



CAROLYN TRENTON has recently opened Acton Pet Food and Supplies at the corner of Main and River Streets.

Pet food store is place for bargains

Acton's first Pet Food Store is now open in the Halton Hills Veterinary Clinic on the corner of River and Main Streets.

Operated by Carolyn Trenton, the store sells name brand dog food at prices lower than most stores. Mrs. Trenton explained that eventually she will be able to offer the food at even lower prices if the store catches on to the public.

In addition to food, the store also carries pet toys, chains and collars, cat litter and muzzles. Anything not in the store, Mrs. Trenton says, can be ordered for the customers.

The store was opened July 5, after almost one and a half years of Mrs. Trenton ordering the dog food for patients in her husband Ron's vet clinic.

Even though the store has only been open a few weeks, Mrs. Trenton is already planning an expansion of the store. Sometime this week, she hopes to be able to sell white mice.

If business really gets rolling, the new shop keeper says, she hopes to be able to grow and get a place of her own.

Convention causes caustic comments

An attempt by Councillor Pat McKenzie to change the town policy on councillors attending conventions precipitated a battle between McKenzie and Pete Pomeroy Monday night.

McKenzie wanted the present policy of allowing each councillor to attend two conventions a year changed so that no councillor could attend a convention without the authorization of council.

He said it concerned him that 13 councillors could attend two conventions a year, and said he strongly opposed three councillors going to Calgary. "Now I find out staff is going, too. The conference is really for staff, anyway," he added.

McKenzie emphasized the change he was advocating was for the future and would not affect the Calgary convention, where councillors Russ Miller, Roy Booth and Pete Pomeroy are scheduled to attend.

In an outburst, Pomeroy stated, "This is an attempt to create an image of indiscriminate spending by councillors in an election year. He doesn't have the guts to stand behind a policy he helped form."

Continuing, Pomeroy contended the move was an attempt to get a few lines in the newspaper by discrediting someone else. "I call it Mickey Mouse politics."

He challenged McKenzie saying while "jumping up and down" about people attending conventions, he had managed to get approval at regional council to go to a convention in Boston.

Pomeroy claimed consideration of a policy change should go to the administration committee for study.

"There's some fact and some fiction in what Pomeroy said," retorted McKenzie. He said he voted to send the chairman and vice chairman or their designate to Boston, but he had no intention of going. He said he was also on a motion to go to Chicago, but

Protect historic buildings Halton Hills council urged

Historic buildings in Halton Hills could be protected from demolition and alterations if council goes along with a suggestion of the Esqueping Historical Society.

Monday, John McDonald, well known local historian, asked Halton Hills council to set up a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (L.A.C.A.C.) to designate historic buildings and sites.

Council decided the request will be referred to the finance-administration committee for a report.

McDonald noted the Ontario Heritage Foundation was founded in 1967 so historic sites and buildings could be preserved. In 1975 legislation was enacted giving municipalities the power to conserve architecture.

He urged Halton Hills join 77 other Ontario communities and establish a L.A.C.A.C. which will submit lists of buildings and sites which should be protected. Only Halton Hills and Milton don't have L.A.C.A.C. in Halton.

McDonald explained council could designate buildings or entire areas by bylaw and prevent them from being torn down or renovated in such a way that their historical significance is lost.

He said factors in deciding if a building should be designated or not would include

historical significance, architectural importance and contextual significance.

Berwick Hall, the Bank of Hamilton building, Dynamo ruins in Georgetown, Wheeler's Store and the town hall in Glen Williams, the Limehouse lime kilns and Fairview House, in Acton, the residence of prominent businessman C.S. Smith at the turn of the century, and now housing St. Joseph's Separate School, were suggested for designation. Acton town hall will also be included once an official list is drawn up.

McDonald concluded that the town will have to get advice on working with a L.A.C.A.C. and building preservation from clerk-administrator Ken Richardson since Brampton has a L.A.C.A.C. and Richardson used to be that city's clerk.

Councillor Les Duby applauded McDonald's presentation and idea noting it was time the town started preserving its history.

Concern about privately owned historical buildings was expressed by Councillor Russ Miller.

McDonald explained once a building has been chosen for designation the fact is advertised in local papers and objectors, including building owners, can take their complaints to the town clerk within 30 days.

Objections are referred to

the provincial Conservation Review Board which holds a public hearing and reports to both sides in the issue, McDonald said.

He said council then decides to either withdraw its designation of the building or goes ahead. Council has the final decision.

A by-law must be passed for each building or site or group of historical buildings and sites to be designated.

