

Transport board reserves decision concerning Tyler's

The result of Tyler Transport's bid to expand its services won't be known until the Ontario Highway Transportation Board decision in a couple of weeks.

The board held a one-day hearing in which many Acton and area people participated in the town office on the Seventh Line. There were also some objectors to Tyler's applications.

Denny Bus Lines Ltd. and Tyler's disagreed concerning the Rockwood market for passengers bound for Guelph bingo games. The

board will sort out the matter about picking up passengers by Tyler's which has used the village for a number of years, or Denny's which has a bingo licence for the village.

While the board is considering evidence Tyler is eyeing a coach he can use if he gets an extension of charter rights from Acton, Georgetown and Milton to other provinces and the United States.

Tyler is also looking to secure permission to run vehicles to the airport and also to MacDonnell-

Douglas Aircraft in Milton. There are also bids to verify existing charter rights and authority to operate busses to bingos.

The towns of Halton Hills and Milton supported the applications by Tyler.

In addition to Denny's there were other companies which had concerns about Tyler's bid to expand services.

Dominion Consolidated Truck Lines Ltd. remain concerned about the movement of freight, however, Travelways of Georgetown, which was

concerned about passenger service, withdrew its objections.

Representatives from the tanneries—Frank Heller and Co. Ltd. and Beardmore and Co. Ltd.—told the board about how convenient it would be to have scheduled passenger service to the airport from Acton.

By far most of the winners had to do with bingo games in Guelph and at the International Centre near Toronto.

Mike Karmazyn, Guelph, testified that Tyler's brings about 17-23 people to the Royal City every Tuesday. Marilyn Briggs, Acton, indicated that Tyler's were good people to work with when she arranges bingo trips to the International Centre.

Paul Fox, assistant inn-keeper at the Mohawk Inn, and Tom Reed of the Georgetown Motor Inn indicated there would be advantages to their customers in having regular service from the area to the airport.

MacDonnell-Douglas has a company policy to try other types of transportation than cars for employees, according to the company's manager of employee services. He and other company representatives indicated employees are tiring of the congestion in the parking lot and roads in the area.

Planners suggest

Build St. Joseph's with septic system

Halton Hills is going to hold a public meeting next Tuesday to probe Halton Separate School Board's application for a zoning amendment for the new St. Joseph's School to be built on Mill St. West.

After reviewing a report from planning staff last Tuesday night planning board approved the calling of a public meeting.

Also planning staff recommended that the development proceed on the basis of it being served by a private septic system, provided the Halton Health Unit approves.

The report notes the five acre parcel the board purchased from

Cecil and Grace Nelles last spring for the new separate school in town is in Esquesing, but extremely close, right across the road, from Acton. Its official plan designation is Rural, Hazard Land and it is zoned Rural.

Staff noted there is water and sewer service in the area, but there is a question of sewage capacity. The school, which initially will have approximately 200 pupils but eventually 300, is estimated to have an equivalent sewage usage population of 80 people or 20-25 residential units.

The report notes there are constraints on sewage capacity and thus

limits to Acton's growth. There is a study slated to determine Acton's urban boundaries and what sewage capacity is left.

There are fears that allocating a sewage capacity to the school when it is outside the urban boundary of Acton would create a dangerous precedent for developers wanting sewage allocation for projects outside the present servicing boundary of Acton. Also it isn't known if there would be sewage capacity for the school.

The board wants to start construction of the new school in the summer of 1981 with occupation by the spring of 1982. So the project can stay on schedule it is necessary the rezoning of the site be done as soon as possible, the report stated.

The planners suggested in light of the time line and uncertainties regarding sewage allocation the rezoning would be acceptable with a private septic system provision which could be deemed an interim solution. They noted it could be written into the development agreement that the school would be hooked into the municipal sewage system when there is capacity.

Septic systems are perfectly acceptable in a rural area on the edge of town.

Provision of municipal sewage service is preferable, but legally it could be approved with a septic system since the school is outside the servicing boundary.

"Planning arguments relating to necessity and appropriateness of the school use, may outweigh arguments on servicing issues," the report notes.

Leathertown meet Jan. 29

The first step towards making Acton Leathertown Ontario will be taken Thursday, January 29.

That evening, in the Watson Room at Acton Library, the Acton Chamber of Commerce is holding a public meeting to get the ball rolling towards promoting the Leathertown image and heritage of the town.

Chamber secretary Janet Fleming announced the meeting this week. Any citizen or representative of any community group is welcome to attend the meeting. "Anyone with ideas is welcome," Mrs. Fleming said.

Penman seeks PC nomination

Brian Penman has announced his intention to seek the nomination of the Halton-Burlington Provincial Progressive Conservative Association for the next provincial election.

Mr. Penman is the second to announce he will be placing his name for nomination. The first was insurance broker Fran Baines.

