

## Town approves development agreement for IGA plaza

The new IGA plaza for downtown Acton has moved another step towards being built.

Last Tuesday night Halton Hills council passed a bylaw authorizing the execution of a development agreement for the project to be built on the Dominion Hotel site. The plaza will cover about 22,000 square feet, and contain an IGA plaza of approximately 15,000 square feet and about six retail stores.

The developer is Fread-Kassian Investments, which brought in a third partner in the project last month after the rezoning was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board. The additional partner is Green County Investments. The Fread in the firm's name is Acton contractor Doug Fread.

The agreement between the town and developer sets out a number of conditions and requirements.

The developers must provide the region with a pre-engineering report dealing with water and sewers and the town needs a drainage report and drainage and grading plan.

A traffic study dealing with on-street parking in the area, parking for delivery and pickup vehicles, pedestrian movement from the parking lot and turning movements for northbound traffic attempting to enter the site is required by Halton Hills. Also

a parking lot plan must be co-ordinated with the traffic study.

The north entrance to the site will have to be closed the town says and the owners will have to put in curbs which will identify the "on-site access thoroughfare".

The town will want to know where garbage and snow will be stored, as well as the type and location of all exterior lighting.

In addition, there will have to be an area set aside for shopping buggy storage.

The municipality wants the developers to have the plaza built in a "good and workmanlike manner in accordance with good trade practices so as to cause a minimum of nuisance to the neighbors." As well "all necessary precautions to avoid dust, noise and other nuisances and to provide for public safety shall be taken." The developer will be required to pay for any damage to streets, curbs, pavement, boulevards and plantings during construction. These are all standard clauses in development agreements.

The necessary studies and a site plan must be approved by municipal staff before building permits will be issued.



Scott Malcolm

## Scott Malcolm competes in Scottish pipe contests

Scott Malcolm's career with the Guelph Pipe Band takes on a new dimension this weekend when the group takes part in the World Championships in Aberdeen Scotland.

Scott, of Tildey Ave. left Sunday for Scotland to participate in not only the world games, but at the Gathering of the Clans in Stirling, at Edinburgh Castle, and the Montrose Gathering. Altogether he will be gone four weeks, part of which will be spent visiting relatives. His mother Doreen also went with him.

The trip to Scotland came on the heels of two very important wins this year. Just recently his band won the American band championships in Alma, Michigan, and the North American championships in Maxville, outside of Cornwall, Ontario.

Scott himself, won three second place medals for his individual piping.

A trip to the Canadian National Exhibition to witness the mass pipers when he was 12-year-old was all Scott needed to get hooked on the pipes.

He's been trained entirely by the Guelph Pipe Band, and in the past eight years has worked his

way up to grade one premier. Starting grade is four. Playing on heirloom pipes hasn't hurt Scott's playing ability. They are 100-years-old and were acquired through a cousin of Scott's late father, Gil, in Scotland.

The Band will be staying at Queen's College in Glasgow, and will be using that as home base to attend the various competitions.

Scott is going on the trip to win, even though they will be playing against hundreds of bands over the next month. The last time the Pipe Band went to Scotland was four years ago, and at that time they were among the top ten at the world games, Scott recalls. Although he was in Scotland at the time, he was not there as a band member, but visiting relatives.

Most expenses incurred by band members are paid for by the band. All prize money won by the group goes towards the trip, and various fund raising drives are held. There are 25 competitive players and family and friends there from Guelph and area. Scott is the only band member from Acton.

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## Will attract tour buses Plainsman smorgasbord restaurant for Hide House

A restaurant featuring a smorgasbord operated by the same firm which operates the well regarded Plainsman in the Hamilton area will open in the old Hide House this fall.

Besides serving the many customers who have been flocking to the Hide House from Metro, Peel, Halton, Hamilton and other areas of the Golden Horseshoe the smorgasbord will also cater to a large number of travellers on tour buses, just as the Plainsman at Highways 5 and 6 does.

Already the operators have lined up visits by a good number of tourist buses from New York state.

Almost since it was born the owners of the Hide House have been planning a restaurant. A number of plans were scrapped along the way.

But in the past couple of months the pieces started

falling into place.

A minor variance to permit a restaurant in the building was approved by the Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment last month and the 21 day appeal period passed without objection.

Now the plans are in the hands of the Halton Hills building department as well as the fire department for consideration. It can be appreciated that adapting a modern restaurant to a building as old as the Hide House is no easy task. Like any development proposal it is subject to revisions to meet municipal criteria and how soon hurdles can be cleared will determine when the restaurant will open. The goal is early fall.

Plans call for the restaurant to seat about 200 diners. The owners will apply for a liquor licence and an elevated lounge, appropriately finished with

leather furniture, will face one of the two large fireplaces in the rear wall of the restaurant.

