

# Hallowe'en

That ghoulish time of year is once more with us — the only time of the year when it's not unusual to see witches, ghosts, clowns and goblins roaming the streets in search of goodies.

Trick or treat day has been moved to Saturday instead of Sunday because of opposition by some members of the community.

So be ready! Light your pumpkins, dress the kids in costume and be on hand for the many characters who are sure to knock at your door again this year. Happy Hallowe'en!

## Decision '82

# Mayorality hopefuls square off at Acton's all-candidates meeting

Halton Hills mayorality candidates Glen McKenzie of Acton and incumbent Peter Pomeroy of Norval squared off to discuss the issues at last Wednesday's all-candidates meeting sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce at Acton High School.

About 100 people attended the meeting to hear the views of the 16 of the 19 candidates vying for Acton's votes on November 8. Doug Mason, a candidate for Hydro Commission, was absent, as were the two candidates for the separate school supporters' seat on Halton Board of Education, Mark Bradley and Tony Florita, who apparently weren't invited.

The majority of the questions from the audience were directed to the two men seeking the mayor's chair and candidate McKenzie even had a question for his opponent.

### Glen McKenzie

McKenzie told the audience he grew up in Acton and loves the community and its citizens. He is 27-

### All candidates meeting for Esqueusing candidates

Esqueusing voters will get a chance to hear the views of their council and school board candidates at an all-candidates meeting at Georgetown High School on November 2 starting at 8 p.m. There are no plans for an all-candidates meeting for ward two in the Acton area this election.

years-old. The political "neophyte" said he wants to give Acton the treatment it deserves at council.

The main plank in his platform is to promote jobs through tax incentives to prospective industries and commercial developments.

McKenzie said he feels the GO buses should be running later on the weekend and the GO Train brought to Acton.

The town hall should be torn down, "scrap it", and a community centre built in the rural area between Georgetown and Acton.

Halton Hills has great potential as a tourist area and his measures to encourage business will enhance this drive.

Property rights are endangered by the quarry issue, McKenzie declared, adding the alarm about this issue should have been raised by councillors sooner.

Halton Hills must tighten its belt on spending and he is going to lead by example, his campaign for mayor is costing next to nothing.

Halton Hills should be following the beaver's motto, "sharing, sharing, sharing."

He called on voters to help him "help you."

### Peter Pomeroy

The marriage of Acton, Georgetown and Esqueusing into one town was received less than "enthusiastically", and Peter Pomeroy said when he was elected mayor he pledged to represent all areas of the Town.

He feels he has done a good job in his four years as mayor at representing all parts of Halton Hills



Glen McKenzie



Peter Pomeroy

106 square miles. Pomeroy noted his opponent has questioned his involvement in Acton but, Pomeroy noted, he is in Acton at least three times a week for council drop ins and many, many social functions. If his opponent hasn't seen him, Pomeroy suggested it was because they don't "frequent the same locations". The incumbent noted he spends a lot of time dealing with the Acton ratepayers' problems too.

