

# BIA recognized afar



Everyone moves out into the street during Georgetown's Pioneer Days

## Georgetown BIA has five year plan

By PAT FORD

When the merchants of downtown Georgetown discovered about half of their potential customers were shopping out of town in large malls or Toronto they voted to form a business improvement area. The 90 businesses in the core area joined together under the provincial legislation establishing the BIA's and began to contribute to a \$20,000 a year budget for improvements.

The first will be 16 foot signs on highway entrances to town with the downtown logo and the emphasis on free parking. They expect to install them late this summer or early fall. They will cost \$3,000 each and be lighted from the top.

Since the BIA's budget is relatively small the work will be done over four or five years. About \$60,000 will be spent in total. On the main street there will be eight islands built out from the sidewalk in the parking lane

with trees, benches and telephone kiosks. They will lose only 10 parking spaces over three blocks.

These will scarcely be missed since there is a large parking lot behind stores on the north side of the street. Entrances and exits to this will be improved, as well as some perimeter landscaping — which will help to define the boundaries of the core area. The board of management hope to encourage shoppers to park in the lot and visit several stores instead of parking in front of one and rushing in and out.

In the meantime the BIA sponsors monthly promotions for the core area businesses. One of the largest is "Pioneer Days" — three days in June in which the street is blocked off, merchants move sale items onto sidewalks and hayrides take shoppers from downtown out to entertainment and sports events at the fair grounds, arena and park.

Monty Hyde, a Georgetown lawyer who sits on the board of management, says the BIA doesn't intend to

try to change the nature of the services and merchandising presently there. A few years ago it was thought a grocery store or junior department store might be necessary to revive interest, but Hyde says people now realize that's not likely to happen.

"It's a long process. You can't turn things around in just a year. But it's our opinion the cold crows will stay competitive because they have lower rents than the malls and a market within walking distance."

The board would like to see some apartments built around the perimeter of the core. One has been approved, but it's not certain whether or not it will be built.

There is now a potential market of 18,000 people in Georgetown. Expansion of the sewage treatment plant will accommodate up to 30,000. In addition the BIA also hopes to attract about 8,000 people living in the rural area of Halton Hills.

## CVCA allows Hydro permit

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) executive committee decided Friday to permit Ontario Hydro to construct a tower in the floodplain near Limehouse provided Hydro complies with their list of requirements.

The tower site is in the Black Creek floodplain on part of Lot 23, Concession 5. CVCA public relations officer Joan Rollings says the permit could be issued

in a matter of days and hydro could then begin work immediately on the site.

The requirements which Hydro must meet in order to begin tower and roadway entrance constructions include use of erosion control or bank stabilization along the railway embankment; construction of a "donut" access route around the tower to control silt movement off the site and to support construction equipment; installation of two 18-inch culverts on the access route between the railway right of way and the tower site to maintain the water level on either side of the access route.

Hydro will also have to provide removal and disposal of excavated materials from the site; restrict the size of the tower site area, and follow exact specifications on what materials will be used in construction of the access route and top dressing the finished site.

The final condition demanded that Hydro undertake construction during dry site conditions or put it off until January or February when the site is frozen.

### Appeal launched

The Interested Citizens Group (ICG) is continuing its opposition to the Ontario Hydro Bruce-to-Milton high voltage power corridor by challenging a ministerial decision to allow development of the line across Niagara Escarpment Commission area lands.

John Minns, a spokesman for the group, said the ICG is exploring ways of challenging a decision by Housing Minister Claude Bennett ordering the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to issue development permits to the power utility. Ontario Hydro has slated it will begin immediate construction in the NEC area.

## Two local men among 7 arrested

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Two Georgetown men are among seven arrested Thursday following the theft of hamburgers and fish patties, batter syrup, and other food and goods made for McDonald's Restaurants, Peel Regional Police said.

About \$2,000 worth of stolen goods was recovered police said.

Police said the amount recovered represents only part of the food believed to have been stolen during recent months from Martin-Brower Co. Ltd. of Canada, of Brampton, a McDonald's supplier.

More arrests are expected.

Police said.

All seven men arrested are employees of the firm, police said. Martin-Brower supplies everything from hamburger to paper cups to McDonald's Restaurants, the firm's largest client.

Police described what had been recovered as "a minimal amount" of the food and goods believed to have been stolen.

Douglas Parkers, 27, and James Walter, 30, both of Georgetown, Paul Hawman, 37, Willis Kearsey, 29, both of Brampton, Henzo Grespan, 18, of Mississauga, and Edward McCarthy, 39, of Toronto are to appear in Peel Provincial Court Aug. 24.

## May cancel outing

A recreation department camping trip scheduled for this weekend will be cancelled unless there are more registrations, says Rick Roher of the department.

A minimum of eight children have to register or the trip to Terra Cotta will not go, Roher said.

The recreation department had scheduled three camping trips for the summer. The first

to Terra Cotta was made, but the second to Rockwood Conservation Area was scratched because of lack of registrations.

The camping trip to Terra Cotta this time is scheduled to begin Friday and end on Sunday. It is at a cost of \$20 and the fee includes meals, transportation and all equipment except for sleeping bags and clothes.

## Rev. Campbell on protest fast

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reject and ridicule those of vast segments of parents, in the book selection policies of the public school.

He accused the media of posing as libertarians, while demonstrating "the most arrogantly and ruthlessly totalitarian attitudes."

He accused the media of uniting with the teachers' unions and the educational bureaucracy to form "the Media and Mowatt Mafia," promoting state control of children, parents, and family life.

