



Kim Scott, Elizabeth Vacek, Laura Langridge, Irene Pfahlen and Lori Beaton had a great time skating.



Anita Hahn and Janeen Robinson had lots of fun at the Skate-a-thon.



The St. Joseph's and M.Z. Bennett pupils gather to hear instructions from Rotary members before starting their skate.

Skate-a-thon raises \$10,000 This week thru the lens

The 1983 Rotary Skate-a-thon broke all records Sunday afternoon with \$10,000 being raised and over 270 students participating. Organizer Rae Nellis explains this is \$3,000 and more than 70 students over last year's figures, and credits the return of Brookville school. Detailed figure breakdowns will be available at a later date.



Troy MacDougall, Scott Rowsell, Chad Rowsell and Stacey Patenaude participated in the skate-a-thon.



Acton Rotary Club members were busy Sunday afternoon registering pupils taking part in the annual skate-a-thon.



Maureen McGillivray of Robert Little and Lorelei Kidds of MZ Bennett lace on their skates.

No cut in Nor Halton Park site limitations

Halton Hills council decided not to trim the campsites limit from 225 to 175 at Nor Halton Park Monday night. When owner Merv Barber went to seek permission to expand his recreation building he discovered he needed an amendment to a new Town bylaw passed in 1982 to help council control rural recreation centres like the Yugoslav and Croatian camps.

He worked with the planning department on an amendment allowing his expansion, limiting the number of serviced campsites and controlling future development of his property through site plan approval.

However, the Town received a number of objections from neighbors to the amendment. They expressed concerns about noise, water supply and septic system adequacy, the "scale" or number of sites in the campground, destruction of fences and trespassing problems, inadequate size of the campground for the number of people camping there, "inappropriate location and topographical features," and need for a better buffer zone. Neighbors were also worried there could be year round camping in the future at Nor Halton Park.

Planning staff suggested the bylaw amendment be modified before it is sent to the Ontario Municipal Board in the hopes of satisfying the objections of neighbors and so avoid a hearing. They suggested the number of sites for tents and trailers be reduced from 225 to 175. Staff felt this would still permit future expansion.

Staff also recommended beefing up the language defining "campground" so it would be clear it means seasonal.

Barber told councillors he was satisfied with the original amendment the Town adopted, he felt he could live with those restrictions. He didn't mind the aspect of the modified bylaw covering seasonal camping only, but was against seeing the number of sites cut from 225 to 175.

He said he doesn't need the sites now, but felt 225 sites would cover all his needs for the next three to five years. Barber said every winter he seems to be working with council and staff on one regulatory bylaw or another. He said he might as well sell his business if council continued being so restrictive and noted other campgrounds in Halton with the same amount of land or even less are allowed more campsites than he wanted.

Planner Ian Keith said the planning department hadn't been able to satisfy either side. Staff wanted to proceed to send the amendment to the OMB but continue mediating in the hopes of settling the matter before a hearing was held.

Barber said he currently has 100 serviced sites as well as 30 or 40 other sites. He noted he wanted to expand the rec hall to give campers a place to go in poor weather and also reduce noise for the neighbors. Barber said he and his campers have been blamed for noise in the past which has come from homes down the road but his neighbors assume it comes from Nor Halton Park.

A neighbor, Lehn Emme, warned 225 sites translates into about 1,000 campers. She complained the neighbors seem to have no rights despite the fact they pay high taxes and receive few services.

She said people come to the camp from the city to relax but where do citizens go to relax when they are bothered by noise all day. The camp isn't bad now, the neighbor said, but she feared the future if there are more sites allowed.

She recalled there was no camp there when they bought in 1967 nor when they built their home in 1972. However, councillors and staff pointed out the campground was approved by Esqueping back in 1962.

Deputy planner Bruce McLean said the

Town was on the "horns of a dilemma". Staff was proposing the changes to the amendment so it could be defended more easily at the OMB. He said 175 sites were sufficient for now, noting neighbors do have some rights.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy said Barber was caught in a web. The Town was trying to prevent future camps like the Yugoslav and Croatian centres, and in the process hurt Barber too, whose business was legal for about 20 years. He said the Town's "mistake" had frozen Barber.