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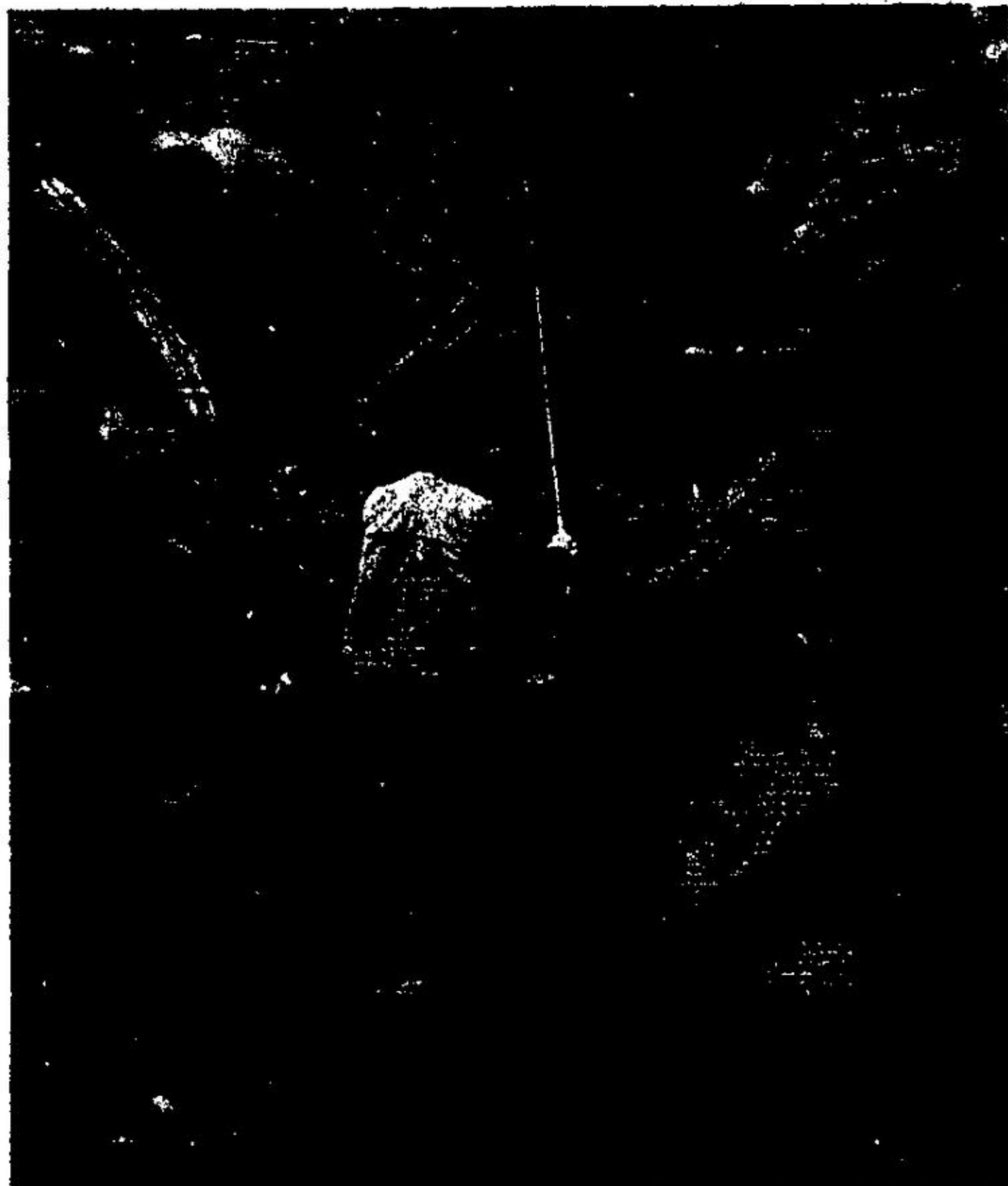
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Halton's sparkling clear streams offer an idyllic setting for fishermen. Warm Indian Summer weather is promised for the next few days and angler like Mark Gurny, 14, will be enjoying it as they also take in the blaze of colors provided by woodland glades. Heavy winds tore much of the glorious fall colors from trees but it still exists in sheltered areas and along country roads. —Photo courtesy The Burlington Post

## Fairview Cemetery

# Possible \$1,000 reward for arrest, conviction vandals

A bylaw will be prepared authorizing the Town to offer rewards of up to \$1,000 for information resulting in the apprehension and conviction of persons guilty of vandalism.

This new legislation comes as a result of Mayor Peter Pomeroy's suggestion that people living in the area of Fairview Cemetery in Acton may be able to supply information about the recent rash of tombstones being knocked over.

The reward limit would be \$1,000, not always that high in every case the Town wanted information about to curb vandalism or any other criminal act against public property.

Councillor Terry Grubbe asked if anyone who supplies information to the municipality would get \$1,000. The Mayor replied only if there was an arrest and conviction for, in this case, cemetery van-

dalism. Grubbe said she had been concerned about everyone running around trying to dig up information about other people. Councillor Mike Armstrong joked he had visions of a retired councillor (Grubbe isn't seeking re-election) turned part-time "bounty-hunter".

Staff reported they contacted the police about ways of beefing up cemetery security. "The initial reaction was to see little benefit arising out of physical works such as fencing. This may act as a deterrent to vehicle access, however at the same time it would inhibit police vehicles entering the grounds. However, the whole question of security alternatives will be pursued and will require more time to evaluate. This would include such things as lighting, fencing and security services."

## Acton Social Services and Information Centre

# "Optimistic" Centre will get the needed dollars to remain open

Halton Region's next Social Services Committee will be asked December 14 to approve a financial plan which would keep the Acton Social Services and Information Centre open.

After the centre moved from the Y building to the former Gal's Pal building on Mill St. East, where business has doubled because of the more visible location, a \$5,000 budget shortfall developed because of increased operating costs and renovation expenses.

If the centre doesn't receive some fresh funds between the end of this year and when its 1983 grant comes from the region in April it will have to close for a time. It will have to be closed by mid-January at the latest.

Since the crisis was brought to the attention of the region it has been discussed by councillors, who voiced support for helping keep the centre open and the valuable service it provides, and

staff has been developing a rescue plan which would also put the centre on firmer financial footing for the future.

Peggie Balkind, who operates the centre, said in an interview that she and board of directors members Peter Marks, Lorne Doberthien and Eric Balkind, met with region officials Denis Perlin, Debbie Oakley, David Szwarc, councillor Dave Whiting and other staff last week to deal with the problem.

