



Tom Nichol accepts a Canadian flag and staff from Senator Joan Nieman at the opening of the seniors' apartments building Friday.



Mayor Peter Pomeroy kisses Edith Storey while presenting her with a clock for the seniors' apartments building.

This week thru the lens

Elizabeth Drive seniors' apartments officially opened



Pat McKenzie, a former councillor, worked hard to have the seniors' apartment complex built on Elizabeth Dr.



Head staffer at the Halton Housing Authority, Anne Gabriel, the former Anne Gordon of Acton, spoke at Friday's apartment complex opening.



George Barrett receives a tea pot and cups from MPP David Rotenberg at the opening of the seniors' apartment complex.

Seniors' apartments opened

Mayor says more parking seek parkland nearby

Halton Hills is working to provide more parking for the senior citizens apartments complex on Elizabeth Dr. and trying to make sure property right across the road is parkland Mayor Peter Pomeroy said Friday at the official opening of the building.

He said he hopes the town can "soon" provide more parking as well as own the land across the street.

The mayor described the building as a "wonderful" seniors apartment complex and noted Halton Hills has the best residences in the province.

Lillian Toyich of the Ontario Ministry of Housing served as chairperson for the ceremonies held on the porch at the complex. The official opening came a little over a year after seniors moved into the building.

Pomeroy introduced members of his council who were in attendance, Terry Grubbe, Ross Knechtel, Dave Whiting, Russ Miller, and Marilyn Serjeantson to the residents, guests and dignitaries on hand. He also introduced former councillor Pat McKenzie.

Regional chief administrative officer Denis Perlin, representing chairman Jack Rafits who was about 15 minutes late, noted the region is

making efforts, like upgrading Halton Centennial Manor, to assist the senior citizens of Halton.

McKenzie, representing the Halton Housing Authority, said it seemed like a long time since he went to the province urging a new seniors' apartment building be erected in Acton. He noted the Elizabeth Dr. site was one of three suggested to Queen's Park and the building, one of the best designed in Halton, was worth the wait.

He said he was looking forward to the mayor honoring his pledge to secure more parking as well as a park across the road.

Dolly Moulden, a Limehouse resident and member of the Halton Housing Authority, was introduced as well as staffer Anne Gabriel, a former Acton resident who will be remembered as Anne Gordon.

Federal housing minister Paul Cosgrove couldn't attend but Senator Joan Nieman represented Ottawa. A Toronto and Brampton lawyer she was appointed to the Senate in 1972. She has worked in Ottawa with committees dealing with foreign affairs, national defence, legal affairs and constitutional matters. She has also served as a Canadian delegate at a

number of overseas conferences.

The senator noted all levels of government cooperate in project like senior citizens housing. She said the day was a happy occasion and the attractive complex demonstrates that government appreciates the nation's seniors.

Wilson Heights MPP David Rotenberg replaced Minister of Housing Claude Bennett as the provincial representative. He noted the senior citizen sector of society is a rapidly growing group and many more things must be done to make sure the elderly can live in dignity in their own homes and not in institutions. He observed in the past 17 years 34,000 seniors units have been built in Ontario but more are needed. Rotenberg was pleased to see for the first time there isn't any seniors on waiting lists in all of Halton wanting an apartment.

He joked the building needs a name and since Rafits was late maybe it should be called the Jack

Raftis Memorial Home. Resident Tom Nichol accepted a Canadian flag and staff from Senator Nieman and said the residents would fly it proudly.

"We're a happy, friendly bunch," Nichol declared. He observed over the years he has seen a lot of government money spent in Acton and was glad to see for a change it was really doing some good.

A tea service was presented by Rotenberg to George Barrett while Pomeroy presented Edith Storey with a clock for the common room.

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary provided refreshments for the reception afterwards.

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Oh deer!!! Hunt expected in Halton

A Halton regional committee has reaffirmed its decision to hold another controlled deer hunt here in the fall, but the battle over that decision is expected to resume in full fury again tomorrow when regional council sits to discuss the committee's recommendations.

