

**Citizens' brief**

# Hospital land not Town problem

The citizens concerned about the Stevens property are not opposed in any way to benefitting Georgetown hospital, David Page spokesman for the group told Halton Hills council.

He dismissed the idea the hospital has only one entrance pointing out there is one in front of the hospital and another by the medical centre.

In the 19 page brief, where the hospital was discussed on only one page, it is suggested another route could be acquired if necessary at a much lower cost than the \$600,000 the Town paid for the adjacent Stevens property. The proposed road would go through this land. Page contended an access could be obtained without the acquisition of the Stevens land.

He maintained the desire by the Hospital Foundation to develop the 18 acres of surplus hospital land, is their problem, not the Town's. "We see no evidence that the

**Borrow \$3 million?**

## Pass bylaw but may not use it

A bylaw authorizing the borrowing up to \$3 million was passed by Halton Hills council, Monday night, but that does not necessarily mean all or any of it will be borrowed.

A borrowing bylaw is frequently passed to ensure the Town can meet all expenses until the first instalment of taxes is collected.

Years ago a borrowing bylaw was passed every January, but in recent years Halton Hills has not had to borrow from outside financial institutions, borrowing instead from their own reserve funds.

This year Treasurer Ray King pointed out the Town hopes to continue to do this, but feels with the level of the reserve funds down, it would be advisable to have the borrowing bylaw.

**Ladies' Fair Board**

## Elect executive

The first meeting of the Ladies' Fair Board for 1984 was held at the home of Marilyn Murray on January 5.

The members present elected as their new executive president, Nancy Cook; first vice president, Grace Robertson; second vice president, Leslie Johnston; secretary-treasurer, Carmella Cobham.

All the ladies are asked to remember the annual meeting which is to be held on January 28, at Knox Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. A good attendance would be appreciated. Also we are to keep in mind the Ladies' Night Dance coming up on February 25.

The regular February meeting will be held on February 2, at the home of Jan Marshall. New members are always welcome.

Stevens property is necessary for the hospital, but only a convenience." The remarks on the hospital conclude by commenting, "The hospital is not the only landowner between Maple and Highway 7 whose land cannot be developed at the present time for lack of servicing."

Ab Tennant, a member of Georgetown hospital board, commented, "I don't care who develops the Stevens land as long as the hospital can get serviced land to sell to help pay some of the costs of the nursing home."

He said he didn't want the hospital to pay the cost of the whole road down to Maple Avenue. "I want others to pay a share, if the Town does it all developers all the way Trafalgar to Highway 7 would contribute, so the hospital wouldn't pay the whole shot."

Tennant explained over-sized sewers and water have already been installed for the nursing home, and pointed out the existing sewers on Princess Anne are not big enough now, so could not carry the extra load. "It makes a lot of sense to go down the road, and it also opens up the land so we can sell it."

Commenting on the statement there are already two accesses to the hospital, Tennant said the congestion there now would make it difficult for a fire truck to manoeuvre.

Asked why the hospital couldn't put a road, whether or not the Town owned the Stevens land, Tennant said they probably could but that wouldn't solve the sewage cost. He emphasized it is the only way to get sewage out of the area. Then all the developers owning land all the way up to Highway 7 would contribute. "The hospital could not do it on its own."

He urged the Town to service the land and get their money out by development before considering building anything.

"We are not getting one red cent from the government to build the nursing home," stated Tennant. He said there would be a mortgage and the hospital foundation needs the money from development of the 18 surplus acres to help pay it off. He noted they do not have approval, as yet, for chronic care beds, where capital grants are available.

According to a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health, nursing home buildings are not funded by the province, but chronic care beds are to some degree.

She explained the province only pays per diem rates toward nursing home care.

The province pays \$813 a month as their share of the cost of care. The resident pays \$475 for standard ward, \$671 for semi-private and \$867 for private.



Constable Lina Paul, shows off the white and blue vehicles operated by regional police. The blue stripe along the side, is intended to make the cars more visible to motorists.

## Police beat

A theft at a Crescent St. residence has netted thieves \$850 worth of jewellery. The police said the theft occurred sometime between December 25 and 31 and no suspects have been found yet.

A 29-year-old Rockwood man was charged with impaired driving Monday when he was stopped along Highway 7, west of the Fifth Line about 4.45 a.m., police say.