Keith countered it wasn't a mistake, the original bylaw was designed to give council some control over recreation centres and regulate the number of camp sites.

The mayor said he appreciated the neighbors' concerns, but Barber was caught in a trap, before the 1982 bylaw he could have expanded as much as he wanted. He said staff was proposing a reduced number of sites with no guarantee that would satisfy objectors.

Councillor Dave Whiting complained the Town was encouraging tourism and then restricting too much a tourist facility. How could the Town want tourists to come to Acton and then limit where they can stay, he asked. He said neighbors should have checked out zoning before they bought land in the area. He said reducing the sites would be a "kick" in the behind to the North Halton Tourism Association.

Sheldon disagreed that Barber was caught in a trap since he wouldn't have found he was restricted if he didn't want to expand his rec. hall. Any expansion of facilities should be open to "public scrutiny" and Barber would have to put up with coming back to council for approvals on many things just like anyone else.

Blocks tracks

Two youths who placed two large pieces of wood across the train tracks last Wednesday evening have been charged with mischief, Halton Regional police report.

According to reports, the two youths from Limehouse, aged 16 and 18, were observed putting the wood on the CNR tracks at 20 Sideroad and Trafalgar Road at about 6.30 p.m.

One of the pieces of wood was a large sign, police say.

A short time later, a passenger train was forced to stop because of the wood on the tracks. A freight train was also delayed eight minutes due to the prank.

Both youths were arrested by police

Meanderings

by Mabel Barkman

I think the delight in gardening is enhanced if one tries something new every year.

One year I grew peanuts and although I didn't get many peanuts, I found out how beautiful the leaves were, that pretty yellow flowers were produced and that you had to dig under the ground to get the nuts. Another year I tried soybeans and found that the rabbits loved the glossy green leaves.

This year I intend to try the vegetable spaghetti squash. Apparently when you open the squash the inside is full of strings like spaghetti and you can even bake them in the shell, put in your favorite tomato sauce and the result will be very like ordinary spaghetti.

I think I'd better serve a few meatballs on the side to entice my husband to try this new dish!

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THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT ACT
COMPLETION OF A HIGHWAY STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications (M.T.C.) has completed a study which will result in the reconstruction of Highway 25 from .3 km south of Esqueping Road 17, Northerly to Acton south limits, W.P. 97-77-02, District 4 - Hamilton.

The study has followed a planning process approved under The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975. As required by this approval an Environmental Study Report has been filed with the Environmental Assessment Branch of the Ministry of the Environment (M.O.E.) and is available for public review at the following locations.

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135 St. Clair Avenue West, 10th Floor
Toronto, Ontario

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Hamilton Regional Office
Ontario Government Building
119 King Street West, 12th Floor
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1151 Bronte Road
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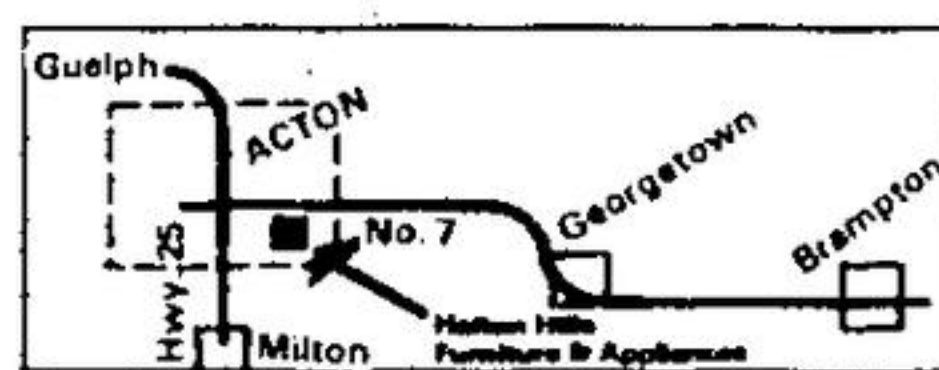


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