

Halton Hills may need stoop and scoop law

Does Halton Hills need a "stoop and scoop" bylaw to govern residents who walk their dogs around town?

The possibility of such a bylaw was raised at Friday's council drop-in when James Lepski, Greenore Cres., and a neighbor attended to complain about dog owners who allow their animals to soil the sidewalk and boulevard. Lepski said some dogs are being walked on the street adjacent to a large vacant swampy area, while others allow their dogs to run loose.

Councillor Dave Whiting suggested Lepski and other residents concerned about this problem contact Halton Hills bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty. Whiting noted the people walking their dogs in the area aren't all Kingham homeowners, some come from other parts of Acton. He wasn't sure if existing bylaws would govern the problem or if a stoop and scoop bylaw was needed.



Uncle Arthur, from Alliston put on a crusade for the children of Evangelical Pentecostal Church Sunday morning. He portrays various Biblical characters. Tracey Flindall, Laurie Stevens and Helen Staley were a few of the audience who helped with his act.

Driver unknown, charge owner

Quick thinking on the part of a witness has led to charges being laid against an Acton man.

Even though Guelph OPP do not know who was driving the car at the time, the owner of the vehicle involved in a single car accident on the Erin/Eramosa townline last week is responsible for whoever was driving his car at the time of the accident, police say. He has been charged with failing to report an accident.

Witnesses claim the vehicle was north bound on the townline, one kilometer north of the Erin/Halton townline when it went off on the west side of the road, striking two mailboxes and posts. Police say whoever was driving was stopped and examined the vehicle and drove away. A witness took down the licence number.

Street lighting concern

Ratepayers' complaints about street lighting are being referred by Acton councillors to the engineering department and Halton Hills Hydro.

Dave Dills, John St. South, attended Friday's drop-in to express concern about burned out lights and the poor quality of street lighting on side streets.

Councillor Terry Grubbe said she has received a number of complaints about street lighting all over Acton and some lights have been repaired already.

New lights installed in Lakeview have drawn positive remarks from residents because they give more illumination, Councillor Dave Whiting noted.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS fire is a constant threat to each and every resident in the Town of Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS lives are being lost, persons are being seriously injured and valuable property is being destroyed by fire;

AND WHEREAS fires continue to cause losses and losses are increasing year by year;

AND WHEREAS this demands that improved Fire Prevention measures be undertaken to prevent economic waste and tragic loss of life;

THEREFORE, I proclaim Sunday, October 4th to Saturday, October 10th, 1981 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Halton Hills.

AND WE RECOMMEND to all our citizens that at sometime during this week as may be found most practicable:

1. All places of residence be carefully inspected by their occupants and all conditions likely to cause or promote the spread of fire be removed.

PETE POMEROY
MAYOR
TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Profiles

with Jennifer Barr



Talking to Mary Coles is like conversing with a double. She and I have so much in common our interview rapidly disintegrated into a friendly coffee break.

Mary describes herself as being "mildly eccentric." She collects animals.

"If I collected stamps or china I would be considered normal but because I collect anything that lives, breathes or flies, I'm eccentric," she chuckles.

As Mary tells me about her short but very full life, she strokes the enormous head of a 10 month Irish Wolfhound pup placed lovingly on her chest. She pauses to pick up a sticky mess from a gulping cat. "Oops, oh, it's only grasshoppers and a praying mantis."

Mary shares her 68 acre farm with 10 cats, four dogs, two horses (one's a pony), a bird, assorted fish and a patient husband, Jim.

Her Irish Wolfhound, Finnigan, was a big hit at the recent Acton Fall Fair winning petshow prizes for neighbor youngster Shelley Patenaude.

Five years ago, Mary bought her farm just north of Acton in Erin Township, remodelling the century log frame house with her parents' help and tearing down the old barn.

"I did most of the outside work, fencing and such—I worked damned hard actually," she says not mentioning that farm work was done after her own work hours.

In order to support herself and a varying number of four-legged dependents, Mary has had jobs ranging from a bar maid in Medicine Hat to dog clipper, horse farm manager, vet assistant, hydro security guard ("15 hours in a car with a Doberman is not the way to go") and dairy maid.

She met husband Jim while milking cows for Mrs. K. Anthony of Limehouse. Jim was crop farming for the Anthony Brothers and the inevitable happened. They were married 15 months ago. Jim is now a trucker and co-parent to the zoo.

Mary doesn't work outside the home now. "I live a fairy tale life," she comments. "I have the place I want, the option of working or not and the

freedom to indulge."

"But if I got desperate, clipping dogs is what I'd do," she adds with a smile.

An equestrian since she was nine, Mary rode with the Chinguacousy Club for many years. Her favorite mount now is Ben, affectionately called "Shovelfoot," a Belgian Thoroughbred cross of Herculean proportions who shares his paddock with a petite "bomb-proof" pony used for fine harness. Mary mentions several "boomerang" ponies who get loaned to other homes and then "boomerang" back to her.

Put-put was one of her quiskal ponies. When tethered to a cement block, Put-put would carefully unclip his chain and leave the hook attached to a bucket for substitute.

But dogs and cats seem to be Mary's prime interest. Finnigan is the most expensive (\$500) and impressive (nearly 34 inches at the shoulder, already) of the canines. Pax, an old Golden Retriever is described as bondable (Mary has had to put up \$100 pet bonds to apartment owners in the past). Leader is a young retriever with a permanent lump in her cheek—examination reveals a ball which she always carries. Lady is a shy unwanted Shepherd obviously enjoying her new home. Cats number 10, sometimes 11, varying in age and amount of legs (one queen is three-legged). A big orange tom is named "Extra" because he is just that.

Finnigan helps Mary around the house resting his "great Gray Snorkel" on counters when she prepares meals. Jim sometimes wears her noseprints on his sandwiches.

"I never had much use for people—I like privacy and freedom," Mary says—and it looks like she's found it.



Mary Coles and Finnigan.

Urge deposit pledge \$

There are still no final figures of how much money was raised in Acton with the recent Terry Fox Run.

After Terry Fox Day was completed at Acton High School with over 200 people circling the track as many as 25 times, organizer Gord Auty said Acton has raised \$10,665 in donations and pledges with more money to come in.

Halton Hills councillors and staff raised about \$1,000 and half of that will go into the Acton coffers.

Auty says a final figure can't be determined until runners collect all their pledges and deposit the money in Bank of Montreal account number 5056-850. Auty urged people turn in their pledge money as soon as possible.

Potholes concern

Halton Hills engineering department has been instructed to look into the problem of potholes in a laneway behind the Becker's plaza, Brewer's Retail and Toth Shell station on Queen St.

Wiltner Fryer, who lives on Meadvale Rd., attended Friday's councillors' drop-in to inform the town that the potholes are so bad vehicles, including some owned by the town, are avoiding them by driving on adjacent grass.

Councillors Dave Whiting and Terry Grubbe referred the problem to the engineering department for a report.

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