

Refuse recycling project taking aim at Acton

by Eric Elstone
Divide and Conquer—the garbage recycling program—comes to Acton in April. Halton Hills has taken over the funding of the project from the Provincial Ministry of the Environment and is extending the service to include Acton according to Halton Hills engineer Bob Austin.

The project has been popular in Georgetown since March, 1978. Until December the province paid the bills.

Mr. Austin said there is a saving in the types of material which would normally find its way into landfill sites. Financially, Divide and Conquer cost about \$20,000 per year.

Under the program residents separate refuse into three lots: glass, tin and newspaper. Garbage drivers learn who participates.

People tend to put tins and glass out in clear plastic bags. Papers are better tied for convenience. It is preferable for tins and jars to be washed and their labels removed, the engineer said. And it is best if tins are flattened.

The material is transported to the central yard, behind the town offices, and then is sent to market.

There is a constant market for glass and tin. The market for paper is

also there, however, the price fluctuates.

Residents wanting to participate in Divide and Conquer can put out their refuse on the same day as their regular garbage pick up.

Halton Hills recently bought the van which the province was using for the recycling program in Georgetown. "As the project has met with substantial success and is being expanded, the

purchase seems justified," stated Mr. Austin in a report. The town determined it was

further ahead in buying the vehicle than continuing the rental agreement.

One potential Ont. Scholar

Acton District High School has one "potential" Ontario Scholar among its small, just three students, grade 13 graduating class at the end of the first semester.

Robert Trueman, who achieved an 80.2 per cent average in grade 13 is a "potential" Ontario Scholar until the Ministry of Education released the official list of Ontario Scholars. Ontario Scholars are students who attain 80 per cent or better in grade 13.

The other two graduating grade 13 students are Karen Glenn and David Johnson. Grade 12 graduates



Robert Trueman

who will receive Secondary School Graduation Diplomas at the end of the first semester are Cindy Arnold, Cindy Brill, Tricia Ensing, Frances Fryters, Craig Gordon, Glenn Jockey, Andrew Kroezen, Gerald Paul, Michael Quinn, Peter Tatton and James Trowbridge.



These are your Halton candidates in this coming Monday's federal election. Left to right, Libertarian - Karen Selick, Independent - Robert Ritchie, Liberal - Bill Ferras, Progressive Conservative - Otto Jelinek, New Democratic Party - Doug Black, Marxist-Leninist - Charles Shrybman. Photo by RON TURENNE

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Glove, shoe import quota boost to leather industry

by Gord Murray
Import quotas on shoes and gloves the last few years have produced varying degrees of help for local leather firms and a survey of five Acton and area companies indicates support for the extension of quotas for a few more years so the industry can become more competitive.

The leather industry is crucial to this area, about 770 people make their living in the leather industry here.

Only one firm, Marzo Glove, 145 Crescent Street, felt the quotas haven't helped. Peter Marzo said import quotas have no direct relationship with the growth his firm has undergone the last few years because the import duty on leather products just isn't stiff enough.

Beardmore president Peter Dunham also reported the quotas haven't helped his company yet, but added if they are extended on shoes they ultimately will assist Beardmore and likely boost employment. Throughout the leather industry Dunham said there is no question quotas have been of assistance.

Fred Dawkins of Frank Heller and Company said quotas have definitely helped the industry, though they've not had that much bearing on Heller's.

Import quotas on gloves have been of an

immense help to Superior Glove Works, Vimy Street, owner Frank Geng says and he wants to see them extended.

Gregor Mance of White Tanning Company, RR 4 Rockwood, says it is hard to say how much import quotas have helped his firm but he has noticed a great increase in business the past couple of years.

Stiffen duties Imports have been hurting his business somewhat, Peter Marzo says, and quotas won't be of much assistance until import duties are stiffened.

He says the duty is about 30 per cent now, far too low, and wonders why duties like there are on imported cars can't be imposed. Marzo also questions why the auto industry always seems to get the breaks and protection.