She said she is "optimistic" the centre won't have to close for any period of time, but cautioned the final decision on the proposal to be made by staff will rest with the new regional council.

Balkind noted the region has social services and health unit offices in Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Georgetown but not Acton, so the region is planning to make the Acton Social Services and Information Centre a sub-office and will pay a

lease or licence fee. Staff from social services, Children's Aid and health unit have been using office space at the centre on a part-time basis all along, so now the region will simply be paying a fee, giving the region a presence in Acton like it has in other urban areas.

The fee structure is still being worked out. Balkind must meet again with Szwarc. If the region starts paying a fee, this new financial arrangement isn't expected to impact on the centre's grant which this year was \$20,500. Balkind noted the region staff is "aware" of the centre's shortfall, \$5,000, but of course they didn't receive a commitment for that much money.

"They (region staff) were very genuine that they want to help. I didn't get the feeling we have to prove our case. They were very positive, recognize the need and that we're filling a good role," Balkind said.

# Town has questions, comments for province, region on aggregate

Councillor Pam Sheldon wants to send some messages to the province about the aggregate issue and also has some questions she wants answered by the region, but council isn't going to do anything further on the issue until they have reports from staff.

Monday night, in the wake of regional council deferring the aggregate issue until the Niagara Escarpment Plan is unveiled, Sheldon presented eight recommendations and questions for the region and province.

Halton is going to send a delegation to several provincial ministries to discuss the aggregate issue and Sheldon thinks the delegation should ask Queen's Park to introduce the "proposed aggregate bill in order that affected government agencies are in a position of having a recognized document to facilitate proper response."

Sheldon also wants the Minister of Agriculture

Dennis Timbrell to be asked to comment on the proposed aggregate bill before it is introduced, "or confirm earlier comments." She also wants assurances that, "his office will continue to monitor and comment upon the document and its impact upon the agriculture industry."

The delegation should ask the Minister of Natural Resources Allan Pope to "clarify in writing the precise status of the referred to 10 point policy." Sheldon wants to know "is it cabinet policy?"

The Minister of Housing, Claude Bennett should be asked, Sheldon said, to have any OMB hearing into the aggregate issue in Halton deferred until the other concerns of Halton Hills are answered.

She wants the region's planning department to comment on the Ministry of Natural Resources, Cambridge District, aggregate strategy document and "possible confusion between regional

and area Official Plans relative to the aggregate policies be reviewed and reported on." She wants comments on the necessity for amendments when the regional plan may not require an amendment and the area (Halton Hills) plan does.

Sheldon wants the region planners to define "compatibility" relative to land uses in the aggregate policy. She noted the planners said they would ask the province for the definition of compatibility and that's a "cop out". The province shouldn't be allowed to define compatibility, the municipality must define it.

Lastly Sheldon wants the region planners to explain why "phasing" provisions were dropped from the new aggregate policy and if phasing can't be put back in the policy, "suggest alternatives to accomplish this previous inserted key element to development."

Councillor Ross Knechtel said the region shouldn't be dealing with aggregate issues, only Halton Hills and the province. He said 80 per cent of regional councillors aren't familiar with the north, the region was wasting money working on the aggregate issue and not prepared to deal with it properly.

Pomeroy said the delegation will take Knechtel's comments to the province, but at the same time praised the unanimous support from southern regional councillors for the deferral motion.

Knechtel thought council shouldn't pass Sheldon's motions until there's a staff report, even though he agreed with her views.

Sheldon agreed the region shouldn't be involved in the aggregate issue, but it will take too long and be too hard to convince the province of that. Besides, she said, the region's plan is the one which is before the courts and the OMB now.

Sheldon said the issue is back to square one and it's time for the Town to get "our fingers in the pie" before the region planners wasted time and money coming up with something else Halton Hills doesn't like.

Pomeroy said a report from the planner could be reviewed by Halton Hills council before the region delegation goes to the province.



Judy Shannon and Laura Dietrich set up items for display at the Acton Library to advertise the Acton Arts and Craft Exhibitions and Sale this Saturday at St. Alban's Parish Hall.

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Acton OPP held a reunion. See story page 2.

A church will defend an Eden Mills youth on drug charges. Turn to page 3.

A man was discovered in a home. More on page 2.

The Fox Run has raised \$9,300 so far.

Two new furnaces are needed for the arena. Details on page 2.

Extra police will be on duty for Hallowe'en weekend. More on page 1.

An Acton man was in jail for his part in the theft of skins case. See page 16.

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Get a good crop of leaves this fall... my neighbours!

## Turn clock back

Readers are reminded that Eastern Standard Time returns this coming Sunday, October 31, at 2 a.m. Before going to bed on Saturday night turn your clock back one hour, or else you'll be late for church on Sunday morning.