



TAKE YOUR PICK

It can be puzzling sometimes to decide just which puzzle or game you want. This trio was photographed at the Legion Branch 120 Ladies Auxiliary bazaar held Saturday afternoon at the Legion Hall. From the left are Michelle Fletcher, 7, and her brother Stephen, 8, plus another youngster looking for a puzzle.

Town council may lead Ontario in dog control

By GEORGE EVASHUK
Herald staff writer

Halton Hills council will make headlines across Ontario if it becomes the first municipality to crack down on owners of dogs which maim and kill livestock, a Norval sheep farmer has predicted.

Peter Branch, who with his wife operates a sheep farm, made the prediction to finance administration committee last week after he had urged councillors to enforce the Dog Licensing and Livestock and Poultry Protection Act.

In cases where the attacking dog can be identified and traced to its owner, Mr. Branch said, council should not only pay compensation to the livestock owner but enforce the act.

"If the paying of compensation and all other aspects of the Act are assumed by the municipality," Mr. Branch said, "then to us it is clear that the enforcement of the disposal of the offending dog should be a municipal responsibility."

"If enforcement is left to the owner of the livestock, then the chances are the Act will not be enforced and the injury or killing will continue."

He recommended that council enforce the Act as well as use town employees on roads and the police to identify areas with stray dogs and report them. He suggested also to post signs in rural areas.

Mr. Branch disputed the legal opinion of the town's solicitor, Ray Steele, who in a letter advised that there is no onus on the town to have a dog owner summoned before a provincial judge for the purpose of ordering the dog destroyed. "Lawyers don't always agree," Mr. Branch said.

He said that sheep owners have a saying: "If you catch a dog (killing livestock), shoot it and bury it quickly." But as soon as a dog disappears, it is replaced, and unless the owners are aware of what's happened to their dogs and hit in their pocketbooks, nothing will happen, Mr. Branch said.

He said the town could recover from the dog owner the cost involved in paying compensation to the livestock owner.

Mr. Branch recently received \$90 for a ewe which was killed, an amount less than what he could get at market.

Reg Green, a farmer on Concession 8 was paid \$372.50 for 76 chickens which were killed by two stray dogs.

The amount of compensation is determined by a livestock evaluator hired by the town to investigate such incidents.

Coun. C.F. (Pat) Patterson released a letter from Agriculture Minister William Newman to a constituent in which the minister indicated it was the responsibility of the municipality to enforce the act and of livestock owners to organize and approach their councils to urge enforcement, among other measures.

Coun. Walter Blehn said there would be a deterrent effect if council tried to recover from the dog owners the compensation paid to livestock owners for killed or maimed livestock, much in the same way as making parents responsible for vandalism committed by their children.

Clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard said the issue presents council with a clear "dilemma".

Council, on behalf of the persons sustaining the damage, can call a public inquiry to ascertain the owner of the dog and once that's done, can have the owner up before a provincial magistrate to order the dog destroyed, he said.

As well, under the act, council are allowed to recover the compensation by taking the owner to court.

Mr. Pritchard recommended that council should proceed with trying to recover costs.

Mr. Branch told the committee that stray dogs are scarce in the district in the daytime because of the efforts of the town's animal control unit. The problem of dogs attacking occurs mostly at night and Mr. Branch said he and his wife and family are prepared to do what they can at night.

OMB okays plaza by Alcott arena

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved the rezoning of lands adjacent to the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena for a proposed 70,070 square foot plaza.

The decision released last week follows a board hearing at which objections were raised by Loblaw's Groceries that the proposal was not good planning practice.

Approval of the Halton Hills bylaw allows the land to be rezoned to commercial from industrial.

Board vice-chairman W.T. Shriver and member E.A.

Seaborn said in their decision that the concerns by Loblaw's had been "adequately answered" and that a question of approval of an official plan amendment could not be heard since the minister had already approved the measure.

Both OMB members commented that the plaza, located immediately across from the Georgetown Market "presents a unique situation in that the access road from Guelph Street to both arena parking and the shopping centre parking area is to be constructed by the developer and dedicated to the municipality as a public road."

"This is an excellent solution to a problem which has plagued many developments where access roads remain private and can not be properly policed," the board members said.

Main tenant of the plaza will be a major grocery supermarket. A Goodyear Tire store will also be built at the plaza to complement the number of stores which will be built attached to the supermarket.

Fact finder named for separate board

The Education Relations Commission has appointed Grant Gillespie, as a fact-finder to assist the Halton Roman Catholic separate school board and its teachers in negotiations.

Mr. Gillespie will prepare a report on the negotiations, identifying the issues which have led to an impasse. The report is expected to be presented within 30 days. It will make clear the positions of both sides, and may or may not make recommendations on settlement terms.

Both sides involved in the negotiations will be the first to see the report. If, after a maximum 20 days, there is no argument, the report will be made public. After that, the parties involved can ask for binding arbitration or a selector to decide which of the parties' offers to impose, or the teachers may decide to "go strike action."



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The rural tone is continued in the layout of the kitchen and breakfast nook and the large rear patio. The dining room connects to the patio via sliding glass doors. These could be installed in the living room and nook, bringing the outdoors indoors!

In keeping with the tone of the interior, all bedrooms may have louvered doors on their closets, and all have good natural light. The master has a two piece ensuite bath with window.

The generous living room has a wood-burning fireplace and possible access to the patio through the addition of sliding doors. Its position away from the secondary bedrooms enables disturbance-free entertaining.

The two car garage has access to either the nook, patio, or the main entrance via the sheltered porch.

This is a compact home with great visual appeal which allows the budget-conscious family pride of ownership and room for future development.

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