

Handicapped access chief concern for library planners

Just because there isn't "a great hue and cry" about the inaccessibility of the Acton Public Library to the handicapped doesn't mean it isn't a problem, according to Library Board chairman Norm Elliott.

The need for a wheelchair ramp and other special facilities for the physically handicapped was chief among concerns about the Acton library voiced by library staff in a recent survey, Elliott told the Board last week.

"It's a much deeper-seated problem than we thought before," he commented, adding that his recent conversation with a member

of the Friends-in-Deed club underlined the situation.

Pointing out that the arched bridge in front of the library also poses problems for the handicapped and elderly, Elliott urged the Board to start thinking in terms of long-range planning needs.

Councillor Pam Sheldon noted that Town policy requires access for the handicapped in all new institutional construction and suggested the Board launch a study on the best way to provide it at the Acton library.

Citing existing "space constraints" at the library, Elliott said use or partial use of the

nearby Stone School might be considered. The vacant building, which the Town is now in the process of buying from the Halton Board of Education, has walk-in access for each of its two storeys and offers about two and a half times the floor space, according to chief librarian Betsy Cornwell.

Sheldon stressed that the sale of the school is not complete and that a number of community uses have already been suggested for it. The Town never considered the school as a site for an expanded library, she said, although library services should be included in any feasibility study conducted.

Major developments set for Rockwood if zoning changed

If zoning bylaw amendments proposed to Eramosa council by three separate delegations Monday night are accepted, Rockwood could be on the verge of major development.

Stone Barn Holdings, headed by Andy McGraw of Oakville and local businessmen Jack Sargent and Don Tomlinson, ap-

proached council for amendments to allow for residential housing, apartments and commercial development.

Stone Barn Holdings has approached council on several occasions over the past few months for permission to construct a 150-room inn, banquet hall facilities and

residential housing on Hwy. 7 in the village's downtown area.

Sargent wants to build six apartments on Hwy. 7 in Rockwood near the northern edge of the village and Tomlinson has been testing a parcel of property on Five Sideroad for seven additional residential lots.

Scout troop our newest

A group of interested parents have formed a group committee for the benefit of a new Scout troop.

The group will operate under the name of Third Acton and will be led by Don McLaughlin and Jim Auger of Acton.

The leaders will stress an active, outdoor program for boys ages 11 to 13. They will meet Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in St. Joseph's School.

The group have already participated in the Acton Fall Fair Parade in conjunction with Second Acton Trinity and have received first prize on their float.

The leaders are very enthusiastic, and have had years of Scouting experience, and along with a very supportive group committee it won't take long for the group to grow. Any boys 11 to 13, or their parents, should contact Don McLaughlin at 853-0595.

Since council has approved the proposed development by Stone Barn Holdings, the Eramosa Residents Association (ERA) has raised questions about the road allowances for the proposed inn and the anticipated increase in traffic problems. Also upset with council's decision was Mort Rapp, whose property borders the proposed inn site.

Despite having already accepted the proposal by Stone Barn Holdings, council has decided to send the matter to the Ontario Municipal Board and await their decision.

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