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Davies Truck Equipment Ltd., manufacturers of trailer and truck equipment, will soon move into larger premises at 21 Commerce Court, Acton.

Davies, who for the past 20 years have operated out of 10 Kelfield St., Rexdale, Ontario, next door to the Skyline Hotel, decided on the move to Acton because of its central location in south-western Ontario, close to the main highways, Nos. 401, 7, 25 and 24.

Davies will continue to operate a parts division out of 26 Kelfield Rd., Rexdale, serving the eastern half of Ontario.

The Acton division will do new installations of truck equipment, manufacture special type trailers, service repairs on trailers and trucks and will also have a parts department, serving the truck transportation industry. The company is a leading Neway distributor.

Vice-president and general manager Angus A. MacPherson says he hoped eventually to employ up to 40 welder/mechanics, many from the local area. On-the-job training is another of the company's goals.

BIAs unite to draw money from new provincial plan

The Acton and Georgetown Business Improvement Areas (BIA) joined forces last night in a bid to get a slice of a \$5-million provincial pie.

Both groups are blocked from a provincial program designed to breathe new life in main streets of small Ontario communities. Under the scheme, called the Main Street Revitalization Program, the Acton and Georgetown groups are stopped from qualifying because Halton Hills does not have a property

maintenance and occupancy standards by-law and because Halton Hills has too many people.

There are other criteria which the BIAs can meet. Unfortunately the provincial ministry of housing when it set up the program used the term 'municipality' of under 30,000. The province accepts the Halton Hills population figure of about 32,000 rather than the population of the centres where the BIAs do their work.

The Main Street Program makes available loans to BIAs whose municipalities have 30,000 or fewer people.

Tuesday night's meeting in the Acton Library found both BIA officials working with Councillor Roy Booth on ways of matching the criteria.

Councillor Booth said he would seek a staff report concerning an update of the property maintenance and occupancy by-law. He told the seven men at the meeting the town tried to come to grips

with such a by-law about three years ago, but also there may be changes.

Henry Stachyra, chairman of the Acton group, and Bob Gougeon of the Georgetown BIA are to make representations to the provincial ministry about their interest in the program and how they can go about complying with it. Councillor Booth said he would go with them if they liked.

Mr. Stachyra called the meeting, the first joint gathering of the combined BIAs.

Councillor Booth suggested substituting the official plan definition of urban centre within Halton Hills for the province's version of municipality.

Mr. Stachyra stressed the need to make the thoughts of the two groups known soon, rather than accept the fact they do not conform to the present requirements. Other programs down the road will very likely use the same criteria as a guideline. Such programs may fit Acton or Georgetown perfectly, but

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Acton Holdings want official plan inclusion

Acton Holdings Ltd. owners of 118 acres at the Fourth Line and Highway 7, Acton, want their land included in the Acton East concept of the draft Official Plan.

A letter from solicitors Dodokin, Sopinka and McCloy, said the lands are

located on the immediate outskirts of Acton, and have considerable frontage on Highway 7.

The letter claimed the lands are close to services, and both elementary and high schools.

The solicitor said he

realized inclusion in the plan did not mean immediate approval for development, but suggested future growth will occur in the area east of Acton.

The letter was referred to the planning department by Halton Hills Planning board.



BERNICE MCLEOD AND Jody were home to receive Halton Housing Authority members last Wednesday when they handed out awards for a gardening contest. Mrs. McLeod said the results

were all her husband Clarence's work. Authority members Dolly Moulden and Jack McGeachie present Mrs. McLeod with a Diefenbachia plant and a Smoke Bush.

Bill Coats to seek Acton regional seat

Acton high school teacher Bill Coats has announced that he will seek the Acton regional council seat in November's elections. He was an Acton councillor for five years and has been a

member of the land division committee for the past five years of regional government. If he is elected, Mr. Coats will become a part-time teacher. It has been arranged

for another part-time teacher to take some of his teaching load so he can devote more time to the position.

His candidacy has been approved by the board of education and his school principal.

His part-time teaching would begin in the second semester. "The board has been co-operative," Mr. Coats commented.

He is a mathematics teacher in various grades.

He is also a partner in a new Acton business A/D Food Clearance. The store is in the process of being moved into The Old Free Press building on Mill St.

"I have the desire and the willingness to serve the public," he says.

He and his wife Gloria and their family live on Young St.



BILL COATS will seek the area and regional seat for Acton in municipal elections this November. Also declared for this single seat is Roy Goodwin. It is presently held by Pat McKenzie. Mr. Coats, math teacher at Acton high school, is a former Acton councillor and at present a member of the land division committee.

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THE FIRST ACTON CUBS visited the home of Harry Foley on Monday night to look at different types of racing pigeons. The lads were fascinated by the birds. Mr. Foley races his birds regularly.