Mr. Penman, 39, is currently Milton municipal councillor for Ward One and represents the former Burlington area which was made part of Milton in the 1974 creation of Halton Region.

He has been elected to the post twice and returned this fall for a third, two-year stint after being acclaimed. He is married and has two children: Jason 8, and Stephen 2.

Mr. Penman said he gave much thought to seeking the nomination, but decided to seek the post as "there are just too many things which need to be addressed in this riding."

An example, he said, is the position of Milton in Halton regionalism and the need for the town to have at least one more representative on the Halton Regional Council.

Mr. Penman said he did not care to discuss issues at this time, pending the nomination meeting in February. This was also the wish of Mrs. Baines.



Brian Penman

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One of the most cheerful faces in downtown Acton beams over the counter of the Holland Shop on Mill Street. It's been there for 25 years.

Burt Huisman has run the Holland Shop since 1955 after coming here from his native Holland in 1951.

But life wasn't all cheese and chocolates for Burt who spent his early years on a market garden in Bleiswijk near Rotterdam.

He says he came from good stock and a family of ten children. As a little boy shortly after W.W. I, Engel (his real name) attended school, played with hoops, and explored the farm where his father was a hired hand. He and his brothers enjoyed riding farm horses and frequently got into fights swinging their deadly wooden shoes as weapons. If they inadvertently cracked or broke one of those clogs, they'd be in trouble at home—those shoes cost 70 cents a pair!

Burt comments his father had an excellent job working with the farm family for 20 years. Even though his salary was only \$5 (Canadian) a week, the Huisman family received free vegetables and potatoes from the garden, milk and meat from the livestock. By happy coincidence, the farm family also had 10 children all a little older than those of the Huisman family—clothes were therefore handed down.

Council meets region staff

Halton Hills councillors were introduced to top Halton Region brass at Monday's council meeting and invited to get to know the staff better. Acting Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin said region staff and services are just an extension of the local level of municipal government. He encouraged councillors to get to know region staff and contact them whenever they have a problem which is regional in nature.

Councillors met Works Department officials Bob Moore, Don Morrier and Murray Orr, Jack Charleton from Halton Manor, Norma Leipa from Social and Family Services, planning chief Raj Mohammed, assistant solicitor Ken Anderson and Medical Officer of Health Peter Cole.

In fact, Burt remarks, his employer helped Mr. Huisman senior be the first man in town to build his own house. With an interest free loan of \$1,500, Mr. Huisman was able to construct a modern four bedroom home complete with electricity and waterworks—a fascination for the youngsters.

Until he was 11, Burt's life was occupied with school, football, games and church—the Reform.

However, at 11 young Burt started working in a market garden and was to stay in the business for another 25 years.

At first he was the "coffee boy" who ran errands. Because he was so young he was allowed to start work at 5 a.m. instead of the usual 4.30. But it wasn't many months before he was judged strong enough to work the same hours as the other employees. The day continued until 6 p.m.—5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Those Saturday evenings were spent taking his bath after supper and falling into bed by 7 p.m.

"I loved every minute of it—we were never complaining," chuckles Burt.

He adds that he was extremely well paid for his work making a guildler (\$2.50) a week when the usual wage for a young lad was nearer half that.

Within three years Burt changed employers, but was still in the garden.

By the time he was in his late teens, Burt's father had started his own market garden and six of the Huisman boys went to work in the home plot.

All wages were put on the table except a little pocket money, but nobody complained. That was the way it was in Holland in the 1920s and 30s.

At 18 Burt had his first date but the romance "didn't last long—only a couple of weeks".

The Young People's Group of the church entertained themselves with dramatics and essay writing contests—no dancing, in the Reform church dancing was the work of the devil.

Dates consisted of riding bicycles together, enjoying conversation and coffee.

In 1933 Burt was drafted and at age 20 spent a year in the army training for the war that was to shatter Europe six years later.

But in 1933, the army was a lark and Burt found his weight going from a trim 120 pounds to 155 as he joined the ranks of the "lay-down eaters", trying to get out of marching.

1939 saw disaster as World War II swept Europe. Burt doesn't wish to remember those times (who can blame him?) but does say the best part was meeting his wife Marie.

After the war, Burt, now a married man, sought a job as foreman in a large market garden—he was chosen from a field of 41 applicants.

Gardening led to becoming a seed salesman shooting round the country on his motorcycle.

However, he became "sick and tired" of trying to set up on his own and decided to come to a country he had heard so much good about—Canada.

In 1951 Marie and Burt and their children Agnes, Theresa, Nellie, Ria and Burt Jr. came to southern Ontario and the rest is history.

By 1955 the Huismans had their own Holland Shop specializing in Dutch cheeses and deli meats as well as European goods and gift items.

Twenty-five years later Burt is still in business and girding his loins for another 25.

A hardworking but happy childhood seems to have made this man what he is today—a hard-working happy person.



Burt Huisman

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