

Thirteen streets want overnight parking allowed

Residents on 13 of Acton's streets want overnight parking allowed. Since Councillor Dave Whiting's call in last week's paper for residents to let him know if they want their streets exempted from the three hour overnight parking limit he has received 16 calls, just two against changing the regulations.

In the past week he has heard from residents on Elmore Dr., Lakeview St., Poplar Ave., Eastern Ave., Lake Ave., John St., McDonald Blvd., Churchill Rd. South, Kingham Rd., Greenore Cres., and Mowbray Pl. Previously Whiting had heard from residents on Kingham Rd., Greenore Cres., Elmore Dr., Longfield Rd., and Acton Blvd. requesting that there be overnight

parking. In some cases several different residents on an individual street have contacted the councillor. Whiting has also heard from a resident of Elmore who doesn't want overnight parking because people are parking too close to intersections now and drivers can't see properly. Whiting notes this has nothing to do with the overnight

parking bylaw, another bylaw governs parking too close to intersections 24 hours a day all year long. He also heard from one Acton Blvd. resident asking there be no overnight parking allowed because there are too many people parking overnight now on that street. A lot of callers are saying their driveways are too short now for two cars and if the

family is grown up there may be more than two cars so they have nowhere to park. Others are saying switching cars around when there are two or more shift workers in a family is also a pain. In areas where there are townhouses or apartments residents are complaining because there either isn't sufficient or no visitor parking. Residents in other areas of

town are also complaining about the overnight parking ban because there is no place where company can park. Whiting is pushing council to exempt streets where the bylaw is a problem for the spring, summer and fall, but not winter because the overnight parking limit of three hours facilitates snow plowing. Noting some people are away on vacation, he urged citizens continue calling him at 853-3725. He pointed out they can leave a message on his answering machine.



Hugh Hunter of Terra Cotta landed his microlight plane in a field behind homes on Churchill Rd. North last Wednesday night when his engine cut out.

Emergency microlight landing outside Acton

by Gord Murray
A small, very light-weight, single man aircraft called a microlight, piloted by a Terra Cotta man, was forced to make an emergency landing in a grain field behind homes on Churchill Rd. North Thursday night. Hugh Hunter was flying his microlight at about 1,000 feet skirting residential Acton, when he tried to shut off a two gallon fuel tank and turn on another four gallon tank. Over the Heller's plant the engine cut out. He had lots of height to "fool around with" Hunter said in an interview Friday, so he tried pulling the string start on the 30 HP skiddoo motor which powers his plane. By the time he was down to 400 feet he realized he wasn't going to be able to start the engine again and decided to land in the farm field leased by the Anthony brothers of Limehouse, despite the fact the four foot tall grain didn't make it "too inviting."

Quickly a crowd of children and adults gathered and six fellows helped Hunter move the plane, which only weighs about 200 pounds but wasn't easy to manoeuvre in the long grain, out of the field across to the M.Z. Bennett ball field. He got the engine going again and took off, it only needs about a 75 foot run to become airborne again. Someone had called the police who arrived to investigate the "crash" landing and the ambulance also arrived in the event the pilot was injured. Hunter's Quick Silver MX isn't regulated by the government, though he suspects that situation will change, and a pilot's licence isn't needed. The aircraft cost about \$6,000 Canadian, and Hunter bought it as a kit in February and assembled it in approximately 35 hours. He has been flying it regularly since the spring. He had flown up to East Garafraxa Township Thursday evening and was going home via Guelph Microport. Hunter files over the Acton area once every couple of weeks. His previous flying experience was limited to 20 hours of training as a student pilot in a Cessna. Thursday wasn't the first time he has switched fuel tank flow to the engine in mid-flight and previously there was no problem. This time Hunter suspects there was an air bubble in the fuel line. The microlight moves along at 30 to 40 miles per hour and usually he flies at about 500 feet over open ground, 1,000 feet over built up areas. The wings are made out of dacron, the same as boat sails. This also wasn't the first problem he had while flying, so he didn't panic. Hunter admitted he was surprised the police were called and his emergency landing drew such a crowd. With dark coming he had trouble clearing things up with the police as quickly as he needed to before the 15 minute flight home. He is a partner in Hunter Real Estate with his father, former veteran Esqueuing politician William Hunter, and runs his own business, Hunter appraisals. Georgetown and Acton residents will also recall Hunter from 1969 when for nine months he served as tax assessor in both towns.

M.Z. Bennett...

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In 1939 when Miss Bennett retired, G. Arlof Dills, editor of The Acton Free Press, and the reflected the community's sentiments when he wrote: "Fortunate indeed have been the citizens of Acton to have had for so many years her influence in our public life." And Gordon Gibbons, speaking on behalf of the students said: "We are conscious of the uplifting power of your personality as you worked with ardent zeal to teach the rudiments of education and the principles of Christian living." As a charter member of the IOOE, Miss Bennett supported work home and abroad. She also contributed greatly to the Sunday school, Women's Missionary Society and the Trinity United Church. Funeral services for Miss Bennett was held Monday at Trinity United Church and Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery. She was the sister of the late Thomas E. Bennett and Mrs. Margaret Terry and the aunt of Joan (Mrs. George Pearce) of Sarnia and Donna (Mrs. Ron Book) of Woodbridge. She was also great aunt of Terry, Patricia and Donna Pearce.

Fred Wright...

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Mr. Wright was treasurer of Knox Presbyterian Church, and reunion secretary in July 1930 for Acton and district farmers, and in 1933 for Dublin school old boys and girls. It was Fred Wright who made the first deposit in the Bank of Montreal when it re-opened in 1960, and he was also the number one depositor 49 years earlier at the old Merchants Bank. Mr. Wright died in Guelph General Hospital August 1. Cremation followed. A family service for the interment of ashes was held at Fairview Cemetery on Monday. Mr. Wright was predeceased by his wife Edith, and is survived by son Norman and daughter-in-law Dorothy of Guelph, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. A special memorial service is planned for tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. Many organizations in town will be attending, including the Legion and the Rotary Club. All are welcome to pay their respects.

Close Fourth Line

Part of the Fourth Line will be closed from Monday to the start of October while reconstruction takes place. Monday Halton Hills council approved the road be closed from the Given Road to the former Dunceck farm while "substantial cut and fill" work is carried out. A report from the town engineer Robert Austin stated the road closing was recommended by the consulting engineers on the project, Phillips Planning and Engineering. In answer to a question from Councillor George Malby, Austin said the board of education has been notified of the road closure and aren't concerned about this month but saying the board is satisfied when it will still be closed in September wouldn't be correct.

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