Council can also delay demolition of an historical building for up to nine months and negotiate the preservation of the property. Expropriation is also possible.

He said the L.A.C.A.C. should be made up of at least

five local residents with a broad range of interests and abilities, who have a genuine interest in preserving their community's past.

Miller said designation of some properties could prove to be a hardship for some people and McDonald agreed but added the province has records of only 50 disputes over a building being designated. Over 700 have been designated, McDonald said the local committee and council try to work with people who own historic buildings and most problems are avoided that way.

McDonald emphasized he wasn't suggesting the town spend money buying old buildings.

Hydro go ahead with plans to cross Halton Hills

In a letter to property owners along the route of the controversial 500 kV hydro corridor from Bruce to Milton, Ontario Hydro notes it is proceeding with plans to make a temporary connection to an existing 230 kilovolt line running between Orangeville and Kitchener, at Belwood, 14 miles south of Colbeck.

The "stop-gap" measure will allow Hydro to get some, but not all of the power out of the fourth Bruce generating unit scheduled to be in service in December, 1978.

Total cost of the temporary line connection and associated changes within the Bruce generating station and at transformer stations is estimated to be approximately \$15 million. Hydro notes it will be able to reuse some of the equipment in future transformer stations.

The delay Hydro refers to is in Halton Hills where an OMB hearing is scheduled July 31 to determine whether Ontario Hydro can cross the municipality with the corridor. Zoning by-laws presently prohibit construction of the corridor within the Town.

Hydro is still going ahead with plans to cross Halton Hills, the newsletter notes, with some culverts and gates being installed to facilitate soil testing. Negotiations are also well underway with the 56 owners affected by the proposed line.

Chamber directories are now available

The new maps and directories prepared by the Chamber of Commerce are now available.

Copies have been mailed to all Chamber members and to the many businesses listed in it.

Additional copies are available for those who want them. Some have been given to the police and some are in the town office. Others will be distributed to newcomers to town through the Welcome Wagon service.

Businesses may purchase the directories to give away, to cover some of the cost of printing them.

This is the second printing of the Chamber directories. After the first printing, copies were mailed to all homes in the area.

John McNabb, who is in charge of public relations for the Chamber, is already planning the next printing. Since it will be an advertising directory, any people not included in this one may be included in the next. This could mean those businesses beyond the 853 calling area.

He will begin compiling copy in the fall and would like to hear from anyone who wishes to be in the next booklet. He may be reached at the Free Press, 853-2010.

Both Mr. McNabb and Chamber secretary Janet Fleming have copies available.

The map shows all Acton's streets and points of special interest such as town offices, schools, churches, medical

centres and parks. All businesses and industries in the 853 calling area are listed.

Also included are region offices' phone numbers and some facts about the region of Halton.

A few copies of the booklet were available at the Chamber of Commerce booth at Back to Acton Days.

Horse stolen

The Acton office of the Halton Police has a report of the theft last week of an \$800 valued brown and white colored horse.

Limit legal jargon

Regional councillors want to keep legal mumbo-jumbo to a minimum in Halton's Official Plan.

Region planning committee chairman Roy Booth noted at last Tuesday's planning committee meeting, the draft official plan will be in the hands of the solicitor soon. He said he hopes the lawyer doesn't change the document too much.

He explained the solicitor wants the plan couched in more legal language so it can be defended in court.

Booth and Burlington Councillor Ben Cipriotti both thought it would be a poor idea to have a lot of legal language in the plan because then "the public would be lost."

Oakville Councillor Archie Donaghy suggested if the plan comes out with too much legal language the region could always have it translated into layman's language for the public.

Planning Director Ed Cumming said staff will polish the draft up now that everyone's input has been taken into account, adding:

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where revisions and insertions have been made in inconsistencies will be checked.

He said a revised draft plan will go to committee in two weeks and later to council for final approval.

Councillors discussed the possibility of having either a special council meeting or a seminar to review the draft plan one more time.

Booth said he hopes the solicitor doesn't change too many things in the plan, adding all changes must be approved by council.

Donaghy urged the plan be sent back to the four area municipalities for one last council approval before regional council approves the plan.

Booth agreed this was a good idea since some of the municipality's comments have been accepted and others haven't.

New hour for meeting

Acton Hydro Commission meetings will be starting at 10 a.m. instead of the regular 10:30, it was decided at the commission's monthly meeting last Thursday.

The group meets the second Thursday of each month. The change in starting time was to enable the members to get through their agenda before noon.

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