

200 lots proposed opposite town offices

A 200 lot housing development on the Seventh Line opposite Halton Hills administration building was proposed to planning board, this week.

The plan for the 62 acre parcel, owned by Gainsborough Farm Holdings Ltd., showed lots over 7,000 square feet, served by both town water and sewers.

Andy McNally, a director of the company, which is a syndicate of 15 people, said they had owned the land since 1969. He reminded planning board when they applied previously in 1976 they were told the town could not give an answer until the Focal Properties question was settled. He pointed out the company had worked with the

town opposing the Focal development at the OMB, at considerable expense, but since the adjournment they now felt the Gainsborough plan should be considered on its merits, separately.

He pointed out there is development all around the 62 acres, so it could be considered infilling. He said

buyers should have a choice of type of housing and have competition in the market place.

Scott Rutledge, also representing Gainsborough Farm Holdings Ltd., pointed out there is approximately 800 feet of frontage on Trafalgar Road, and a loop road would serve the area. He claimed buses would bring business to the downtown area, since it lies close to the core of the town. He claimed the development simply rounded off a compact urban service area.

Rutledge pointed out water lines already service the administration building, and claimed sanitary sewers could be extended at reasonable cost. He emphasized the developer would cover all these costs.

He suggested the sewer lines for the development would reduce the cost if Stewarttown is to be served with sanitary sewers at a later date.

He said there is a strange situation where two acres of the land is within the former Georgetown boundary and the rest is outside.

Rutledge claimed there would be no need for school buildings since schools in the

area have empty rooms. He said in talking to the board of education he was told there would be a 200 pupil drop at the high school next year, so contended there would be no need of extra high school space either.

Mayor Tom Hill maintained the density was too high. He said 200 homes on 62 acres was too much. He reminded the developer roadways had to come out of the land.

Rutledge said the number of lots could be changed, and reduced if necessary.

Questioned by Chairman

Ray Booth about the isolation created by the railway tracks, Rutledge said there is a pedestrian access under the tracks planned to the hospital area.

The developer claimed Trafalgar Road, above Maple Avenue, is not a heavily trafficked area and could well handle the cars expected from the homes. He added there would be direct access south to Highway 401.

The proposal was referred to a special meeting of planning board dealing with expansion policies in the Georgetown area.



WILLIAM CASWELL, "Mr. Legion," was one of the guests of Acton Legion this weekend from Sunnybrook hospital in Toronto. Dinner and entertainment were enjoyed by those who attended. Mr. Caswell, 91, was at the founding meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion in Winnipeg in 1926. Behind him is Eva Cutting.

Arena theft

Thieves got away with ten cartons of smokes from the community centre during a break-in last week.

Entry into the building was gained through a small window on a side of the building.

Four cartons of Export As, an equal number of DuMaurier and two cartons of Players, valued at \$80, were in the loot.

Mail's moving

"Mail delivery is pretty well back to normal" said postmaster Gord McKeown on Tuesday afternoon.

Trucks started to roll again after midnight Thursday and there was a mail delivery to Acton Friday morning. There is still some backlog but it working its way through the system, said McKeown.

Police nab

An R.R. 1, Georgetown man was charged by Halton Regional Police last week after the car he was driving was in collision with a police cruiser in the parking lot of the Dominion Hotel.

Police estimate damage to the cruiser is \$250 while the other car has \$25 in damage.

Meet the candidates Nov. 8 at high school

Just a reminder not to forget the Meet the Candidates night next Wednesday evening at the high school cafeteria at 8 p.m.

The evening is sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce and will feature candidates for mayor, regional and area councils and board of education, for both Acton and Esquesing.



LINDA PIUKKALA and son Jeffrey accept the \$50 voucher they won in Acton Merchant draw from Paul Neilsen. The merchants plan to run the draw for the month of November and possibly into December.

OMB hearing on Witnesses' land

Sid and Juel Heller won their battle to have a full scale Ontario Municipal Board hearing on the proposed Jehovah's Witnesses development on 62 acres on Highway 7, near Wildwood Road.

The date for a hearing will be announced shortly, said town solicitor Ray Steele.

A motion to dispense with a hearing, brought by the town of Halton Hills and Jehovah's Witnesses was dismissed by the OMB, Thursday, at a hearing at OMB headquarters on Dundas Street.

Heller, who had objected to the proposal at the municipal level, said the OMB does not treat efforts to dispense with a hearing lightly, and claimed the OMB said there was merit in his arguments.

He claims the institutional

zoning of the land is incompatible with the surrounding area, and suggests it could foretell strip development in the area.

Heller contends council should bend over backwards to ensure property owners are aware of proposals in their area, and points out consultation at the beginning is far more productive and less costly than discussions later on.

Mrs. Heller told the OMB the development could cause traffic problems on the curve on the highway opposite the Moore Park area.

Grethen and Antony Skok, residents adjacent to the development also signed the Hellers' letter of objection to the OMB.

Local teacher hiring to be careful

The trend of school boards hiring local residents as teachers will likely continue, but such hirings must be handled with care, according to the Halton school board's staff.

Superintendent of instruction J. Boich cautioned the Halton board meeting Thursday at Burlington concerning the trend, which can be seen in neighboring boards as well as in Halton.

"It can be dangerous if you're not careful", said Boich.

Neighboring boards hire the best teachers they can

and they look at local residents, and all things being equal hire them.

"All things being equal I think we will hire local residents," Boich told the meeting.

Last year 43 of the 75 people hired were locals.

The trend is heading towards a more and more inward looking attitude, indicated the staff.

Milton trustee W. A. Lawson said he asked principals, where possible, to interview local applicants.

Dies after accident

A 19-year old Cambridge man died in hospital last week of injuries he suffered during a single car accident on 20th Sideroad Monday night.

Christopher Ebbs, 190 Cooper St., died in Hamilton General Hospital.

A second Cambridge man, Brian Peckford, 55 Adam St., was taken to Milton District Hospital with minor injuries. Peckford, also 19, was a passenger in the Ebbs' auto, according to Halton Regional Police.

Damage to the Ebbs auto is about \$6,000, police say.

Police reconstruct the accident as follows. The Ebbs car was eastbound on the 20th Sideroad, and had passed another car safely. But on the approach to an "S" turn, the driver lost control and hit the soft shoulder on the north side.

The car then careened across into the south ditch for 100 metres, went back onto the road into brush on the north side and rolled over three times.

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