

Controls on second hand stores

# New bylaw unfair say merchants

Certain clauses in the newly-drawn up Second Hand Store bylaw are "unfair and discriminatory" according to several merchants and more than a few Halton Hills councillors.

Because of this, General Committee last week removed some stipulations and modified others before the bylaw was sent to council to be passed this week.

After lengthy discussion, committee members agreed with Douglas Freeman, owner of Second Hand Rosie, in Georgetown, that the Town had no right to make a store owner hold merchandise for 21 days before it can be sold, as requested by the Halton Regional Police.

Freeman contended that if he goes out and buys \$20,000 worth of second hand goods he will lose a lot of money if he cannot sell it for three weeks. Sometimes he even has buyers right away and would not be able to sell the item. Regular stores do not have this to deal with.

The shop owner also argued with the by-law's stipulation that the licensee must be of outstanding character. Freeman pointed out that everyone has skeletons in their closet if one digs deep enough. This was discriminatory. Committee agreed and took out the clause.

Freeman also took offense to the clause that no goods or merchandise shall be displayed outside in front of the store. He pointed out there are some stores in town who have their items out and sometimes blocking the sidewalk. Councillor Mike Armstrong pointed out this had been changed to read that the goods could not obstruct the sidewalk.

On the advice of Freeman, committee decided to change the minimum age the shop keeper can buy from, from 18 to 16 years of age. Freeman pointed out there are a lot of people under 18 living together and sometimes things just don't work out for them and they sell their furniture. Committee also agreed to omit a clause that the store cannot purchase used goods from someone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Because it is redundant with the Sunday Closing Act, and discriminatory against second hand stores, councillors also did away with a clause that would prohibit this

type of store from opening on Sundays. Freeman said when he notified the Town about being open Sundays and when he first opened his business, he was told it was a provincial matter. When he contacted the Province, he was told there were exceptions, depending on the size of the store.

One clause that would prohibit him from picking up goods from sunset to sunrise caused Freeman some worry, until committee assured him he could still go to homes if he was called, but could not go door to door soliciting. Bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty noted this clause has been in for all time and was designed to catch "the rag and bone man".

Freeman said some of the clauses, especially the part about keeping goods 21 days was "just like a police state".

He noted that he keeps very good records on everything he buys items from, and sells them to. In almost two years of operating, the police have only come in twice to check goods or records, and this was done with the complete co-operation of Freeman.

Dave Page, representing the Georgetown BIA, labelled the 21 day time period as "an unnecessary and unwarranted interference of business" and pointed out there is no other law which prohibits any other merchant from selling their goods right away.

To include this clause merely to assist the police, Page noted, was not the proper use of municipal powers. The police already have access to all Freeman's records. If the police had found stolen property in a second hand store then their argument would have some foundation. However, as of yet, there is no evidence, he said. It was pointed out used goods taken in by regular stores do not fall under the same laws as those primarily dealing with used goods.

Auctioneer Jim Forbes told committee members licensing second hand dealers should also mean licensing of garage sales. He alleged there was more stolen property going through this type of sale than any place.

Lusty pointed out garage sales are a problem and the provincial government is looking at a way to legislate them.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy pointed out Forbes was asking for legislation on garage sales, but less controls on second hand stores. "Which way do you want it?" he asked. Forbes countered that he wanted the same laws for everyone.

Councillor Pam Sheldon contended if the Town can help the police protect people's property they should help. Forbes said the second hand stores already help. Sheldon shot back that "you may be honest, but others may not be."

Councillor Phil Carney wanted to know how long it had been since the police had approached Forbes. After he was told six months ago, Carney noted that if the police had not come around for six months, they weren't going to in 21 days.

Although he also thinks the waiting period is unfair, Pomeroy was annoyed at a statement made by Forbes that the police never did anything for him. The mayor pointed out the police were trying to help recover stolen property and that is why they wanted the 21 day hold. He pointed out in the past few years the Halton police have steadily improved and are now one of the best forces in Canada, and he objected to the statements they are not helping.

Committee members requested a member of the Halton Regional Police be on hand for the council meeting this week to answer any questions about the bylaw before it was made official.

## Show opens at House Sol


Enamel paintings on copper and ceramic pieces will be on display at Gallery House Sol from October 22 until November 10.

Alan Perkins, who has pioneered the use of vitreous enamel for art purposes, has exhibited at House Sol since 1969. This month at the second Biennial of Enamels held in Laval, Quebec, one of his pieces was awarded a mention of merit.

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