It is expected several of the 841 people who signed a petition opposing a "three day, controlled" deer hunt will be in the audience tomorrow when the Planning and Public Works Committee asks for four recommendations to be approved.

The key recommendation is "that the Ministry of Natural Resources be advised that Halton has no objection to a three-day, controlled deer hunt in 1981, but with only a similar number of

hunters and supervision as in 1980."

This is the same recommendation the committee recommended to council in May. At that time council decided to hold a public meeting to hear from a number of delegations which wanted to speak for and against the deer hunt.

That hearing took place Wednesday evening in Halton Centennial Manor auditorium with 20 delegations speaking.

In addition to the 841-name anti-hunt petition, the committee was also given a 113-name pro-hunt petition.

Among those favoring a return of last November's deer hunt was apple orchard owner Tom Chudleigh of Milton. He told the committee he lost about \$20,000 in revenue to marauding herds of deer. Halton Ag.

Rep. Henry Stanley told the committee an estimate of damage done by deer to farm crops would surpass the \$100,000 mark.

But most of the delegations were opposed to the hunt. Most notable was Mrs. Debbie Kilmer of Limehouse who said the hunt is being based on Ministry of Natural Resources estimates, which in turn are based on the number of deer shot by poachers and hit by cars on highways.

Mrs. Kilmer said an accurate count of the number of deer roaming through the region has not been taken in 11 years, therefore the actual number could be far less than the Ministry is predicting.

The Ministry is in favor of the hunt. Last year it promoted and supervised the Nov. 3 to Nov. 5 hunt which disappointed almost everyone who took part.

Instead of the expected 1,000 deer which the Ministry thought would be bagged, only 128 were officially reported to checkpoints. Hunters were not allowed to hunt in groups, which is considered the only effective method.

In addition the number of hunters was limited to 1,000-750 of whom had to be Halton residents. This year the Ministry has suggested expanding the number of outside-Halton hunters, but the committee last Wednesday rejected this idea out-of-

hand.

It also rejected the suggestion by the committee's own chairman Bill Johnson that any hunt be restricted to exact spots where deer feed and water. Mr. Johnson said carefully bounded killing zones would do the job efficiently and would preclude hunters from wandering onto private lands with the included fear of a person or property being destroyed.

But council today will be also asked to consider a third recommendation of the committee, that the Ministry "consider and report on the possibility of allowing hunting on specific properties at the owner's request outside the hunt period."

This recommendation would go far to quelling the anger of farm owners at the damage being done to crops by deer, but it is also expected to be very hotly debated tomorrow.

The question would be where the line is drawn between what property owner can and cannot hunt on his land after the deer hunt.

To this end the Halton

Agricultural Advisory Committee will, if council approves, be requested to organize a register of property where deer hunting will be allowed.

The Ministry has also been asked to provide, as possible at that time,

Upper Canada College at Norval during the deer hunt in addition to providing the same system of patrols and checkpoints as last year.

Halton Regional Police will be asked to be on the scene and "be as visible as possible at that time."

Keep grade 13 board suggests

Halton Board of Education is not in favor of dropping grade 13 from the educational system, as suggested in the Secondary Education Review Project (SERP).

In May the Ministry of Education published "A Discussion Paper" suggesting ideas for changing the direction of the system. Its recommendations are meant to serve as a springboard for future debate, and after various boards and the public reviews the paper, the Minister of Education will then consider all the recommendations.

The Halton Board found particular concern in the suggestion grade 13 be dropped.

Trustee Bill Priestner emphasized the importance of grade 13. He noted it would not cut the costs of education by 1/13 as the subjects taught in that grade would just have to be distributed throughout the other grades. Longer periods, larger class-

rooms, etc. would result. Acceleration of classes would have to be stopped he said, as students would find themselves out working, or in university or college at 16 years of age. He questioned the maturity of 16-year-olds in an adult situation.

The board has gone through all 101 questions in the SERP report and given their comments.

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