Gloves are manufactured in Pacific Rim (China, Hong Kong, Korea, etc.) nations for between \$2.50 and \$3 a dozen, he says, once shipping and duty charges are added they cost the retailer \$10 to \$14 a dozen compared with \$20 to \$25 a dozen for Canadian-made gloves. This obviously leaves domestic manufacturers at a disadvantage.

"If they (the federal government) keep letting things (leather products) in the way they are now they can kiss the leather and textile industries goodbye," Marzo

declared.

Quotas big help It's a different story at Superior Glove Works where owner Frank Geng says import quotas on gloves have been an "immense help."

He says in 1974 and 1975 the flood of imports was hurting the Canadian glove industry badly but by 1976 the government started listening to the industry and put a 50 per cent quota on imported gloves. There were import quotas on gloves a couple of years before they were imposed on footwear.

Geng notes, quickly the quotas started to help because now the industry knew where it stood. Prior to that it looked like the Canadian glove business would go down the drain. Early in the decade Canadian firms held 75 per cent of the domestic glove market but by the time quotas were imposed that percentage had shrunk to 45. Today Geng notes Canadian firms have between 50 and 55 per cent of the market.

In 1979 the quotas were extended to the spring of 1981 and next month the glove industry will be meeting with government officials to seek a further extension. Glove manufacturers would also like to see imports limited to 30 per cent of the market.

When quotas first were instituted Superior Glove employed about 60 people, today there are

between 100 and 110 workers.

Geng notes, despite the fact his firm's sales are up and it employs more people, even if quotas hold, the Canadian glove industry can only last another 10 to 20 years because of costs. He says the average wage at his plant is \$4.80 an hour compared to the \$1.50 tops paid in Asia. Big wage hikes in the Pacific Rim countries have helped keep the Canadian industry going a bit longer by increasing the costs of imports, but it won't last forever. In a few short years wages in Hong Kong glove plants soared from 18 to 25 cents an hour to \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Help, indirectly Heller's, with two plants in Acton and one in Georgetown, finishes split leather and manufactures suede for sale in both Canada and the United States. Dawkins says. The firm imports leather as well as buying from Canadian tanneries. Heller's imports because they can't get enough raw material in

Canada. Dawkins notes Heller's shoe business is up about 30 per cent but he doesn't credit the quotas as much as the lower Canadian dollar and high demand for the firm's product south of the border. They also make a limited amount of leather for gloves, but haven't done it long enough to know if quotas have helped.

He notes, if there weren't any quotas likely a lot of tanneries would have gone out of business and then Heller's couldn't get domestic raw materials. Heller's employs about 125 to 130 people.

Imports off Gregor Mance of White Tanning says it is hard to say for certain if import quotas have helped that much, but incidentally business has been booming much of the time quotas have been in place.

Imports have tailed off in the last couple of years, Mance notes, because demand has been up world wide so there has been a shortage

of tanned leather in this country, giving a big boost to Canadian tanneries. He says that is one reason Canadian leather manufacturers are "real busy."

He'd like to see import quotas on finished leather and not just shoes and leather. White Tanning employs 25 people and sells to glove firms like Marzo.

Ultimately benefit Dunham, president of Acton's biggest leather firm, Beardmore, says the quotas need to be extended on shoes. They were ineffectual the first year but have been helping the industry greatly of late. He explains the quotas need to be extended because more time is required for modernization of Canadian manufacturing plants and tanneries.

While they haven't been of a great help to Beardmore, during the time quotas have been in place 2,000 new shoe industry jobs have been created and that "should ultimately help us."



Hamming it up for the camera at the YMCA kiddies club is Erin Wood, three, of Acton. The Y's kiddie club is held Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a beverage provided. Besides making faces, the kids spend the day playing games and coloring.



Janis Fread is one of many heart fund canvassers assisting campaign chairman Vic Bristow collect donations during Heart Month. Canvassers are going door to door while Mr. Bristow is soliciting donations from local industry and business. In addition red plastic roses are in donation boxes in many stores. Photo by GORD MURRAY

Hinton will be tenant if town accepts offer

If Halton Hills accepts H. H. 'Bert' Hinton's offer of his home as a gift to the municipality, once the title to the land passes to the town the municipality immediately becomes a landlord and Mr. Hinton a tenant, a councillor told this newspaper this week.

