

Warning: have dogs vaccinated against virus

Acton isn't isolated enough that the outbreak of the dog killing Parvo Virus can't reach here and Dr. Ron Trenton, Halton Hills Veterinary Services, urges dog owners have their pets vaccinated as soon as possible. The virus is spreading in the Toronto and Hamilton areas and some animals have died from it.

Dr. Trenton reports he has seen just one case of Parvo Virus here since the recent outbreak began. That animal wasn't from Acton, it was brought here for treatment at the local animal hospital by a Toronto resident. That dog died Thursday night and Dr. Trenton did what he could for the dog, but it was too far along to treat. The veterinarian noted he would not allow the animal in the clinic.

Dr. Trenton said he saw two or three cases of

Parvo Virus, which sprang up around the world for the first time in 1978, in Acton about 18 months ago.

He says the fact it hasn't broken out here yet really means nothing. Dr. Trenton warns it can easily come here because of the amount of commuting and pleasure travelling Acton and area residents do. "It might as well be here. Acton isn't isolated enough to keep the virus from coming here."

Parvo Virus is basically the same as cat distemper. The afflicted dog will become depressed and lethargic and the most dramatic symptoms are bloody vomiting and bloody diarrhea.

After its initial outbreak the virus seemed to disappear for about a year-and-a-half, but there now seems to be a resurgence. Dr. Trenton noted

veterinarians from Niagara through to Ottawa are reporting increases in the disease.

Parvo Virus is "extremely contagious" with a five to 10 per cent mortality rate among dogs who contract the disease, after they have been treated.

The virus is "very stable and very strong. It survives well." Dr. Trenton said it is spread by healthy dogs smelling the stools or vomit of infected dogs and by dogs smelling inanimate objects.

Boarding kennels are "at great risk during an outbreak like this", but, Dr. Trenton added, most good kennels are insisting the dog have had the vaccine before it is brought in. If owners are going away on vacation and will be boarding the dog he suggests they pick one with high standards of cleanliness and sanitation and have the animal vaccinated. The dog

which was brought to Acton last week for treatment and died had been recently kept at the Toronto Humane Society shelter. Dr. Trenton noted the veterinarian at the shelter said he has had quite a few cases of Parvo Virus recently.

The outbreak of the virus is very serious and "something to be very concerned about", Dr. Trenton said, but it is not an epidemic.

The vaccine, Parvovaccine, is in short supply in both Canada and the United States right now. Dr. Trenton said one vet in Hamilton has a waiting list of over 300 dogs to be vaccinated when he gets more supplies.

While the vaccine is in short supply there are other substitutes which can be used. Dr. Trenton said one supplier reports being 100,000 doses of the

vaccine behind. However suppliers expect to have vaccine orders caught up in two weeks and until then substitutes are being used.

Dr. Trenton said he has been encouraging his clients to have their dog receive the Parvovaccine since the last outbreak so not that many haven't had it. Still, he has been giving a lot of vaccines of late, that's all he did Friday.

He urges if dogs haven't received the vaccine or a substitute they be brought in as soon as possible and his clinic will do its best to supply the vaccine or a substitute.

If a person's dog displays the symptoms Dr. Trenton asks they not be brought to the clinic. A vet from the clinic will make a house call. He is most concerned about not having the animal hospital contaminated with Parvo Virus.

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Strawberry season is winding up while raspberry season is getting into full swing. Garnet and Jean Kay's pick-your-own fruit farm at R.R. 1 Rockwood is just one of a number in the Acton area. There are still some strawberries at Kay's because the crop was late due to chilly weather in June. Raspberries are just getting underway and crops are good. At Kay's customers can buy berries

already picked and in boxes or pick their own. Here pickers Karen Hawes (left), Jeanette Hawes, Marianne Timmings and Tammy Hawes enjoy the fruits of the labors. The Hawes girls are from R.R. 1 Limehouse while Miss Timmings is from R.R. 4 Rockwood.

Photo by GORD MURRAY

20-25 firms

New industrial park planned

A major industrial subdivision which could contain as many as 20-25 small, medium and large industries is planned for north-west Acton. The developer thinks possibly as many as 1,000 workers would be employed by these firms.

Joe Shaw, Nor-Shaw developments has asked Halton Hills to amend the old Esquesing Official Plan and rezone 196 acres of land east of Highway 25 and north of the present industrial park in Acton for a new industrial subdivision. The land is officially designated lots 31 and 32, Concession 3.

In an interview Shaw said he has a railway and road easement into the property. The road easement is beside the present Jehovah Witness Hall on Highway 25 north of the CNR tracks. He says he has a few firms interested in going into the industrial subdivision already and he expects the land will sell because it will be unserved and have a rail siding, both powerful selling points.

Shaw emphasised there will be "no water users period." Only light, dry type industry will be welcome in the development.

He said the development could accommodate a mixture of plants using five, seven, 10 and 15 acres and larger sites. A typical client would want seven acres: 60,000 to 70,000 square feet of factory plus outside storage and employ maybe 50 people.

On this basis he feels, with only a maximum of 140 of the 196 acres developable, maybe 20 to 25 industrial operations employing possibly as many as 1,000 people will be in the new subdivision.

Shaw explained at least 48 acres of the land will be lost because it is conservation land, rolling hills or covered by trees.

He has applied for the official plan amendment and rezoning, but it hasn't been heard by council yet.

Shaw explained once the town and region approve the project his first step will be a major reforestation project on the land. He won't be cutting trees down, but instead will buffer the whole development with about 30,000 trees. Shaw said in a couple years nobody would even know there was an industrial subdivision there. He noted he has done the same thing with his industrial subdivision on Steeles Avenue near Highway 25 in Milton.