## Two car collision

A two car collision on the Milton Townline Saturday evening resulted in damage to both vehicles, report regional police.

A pick-up driven by Ian Corson of Lot 20, Concession 7, Acton had an estimated \$3,000 damage. A vehicle driven by William Harry, 18, of Richmond Hill had an estimated \$2,500 damage.

**Churchill**

## Iva Knechtel guest speaker

by Barb Crawford

The January meeting of the CCCW was held at the home of Mrs. Marie Anderson with Mrs. Lydia Kerr presiding. Mrs. Mary Walsma led the group with worship followed by the secretary's report given by Mrs. Olga Thompson. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Eleanor Thompson. We welcomed two new members to the group. After a brief business meeting Mrs. Joan Waldie, who was in charge of the program, introduced Mrs. Iva Knechtel, a member of the Georgetown Horticultural Society. We were all thrilled to view her numerous slides of flowers, gardens, birds and scenes which were accompanied by appropriate taped music. A social time followed with delicious refreshments served by our hostess.

The Annual Meeting of the church will be held on Thursday, January 26 at 8 p.m.

Congratulations to David and Patricia Waldie of Collingwood on the birth of their son Christopher Alexander David on January 10. The proud grandmother is Mrs. Joan Waldie.

## Meanderings

by M. E. Harkman

Here's a nice little project for some dull afternoon. Make a cake for the birds. You probably have the ingredients around the house.

I found a recipe for "Junco Cornbread" in an almanac and found out that most of the birds liked it. Grease a cake pan and mix up in a bowl two cups of cornmeal, two cups of water, two teaspoons of baking powder, about half a cup of any fat you have. Bake for about 30 minutes in a 375 degree oven and when cool crumble into your birdseed or place in mesh bags and hang from the trees. You can always add some nuts, or peanut butter or rolled oats.

The birds will be grateful at this time of year.

## Library Board - council communication gap?

Councillor Harry Levy was not too happy to have council receive Halton Hills Library Board Minutes for August until November, at Monday night's meeting.

Levy pointed out in the minutes one sentence said, "council failed to understand the library board's position". Levy said it was not much wonder when the minutes are four to five months late.

Armstrong claimed there is a lack of communication between council and the library board, and zeroed in on a suggestion in the library board minutes that the council's representative be paid "to facilitate better liaison between council and board".

Councillor Pam Sheldon, who represents the mayor on the library board, said she certainly did not feel the council representative should be paid when the library board itself

it not paid. She claimed the library board is having the same problems as council in trying to maintain a high level of service with financial restraints.

Insisting, Armstrong asked if she knew why the suggestion of being paid was in the minutes, and asked if she thought it had something to do with attendance at meetings.

Sheldon replied she did not know what it meant and suggested he ask Doug Magwood who made the suggestion. "You're making mountains out of molehills", she commented.

Sheldon explained a meeting is being held January 29 where council, library board, and municipal staff can get together informally in an attempt to bridge any communication gap.

## Ten Days set for Feb. 3-13

The Acton Committee for Ten Days for World Development met last week to finalize plans for the Ten Days of February 3 to February 13, 1984.

Keeping in mind that Ten Days is a program designed to educate and raise

public awareness about development issues, arrangements were made for coverage in the Acton Free Press and local Cable TV, and distribution of pamphlets in local churches.

Plans were made for a letter-writing bee to be held at Trinity United Church the evening of February 12. The letters will be directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Prime Minister and leaders of the opposition parties and to local Parliament members. The purpose of these letters will be to acquaint our government leaders with our concerns regarding Central American issues, and the need for Canada to express an independent foreign policy. An invitation will be sent to local MP, Otto Jelinek, giving him an opportunity to attend one of the Ten Days events, and show an interest in development and international concerns.

Special guest speaker this year will be Father Robert Stark, a young

Catholic priest who has spent three years in a rural parish in Nicaragua. Fr. Stark toured Western Canada during Ten Days last February.

## Amend bylaw

A zoning bylaw will be amended to permit an Eramosa man to have an auto repair shop in his garage.

Peter Forbes made the application to Eramosa Township council, which was okayed at a recent meeting.

## Cars towed away

Three Acton area drivers have found their cars towed away because they failed to obey a Halton Hills bylaw that prohibits parking on residential streets during the winter months.

Halton Hills police said they had vehicles towed away at the owner's expense, because they were hindering snow removal on Angus St.



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