In the interest of the public being totally informed about the proposal a member of council provided this newspaper with a copy of the legal agreement Mr. Hinton has offered the town.

The agreement says Mr. Hinton will convey his house and land at 24 Park Avenue to the town at no cost and that the life tenancy "shall not endure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administra-

tors or assigns of Mr. Hinton."

The document says the town will pay all taxes on the property, including local improvements, and Mr. Hinton will be responsible for utilities and "normal day-to-day" maintenance and minor repairs. The town will be responsible for major repairs.

"Major renovations, additions or structural changes shall be made only by agreement of both parties."

The agreement would require the town to take out insurance against "fire and other standard perils" for the full replacement cost of the buildings and property during the life tenancy. "If during the term hereof the premises are destroyed or damaged so as to be unfit for occupancy, then the town shall provide reasonable alternative accommodation for Mr. Hinton. If the premises are completely or substantially destroyed, the town shall

have the discretion to decide not to rebuild the premises and in such case, the full proceeds of the insurance shall be held in trust and the income therefrom paid to Mr. Hinton for life. Upon the death of Mr. Hinton the capital of the trust fund, including any unpaid income thereon, shall be used by the town for improvements to the park to be known as Hinton Park."

The park and the home, which becomes part of it, must be renamed Hinton Park and the name must be retained for as long as it is a park.

The agreement further states "in the event the park to be known as Hinton Park is no longer used as park property, the fund referred to in paragraph seven (with reference to the fire insurance trust) or any portion of it remaining, shall be used for the improvement or establishment of other park lands in the area of the former Town of Acton, and the town shall move the memorial plaque (to Mrs. Hinton's memory) to another park or other suitable place and maintain it in perpetuity, and shall recognize Mr. Hinton's gift in some appropriate manner."

The agreement requires that upon termination of the life tenancy the property

Jelinek recipient of Vanier award

Halton MP Otto Jelinek is one of five Canadians who has been honored by the Canada Jaycees as a recipient of a Vanier Award.

In 1967 Canada Jaycees began a program to recognize young Canadians "who are outstanding in building a better Canada" and each year members of the service organization nominate Canadians between the ages of 18 and 39 whom they believe inspire others.

A release from the Oakville Jaycees, who nominated Jelinek, notes the Progressive Conservative candidate in Monday's federal election has made many contributions to humanity.

"Otto Jelinek has worked unselfishly with disabled and handicapped children, first by way of his

involvement with the Variety Club in Toronto and later on behalf of "Red Foster's Special Olympics for the mentally retarded," the Jaycee announcement says.

The Jaycees also praised Jelinek's sports achievements, his work in the business community and "his diligent efforts" as an MP.

Previous Vanier award winners have included Ontario Premier William Davis, football great Russ Jackson, symphony conductor Boris Brodt, Conrad Black of Argus Corporation, Governor General Edward Schreyer, ballerina Karen Kain and author Margaret Atwood.

Jelinek will receive his Vanier award and join the list of 53 previous winners at a ceremony March 1 in Edmonton.

Comment on proposal with ballot provided

The proposal of H.H. 'Bert' Hinton to donate his home to the town has created considerable interest among Acton residents.

A number of Actonians contacting this newspaper have expressed a desire to be able to comment on Mr. Hinton's proposal without having to write a letter to the town.

To help ensure council has the maximum in public input before it considers the proposal this Monday evening and also to assist residents in commenting,

the Acton Free Press publishes the ballot below.

Residents should send completed ballots to the clerk's office, Halton Hills administration office, Trafalgar Road; to Ken Richardson, Clerk administrator, Town of Halton Hills, 38 Main Street South, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4X1, or drop them off at the municipal office on Mill Street East, Acton, where Ward One councillors can pick them up. Please don't send completed ballots to this newspaper.

To Halton Hills Council:

I support H.H. Hinton's proposal _____

I do not support H.H. Hinton's proposal _____

Signature _____