

Town hall...



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committee. The study is to "identify Acton's need for a community centre" and "profile current opportunities and constraints in terms of community spaces and organizations."

Suggested activities for a restored town hall are to be given to Halton Hills and potential groups which might use the building are to be identified.

The current Official Plan and its zoning bylaws are to be reviewed with regard to parking areas.

The consultants must suggest potential programs and operations for a restored town hall and present a complete structural analysis and comments.

A conceptual plan for Heritage restoration of the building's exterior plus renovations to the exterior is to be developed.

Costs for exterior and interior construction and restoration are to be presented from a historical viewpoint.

The consultants must recommend a method of blending the town hall and fire hall to "complement the Heritage aspect." They are to detail alternatives to Heritage Restoration that may affect costs and grants.

Capital, operating and maintenance costs are to be projected over five years as well as potential revenues for five years.

The consultants are to suggest an administrative and management structure for the town hall and "present a series of scenarios on the building and possible implementation."

The consultants will "create a communication program which encourages as many people as possible to participate in the study."

The town and province are sharing equally in the \$11,000 cost of the study.

Yellow water...

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will persist for a total seven to 10 days until the chemical interaction in the system stabilizes.

"It is to be emphasized that there is no health hazard as a result of the discoloration and that the chemical interaction is of a temporary nature. We are satisfied that as a result of our consultation, the situation is under control, but should the problem persist for longer than anticipated, the new chemical treatment process will be reassessed. However, we are confident that this will not be necessary."

"In the meantime, we would suggest that you do not wash white clothing articles, since discoloration could result."

Pomeroy says the drop-in is necessary so citizens can get the needed answers. He said there is no guarantee this problem will disappear by Friday as has been suggested by the consultant and province. He wants the experts to explain the problem, including an explanation of why they say there is no health hazard.

The mayor blasted poor region public relations on this matter, adding he has seen the water and "I wouldn't want to drink it. This is a travesty."

The chemicals are being used to reduce the iron content of the water coming from the well which was closed last year because of odor, taste, color, and the heavy iron content, Whiting explained.

However, he has been given two explanations for the new problem. First he was told the chemicals were breaking down the iron "which was coming out of solution." Later he was told the new yellow-brown color is due to chemicals breaking down iron buildup in the pipes and once enough water goes through the system the yellow-brown will disappear. Whiting is concerned about being given two different explanations and wants the staff and councillors to get to the bottom of the problem. He added he was told fire hydrants have been opened in a bid to "flush" the iron out of the system sooner.

He noted the province and consultant have been looking at the Prospect Park well problem for a year and wonders how come they never realized this new problem would crop up.

He says he has been told the problem will disappear by Friday, but isn't convinced.

In addition the Halton Health Unit will be doing special tests on Acton's water. Whiting says he and others fear the consultant and province wouldn't be "completely forthright" or "careful enough" with testing they have done.

This incident has resulted in a region committee resolution calling for the Medical Officer of Health to be informed immediately any time in the future that there is any change made in municipal water supplies.

He noted he and other councillors have been hearing from concerned residents and the region is getting about 15 calls a day.

Batteries stolen

Someone didn't seem to want Dorothy Polo and Pauline Pinder to get very far in life.

Guelph OPP report sometime on Saturday, October 24, someone stole the battery out of a car owned by Polo at RR 4 Rockwood, and a car owned by Pinder.

Correction

Last week an article about Bill Brown, Greenore Cres., who was elected recently to the Boys' Brigade of Canada executive, stated he worked with the Boys' Brigade in England. This was incorrect, he worked with the Boys' Brigade in Scotland. The Free Press regrets the error.

Third meeting

Consultants studying the downtown areas of Acton and Georgetown are holding their third public meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the municipal office on the Seventh Line.



This week thru the lens

Clowns at the library

Many local youngsters spent a dreary day off school making happy faces on Friday.

The Acton Library invited children to join the clown face and mask making day. Margaret Merrin and Bonnie Smith were the helpful instructors.

The children were put in two different classes, one in the morning, one in the afternoon.



Staff to attend OMB

Halton Hills Planning Board will stand by a decision by the Land Division Committee concerning a land severance, and send someone to support that decision at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

Planning board learned of an application made by Charles and Edward Mitchell of R.R. 1 Acton to the Committee to sever a 1.78 acre parcel from their 10.977 acre property, which was denied.

Councillor Pam Sheldon pointed out to the board that the land is owned by three brothers, one who lives on the property, one who lives in Brampton, and one who is both mentally and physically handicapped. In order to jointly care for the third brother, the brother from Brampton wishes to move to the area to help out. Sheldon noted if the severance is not granted it is possible the handicapped person may have to be institutionalized. She appealed to planning board members to look at the social aspects of the case.

Sheldon pointed out the Mitchell brothers have owned the land for 11 years, one year longer than a bona fide farmer needs to hold the land before a severance can be requested. She also pointed out the land is rocky and not good farming land.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy emphasized planning board members are not opposed to a handicapped person, but the planning aspects have to

More merrier for AHS band

They say there's strength in numbers. As conductor of the Acton High School Band, Dave Sale would wholeheartedly agree.

Since the start of the music program at AHS the school band has been doing nothing but growing and improving. Seven years ago the band got by with a mere 12 members. This season Sale has 56 students involved and has all instruments filled.