Noting Acton isn't an easy place to attract industry to, Shaw said, he feels having a railway siding will be a powerful inducement.

He predicted as gasoline costs rise in the next few years rail transportation of goods will become of increasing importance. CNR officials have already been out looking at the site and don't anticipate problems with a railway siding on the industrial subdivision.

The lower costs of the land since it will not have municipal water and sewer services, just wells and septic tanks, will also attract industry.

"We have got to get Acton going," he observed. Shaw pointed out Acton hasn't attracted many new firms in recent years, while losing a number at the same time.

He said the town and region seem receptive to his plan. The region wants to get more industry along the Highway 7 corridor and this would be extremely close to that highway. Both the town and region are anxious to attract industry to Acton to create jobs and new tax assessment.

"We feel we'll be putting in a nice park," Shaw

said. He suggested part of Acton's problem in attracting industry has been the poor way the existing industrial park has been kept up. Shaw and his associates in this project are willing to spend money to clean up the existing park because that will help sell land in both industrial subdivisions. They have every intention of cleaning up the existing industrial park, he added.

One of Shaw's associates in this project is well known Etobicoke realtor and developer Ken Gibb who is already working on a similar project on Highway 10.

He emphasised he and his associates are developers, not speculators, so they will be following the project through and producing an industrial park and filling it.

Toronto man killed in crash

A 26 year old Toronto man was killed Sunday afternoon when he rolled his car on the First Line of Erin Township.

John Anthony Sullivan, 96 Benson Avenue, Toronto, was taken to Guelph General Hospital following the accident and then rushed to Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital where he was pronounced dead five minutes after arrival.

He was driving his 1980 car on the First Line near the summer home of his father, Dr. Leonard John Sullivan, when it left the road, struck a culvert and rolled numerous times. Guelph OPP reported. The accident took place 3.2 km south of Highway 24 at 3:38 p.m.

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Halton Separate Board can't do anything to get funding now for a new school here Halton Hills Trustee Hartley Sherk says. More on page 2.

Acton resident Jim Miller will represent Ontario in horse barrel racing at a competition in the United States. Details on page 3.

Bear and cubs in Acton area

A female black bear and one, possibly two cubs have been sighted in recent weeks in the same area north-west of Acton where a black bear was shot and killed by a farmer over a month ago after it attacked sheep.

Tracks and noises indicated a bear and cub were in the garden of Gordon Johnston, RR 3 Acton, early Thursday morning, but the animals weren't seen. Johnston said the garden was dug up and there were bear tracks.

Ministry of Natural Resources officials from Cambridge were on the scene and saw the evidence that bears were in the area.

Gary Tupling, a Wildlife Supervisor, said the ministry knows of two sightings of a female black bear and one or two cubs in recent weeks in the

Sooner than expected

Seniors' apts. finally have phones

Quick work by Bell Canada workmen resulted in phones finally being installed in over 30 units at the new Senior Citizens apartment complex on Elizabeth Drive Friday after a month's wait.

Residents have been waiting for phones for over a month and Halton Hills councillor Terry Grubbe reported she had received some complaints about there being just one phone in the building. It was in

the apartment of superintendent Dulcio Lameront.

The daughter of one of the residents sent a copy of a letter to Bell complaining about the delay and lack of an explanation to this newspaper recently.

There are three jacks in each unit, two in the living room and one in the bedroom, and the building was pre-wired, but phones couldn't be installed sooner because there was no "entrance

cable" from the street into the building, Ann Archibald, assistant manager at the Bell Guelph office explained.

She said all work was done as quickly as possible, because Bell was concerned about there being just one phone in a senior citizens apartment complex in

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Plaza hearing postponed

An Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing to deal with plans for a plaza on the east side of Acton planned for next month has been postponed.

The OMB hearing was slated for August 5, but has been adjourned with no new date set.

Jerry Sprackman, Landawn Shopping Centres, is appealing the Halton Land Division Committee decision not to grant a severance for the land on which the plaza would be built.

The issue is to be brought before the OMB when all parties involved are ready to present their cases. The postponement was requested by Halton Region.

When the issue does go before the OMB it is expected Landawn's appeal of the town's rejection of a requested Official Plan and Zoning amendment for the plaza will be heard as well as the land separation appeal.

Region CAO gone others could follow

By Jim Roblison

Halton Regional Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid is expected to step down from his position and several other top regional administrative personnel may follow.

Mr. Reid's decision to vacate his post as Regional CAO comes after discovery by auditors of a surprise Halton Region deficit.

The result is the Management Study Team of the Region will today discuss the future of all top management people. This comes after a recommendation made last Wednesday at Regional Administration and Finance Committee that a top to bottom study be done of the adequacy of regional staff.

What prompted Mr. Reid's decision is sketchy

as it was done during an in-camera session of the committee last week. But it has been learned the region had expected to have, by this time of the year, a \$300,000 surplus in its funds.

Instead, there is a deficit of about \$69,000. Considering the surplus has vanished, it makes for a perceived deficit of more than \$400,000. The exact figure is not being discussed but it could be as high as a \$457,000 deficit.

Mr. Reid's fate will be decided today and it is assumed he will move to a less sensitive job somewhere in the administration.

Today's meeting of the management committee is not listed on the monthly calendar of events circulated by Halton Region.



Gone fishing. Or perhaps the heat was too much for this Gremlin. Maybe it wanted a drink or a dip. In any case the car, parked in the lot behind the tennis courts last Wednesday evening rolled down the embankment and plopped into Fairy Lake to the amazement of dozens of onlookers. And there it sat, until the owners mercifully rescued it with a tow truck an hour-and-a-half later. You can't beat this town for excitement on a Wednesday night.