More talks on Elmore bikes

The much-discussed unopened road allowance on Elmore Drive, Acton, at the end of Elizabeth Street, will have another discussion, Halton Hills council decided Monday night.

At committee meeting last week it was decided to erect fences and a gate to prevent motorized vehicles using the land as a jumping off point into private property behind.

Councillor Russ Miller said he had received a call from Dave Armstrong, president of the Halton Off-Road Riders Association, who wanted to discuss the matter.

Miller claimed Armstrong felt banning the unlicensed drivers of mini-bikes would simply increase the problem on the roads.

Councillor Roy Booth said the matter had been discussed three times, and the fences and gate would keep the bike riders out of private

property, and out of a town-owned park. "It's their problem, they're not supposed to ride unlicensed machines on the roads."

Councillor Mike Armstrong said the association is a responsible group and should be heard the same as anyone else.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said there had been lots in the newspapers about it and said they had lots of time to discuss it.

Armstrong asked if he referred back and explained Dave Armstrong was not related to him.

Councillor Peter Marks pointed out the road is all torn up in that area due to construction so no fence or gate could be built immediately anyway, so saw no reason to refuse to hear the association president.

The matter was referred back to committee.

Trial date set in mini-bike deaths

October 23 is the court date set aside for the trial of an Etobicoke man in connection with the traffic deaths of two young Toronto mini-bike riders on the First Line last month.

Timothy Wayne Young, 18, of 30-16th Etobicoke has been charged by Halton Regional Police with dangerous driving, under the Criminal Code and other charges under the Traffic Act.

Mr. Young is charged, under the Traffic Act, with driving an unfit vehicle, driving without a licence and two lesser charges.

Eight-year-old Andrew Taylor and James Fraser, 12 of Toronto were pronounced dead at the scene after the mini-bike they were riding and a car were in collision September 3. The two boys were camping with their families at Smallwood Acres.

Acton gets fluoride—Milton gets plebiscite

It will be some time yet before fluoride is placed in the Acton water system, according to the region waterworks engineer Bill Kong.

Acton water will be fluoridated, but further action in Milton will be withheld until the wishes of the residents are known.

When region council decided to fluoridate the water supplies of Acton and Milton, there was an immediate expression of protest, through the pages of the weekly newspaper, the Canadian Champion. As a result, regional council voted to take no further action in the matter as far as Milton is concerned.

Council approved a motion rescinding a bylaw to fluoridate regional water system, so far as it applied to the town of Milton, and withholding any further action until the residents have spoken.

The intent of the motion was to allow fluoridation of Acton water supplies to proceed in the interim. The remaining municipalities in the region already fluoridate their water supplies.

Regional waterworks engineer Bob Kong says the region is just in the process of ordering the equipment necessary to add the fluoride to the water here. A metering pump and correct piping are required. "It'll be quite some time," he feels.

He says there is no taste to fluoride.

His department has had no complaints from Acton people about the addition of the chemical to the water.

The fluoride issue came back into the limelight when a

new Milton resident, who happened to be a dentist, wrote the town asking it to reconsider fluoridating the water supply. The question had been put to a vote of the Milton people in a 1971 referendum and fluoridation was soundly defeated at that time.

Because water now comes under regional jurisdiction, the letter was referred to the region without Milton council having viewed it.

Emotions flared when regional council, on recommendation of the Health and Social Services committee, passed a by-law to fluoridate all municipal water in the region.

According to regional solicitor Dennis Perlin, the alternative, which councillors rejected, would have been to

hold a region-wide referendum on fluoridation. (Because of their relatively small populations, Acton and Milton voters would have been outnumbered by electors in the rest of the region.)

Over 600 Miltonians replied to a Canadian Champion newspaper survey on fluoridation. An overwhelming majority of those returning ballot were opposed to fluoridation and in favor of holding a plebiscite in the town of Milton.

No Acton residents have written Letters to the Editor on the subject or have called the region water department. The only Letter to the Editor in the Free Press opposing fluoridation was from a Guelph resident.

North area pupils test scores low

North Halton students score consistently lower than those in the south on special national and Halton tests administered each year, Halton Board of Education was told Thursday.

Georgetown Trustee Barry Shepherd said he studied results from 1978 standardized testing and found "consistently" pupils in the north score slightly lower than those in Oakville and Burlington.

"The north scores slightly lower than the Halton norm," he announced during board discussion of an in-depth report on testing this year.

Administrator Dr. Brendan Kelly said the trend at the elementary level is lower scores in the north. However, North Halton high school students aren't the lowest on the standardized tests.

Shepherd said he had been told by a number of educators north Halton students score lower because they come from a lower socio-economic level.

Kelly said that theory is probably correct.



CHATTING WITH his friends at Participation House, Markham, Rev. Chuck Beaton of Trinity United Church relaxes after leading worship service. A large group of Actonites went by bus Sunday to visit the residence for handicapped adults. Story on Page 9.