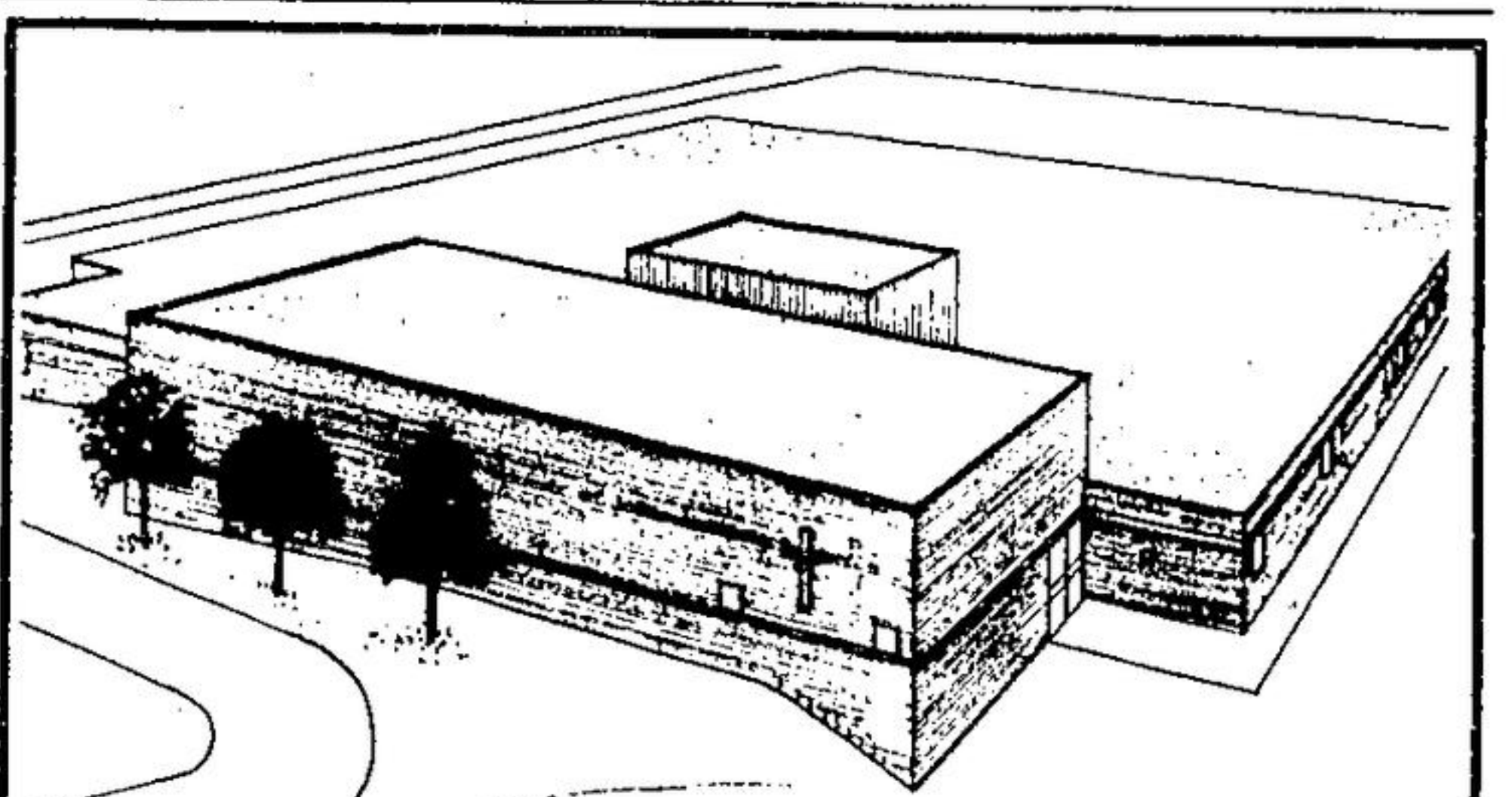
A full agreement in principle has been reached between the Hide House owners and the operators of the Plainsman. A final agreement is subject to municipal approval of plans.

The Plainsman is described by sources in the know as both a "very successful" and "good licensed family" restaurant.

Like the Plainsman, the as yet unnamed Hide House restaurant will feature a smorgasbord. The luncheon buffet is the attraction to tour buses. However, this restaurant will also offer a full service menu at times when the hot and cold smorgasbord isn't available. The restaurant will likely offer social occasion meals and buffets, for example Mother's Day brunch.

The restaurant, as well as the additions of a gift shop and fur salon which are already underway, will boost full and part-time employment at peak season at the old Hide House to between 65 to 70 people.

Ever since the old Hide House opened in November in the former Heller's plant after the leather manufacturing firm moved to the Disston plant it has been a story of continual expansion. Right from the start the Hide House has been successful in attracting shoppers from out of town. After opening featuring leather and suede clothing, shoes and limited lines of furniture, in the last eight months more clothing, more lines of fine wood and leather covered furniture, other leather products, and western wear have been added as the retail area expanded into initially not utilized parts of the building.



An architect's concept of what the new St. Joseph's School will look like. See floor and site plans on page B7.

## New St. Joseph's School Design finalized

Final plans for the new St. Joseph's School to open in 1982 on Mill St. West were approved by Halton Separate School Board at a special meeting last Tuesday night.

These plans now go to the Ministry of Education for final approval and then the project will go to tender.

Trustee Irene McCauley reported the project is right on track; the board still expects to break ground in the fall and open the new school next spring.

