer for Halton Hills.

Want event contestants

The search is on for Miss Acton Fall Fair 1976.

"Contestants are" being sought to find out who will reign over this year's fair. The girls will be judged on appearance, personality and poise on the first day of the fair, Friday, September 17. Local merchants and industries have donated prizes, some of which will go to all contestants, others just to the queen and or her runner-ups.

September 15 is the deadline for all entries. Single girls 16 years old and over are

eligible. Judging will be done with the girls wearing street length dresses and formal evening dresses. The contestants must live in the area serviced by the Acton and Rockwood Post Offices and or attend Acton District High school.

The winner will also be eligible for the 1977 Miss C.N.E. Sweetheart of the Fair contest in Toronto next August.

Entries will be accepted by members of the Miss Acton Fair Committee consisting of Maggie Hall, chairman;

Brenda Bruce, John Chapman, Lucille Cooksley, Karen Biffman, Brenda Hillier, Ann Marie Lutz, Brent Marshall, John McAdam, Valerie Mitchell, Russell Murray, Bill Nellis, Jill Parly, Bob Smith and Janet Swackhamer.

There will be an informal rehearsal on Thursday, September 16, at the Presbyterian church.

Last year's winner was Jill Parly with Lorella De Pieri and Jennifer Rowe as her runner-ups.

Judges for the contest are Valerie Pringle, CFRB radio; Phil MacKellar, CKFM radio; and Cathy Slaney, a former model and Miss Toronto runner-up.

Plane crash hits local group

The plane crash which snuffed out the lives of 10 people, involved in the Royal Commission on Electric Power Planning included Dolores Montgomery of Toronto, who has been of assistance to the Interested Citizens' Group from this area in their fight against the proposed Georgetown to Bradley hydro corridor.

Miss Montgomery was helpful with both advice and as a consultant in procedures, said Gordon Kidd of Halton Hills, an official of the Interested Citizens' Group. "It's a great loss to us; she was a fine young person," he told this newspaper.

Miss Montgomery worked on contract for the Royal Commission on Electric Power Planning commonly called the Porter Commission for its chairman Professor Arthur Porter. Her job was helping citizen groups prepare their presentations and Mr. Kidd acknowledged she had been "most helpful" to the Interested Citizens.

Ironically the plane which carried the commission members and staff hit an un-

charted hydro transmission line near Cochrane. The plane was flying low to avoid fog when it hit three power transmission lines.

No commissioners were on the flight. Chairman Professor Porter who was to have gone to Moosonee had a sore throat which led him to turn back at Timmins. Professor Porter said the deaths would be a severe loss to the commission.

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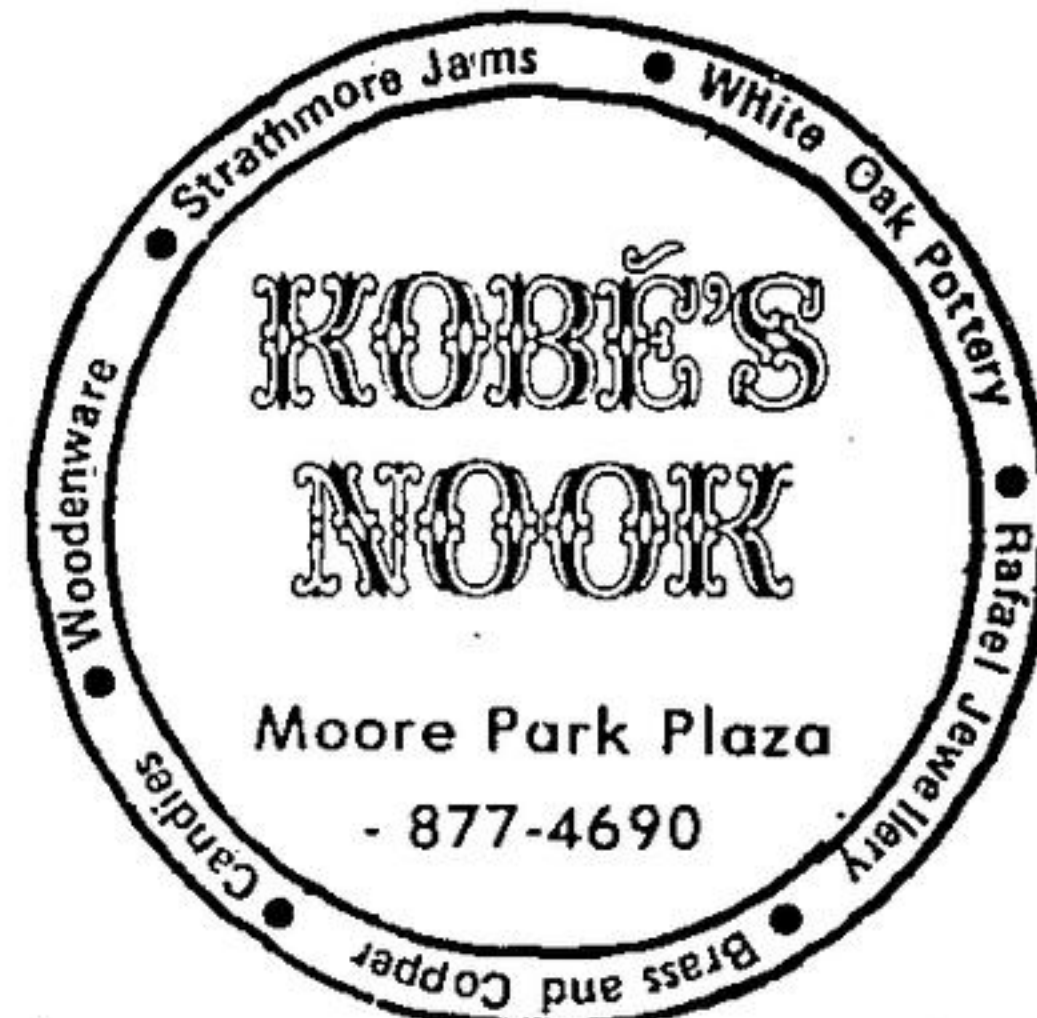
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Blake quits

Halton Region's Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee will be seeking a replacement for Gordon Blake, who resigned recently from the committee.

Mr. Blake had represented the hunters, anglers and conservationists on the committee. He resigned due to business pressures.

The E.E.A.C. is working to identify the environmentally sensitive areas of the region. The information the committee compiles will be used by the Regional Planning Committee in its efforts to develop an official plan.



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