All this growth means the band sounds even better than in previous years.

"The more students you have, the less the kids feel like soloists. They're more relaxed and play better," said Sale.

This year the band has picked up more new members, even though they've lost students due to graduation.

"It takes a couple of months before they become comfortable with each other. We hit a high point near the last couple of months," he explained.

While there's great

competition to play for the basketball and volleyball teams, the band faces a different situation—Sale doesn't think he'll ever have to turn away band members.

"It's a different situation than a sport's team, in basketball there are rules you can't have more than 14 kids. We can have as many kids as we have instruments," he explained.

With his large band, Sale is looked forward to a successful and busy season.

They played at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre October 27, are travelling to Connecticut to play, have an engagement with the Town Band during Christmas, are touring the public schools and are going to be involved in a band exchange later in the year.

"It's really super, we have a good group of kids, all the instruments are covered and there's strength in every section, it's going to be a good year," said a proud Sale.

be looked at also. He explained council members have always supported Land Division decisions, and this time is no exception.

Councillor Ross Knechtel pointed out that if town staff is not sent to the hearing, they could be subpoenaed anyway. He said planning board had no choice but send staff to attend the hearing.

Councillor Walter Biehn warned against starting to make decisions on humanitarian causes, saying council will be in for difficult times if they do.

Planning board members all agreed the Mitchells did indeed have a compassionate case, but they must stand by the Land Division decision. Among other things, the Land Division turned down the request for the severance because it is a contradiction to the regional land use plan.

Thieves take parrot

A break and entry at an R.R. 4 Acton house netted thieves an estimated \$5,000 last Wednesday.

Thieves broke into the home by forcing a front door and removed stereo and camera equipment along with a parrot.

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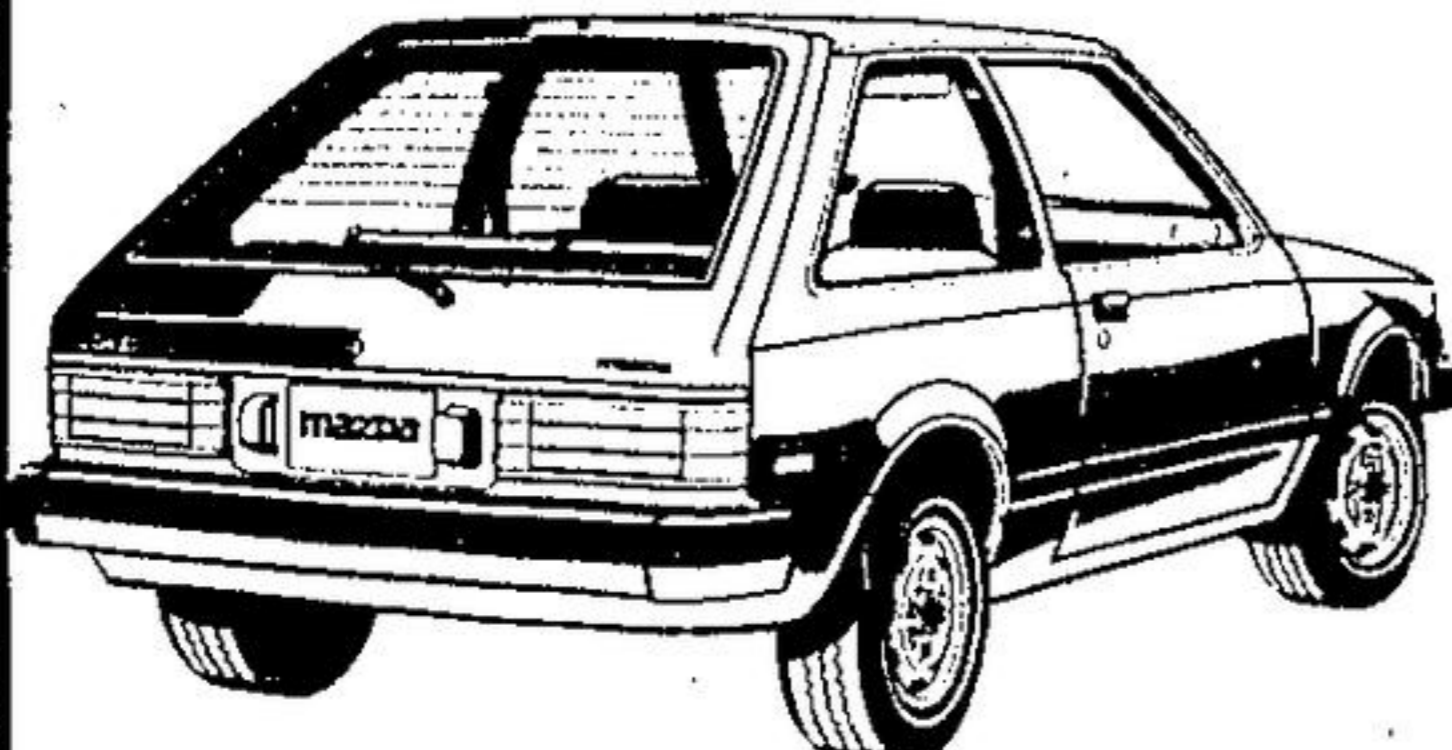
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