The final plans done by the architect Michael Torney of Hamilton were changed very little from the originals he submitted back in March.

The Kindergarten class has been moved from one side to another and the health room is now

adjacent to the teachers' room instead of the principal's office. The guidance room was also moved.

Besides the Kindergarten, guidance room, teachers' room and health and principal's offices the 23,000 square foot school will also contain nine classrooms, an office, a general purpose room (or auditorium-gym), music room, library resource centre, seminar room, boys and girls, changerooms, school office, custodian's office, general purpose room storage, electrical room and custodian's storage and school lobby.

In addition the revised drawings call for the school to be set back a little further than originally planned McCauley noted.



Big Wheels... The Ontario cycling team of Rui Martins, Stella Bush, Julio Goncalves, Rui Avela, Bob Lex, Leah Harvey, coach Des Dickie, GINETTE GAULTIER and Tim DeFretes are all riding around Acton in preparation for the 1981 Canada Summer Games. The team is staying at the home of Joe Gardin on 25 Sideroad.

### In Acton-Erin area

## Hydro to erect microwave tower

Ontario Hydro is planning to put up a microwave tower somewhere in the Acton-Erin area.

No sites for the tower have yet been selected in the study area which is roughly bounded by Brisbane at the north-east corner, Ballinlad on the south-east, Crewson's Corners at the south-west corner and Ospringle on the north-west.

Hydro spokesperson Brenda Harris explained by the end of the month several possible sites in the study area will have been selected. Only a small part of the study area, from just east of Churchill to near Crewson's Corners, is in Halton Hills. Most of the area where the tower is to be located is in Erin Township.

The sites selected will meet the technical and environmental requirements of Hydro as well as municipal regulations.

Hydro will determine if the owner of the preferred site wants to sell. Hydro could expropriate, but Mrs. Harris said that option isn't likely because it is a lengthy process and Hydro needs the microwave tower in place soon.

Then Hydro will explain why the site was selected and answer questions of the municipality where it will be located.

If there are no municipal objections to the microwave tower then a final report will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. There is a 30-day waiting period after the report goes to the province to give the public a chance to comment.

Hydro has a control centre in Toronto which communicates with generators and transformer stations around the province through radio signals. These stations direct the flow of power in Hydro's massive power system. Information is relayed via microwave towers.

Mrs. Harris explained as Hydro's transmission system becomes more complex and demands for power increase, the communications system must be upgraded and the tower in this area is part of that upgrading process. Hydro wants to reduce the time it takes to transmit signals.

Two new microwave towers are needed in the vicinity of the Bruce to Milton 500kV power corridor which cuts down the centre of Halton Hills, passing just east of Acton. The 500 lines passed Acton is a very important part of the Hydro system and needs communications upgrading, Mrs. Harris explained.

She said a microwave tower is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment Act, 1975, so no hearings are needed.

### Town informed

## Next two Yugoslav Centre picnics have been cancelled

The president of the Canadian-Yugoslav centre on Highway 25 south of Acton has told a municipal official that two of the last three picnics of the season will be cancelled.

Following a petition going to council last week from 27 residents in the area of the centre, Halton Hills Bylaw Enforcement Officer John Lusty visited the site on Sunday and talked to president Nick Cajic on Monday about the loud speaker noise problem.

Lusty said the president told him the Canadian-Yugoslav association is aware of residents' concerns and will cancel picnics planned for this Sunday, August 16, and August 23. The last picnic of the year will be on August 30.

Early last month annoyed residents called police and laid charges against the centre's owners under the town noise bylaw. The matter went to court last Tuesday but was adjourned until next month because the centre's owners hadn't been served with summons.

Lusty said he was at the centre on Sunday and with the president walked the site and determined an acceptable level of volume for the loud speaker system.

For a time the sound of Yugoslavian music

was kept down but then steadily crept up until it was quite loud between 7 and 9 p.m. and the police were again called by neighbors.

Lusty says noise bylaws are generally enforceable when there is strong enough evidence. The bylaw states people won't "disturb" others with noise.

He said even before the residents came to council he had talked to Cajic and warned the volume must be kept down on the loud speaker system. The centre's owners seem to think the music must be loud enough for picnickers to be able to hear it from any area of the site, Lusty said, adding he has suggested they keep the volume down and picnickers move up close to the bandstand so they can hear.

He said he will be filing a report with the clerk-administrator and offer recommendations which will go to councillors next Monday night. A special council meeting wasn't held this past Monday to deal with the problem as had been suggested might happen.

One option staff can offer council is to ask the Liquor Licensing Board to rescind the licence for the centre. However, Lusty says, that won't real-

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Acton Lions Club has donated a wheel chair costing about \$500 to the Halton Developmental Centre to be used by an Acton child, Jeff Harrison, age 5, of Lakeview Ave., is making good use of the chair. Admiring the chair are Lion Don Murdy, Jeff's mother Verna Harrison, Lions president Bob Bradley and Lion Art Gordon.

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Guides and Brownies will be roller skating next week to raise money. See story on page 2.

A region report urges Speyside be designated a rural cluster. Details on page 6.