Mr. Campbell has

challenged education minister Tom Wells and his "educational colleagues" to "commit themselves to 'the proven superiority of the educational philosophy based on the teachings of Moses and Jesus', rather than the philosophy of Mr. La Pierre.

Mr. Campbell suggested a four-point program "for restructuring the public school system with responsiveness to the realities of today's pluralistic society."

He suggested that permissiveness be replaced by "a reaffirmation in the classroom of the teaching of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount as the appropriate foundation for an adequate values education."

He also recommended the reaffirming in the classroom of respect for parents, and an honoring of God and appreciation of our democratic institutions.

Mr. Campbell also suggested that Roman Catholic separate school rights be extended through Grade 13, and that a separate school system be opened to include Jewish and non-Roman Catholic Christian communities.

Finally, he asked for "a breaking of the bureaucratic tyranny dominating the public school system, and a restoring to the parents of the responsibility for the education of their children."

Mr. Campbell hopes one of the potential outcomes of his

fasting will be the opening of discussions with the ministry with regards to the development of alternative "heritage" schools within the public school system. He would like to see the ministry fund a study to determine the feasibility of such schools.

Mr. Campbell's proposal of heritage schools, which has been presented to the Halton board of education with no action having been taken, says that such schools would "enable parents and teachers who prefer an educational atmosphere based on traditional values, to have access to such an option within the public school system."

Mr. Campbell said such an alternative would provide "a much higher degree of responsiveness to a great segment of society who reject the religion of secularism which now exclusively dominates the public school system."

Mr. Campbell had originally vowed to continue his fast until Mr. Wells responded to the concerns expressed in a letter he wrote to Mr. Wells shortly after beginning the fast.

However, in a later letter, Mr. Campbell withdrew the suggestion. He said his fast is not a hunger strike, since he "recognizes as a follower of Christ that it is inappropriate to fast for strife and debate. Hence it was inappropriate for me to even suggest that I was confronting you with an ultimatum to the effect that unless you respond to the anguished concerns raised by my letter in a way which I perceive to be 'appropriate', you'll be responsible for the resultant negative consequences to my personal health and well-being."

Mr. Campbell said he hopes by this fast to "focus public attention on the threat to our liberties from well-intentioned educational programs funded by our taxes which through an appeal to human selfishness and parental responsibility, eventually establish a state of control of the child and family."



Left: the design for the identification signs leading the way to the core area. Centre: Halton Hills farmer Fred Ruedell brought Rex to entertain shoppers. Right: second hand treasures go for sale in the parking lot auction.

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## One or two traffic islands ready soon

The Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area hopes to have at least one or two of the proposed traffic islands proposed.

The Georgetown Business Improvement Area hopes to save at least one or two of the traffic islands proposed for the downtown area constructed this year.

Monty Hyde, secretary for the BIA, said both the traffic islands and the sign program to more clearly identify the

downtown area have been approved in principle by the municipality and the region. The plans have been sent to architect Paul Martel, who designed the traffic islands. He will be drawing up structural drawings to start construction of the islands.

Each island will be designed individually, Mr. Hyde said, as to ensure there won't be any problems with maintenance. He said he can see one or two being built this year.

If an island is built this year, both the regional public works department and the local works department will be keeping a careful eye on it, especially during the winter months, to make sure snow removal isn't a problem, Mr. Hyde said.

The pedestrian and parking signs have been tendered, and built. They will be forwarded to the town for storage until the town and the BIA come to an agree-

ment on who will pay for the installation and maintenance of the signs. The town will then install the signs, possibly on a chargeback basis to the BIA.

The area identification signs, to direct visitors to downtown Georgetown, will be put up by a private contractor, but no contractor has been hired for the job yet.

The Georgetown BIA is an association of merchants in

the downtown area. The BIA was established in 1977 by council at the request of the merchants. A board of seven people, five nominated by the merchants and approved by council, and two councillors, sets the budget each year, and council approves it.

Once the budget has been approved, council levies a special tax on merchants within the BIA and this tax becomes the budget. About 90 businesses are included in

the area. The board of directors is authorized to spend the budget on sales promotion and on improvements on public property.

This year's board consists of president Bob Gougeon, Ralph Fletcher, Lynn Bernard, Monty Hyde, Sandy Mackenzie, Pete Paneroy and Ray Booth. When the municipal elections are held in November, a new board of directors will be elected.

The proposed traffic isl-

ands will take all of the budget money allotted to improvements to public property for the next three or four years, Mr. Hyde said. Once the islands are completed, the BIA is looking at improvements to the municipal parking lots, such as better designed entrances.

The promotion budget is spent on such activities as Pioneer Days, which is designed to bring people into the downtown area.

## Rabies cases reported lower, but near urban areas

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then.

Dr. Buckrell also strongly recommends that horses be vaccinated since they are usually family pets.

"Kids are always sticking their hands in their mouths with bits and things," he says, "so we suggest vaccinating horses just like cats and dogs."

"is that rabies is always with us. It may fluctuate but it is always there and people shouldn't wait until there's an outbreak to get their pets vaccinated. It takes 30 days for the immunity to build up and they might not have that long."

Rabies effects common household pets in different ways, Dr. Beattie warns. Cats are prone to furious rabies while dogs usually

show the dumb form. Cats with rabies can be their normal, docile self perhaps giving the occasional growl that indicates they're not quite as friendly as usual, but basically they look normal and give no real warning that anything is wrong. Then suddenly they turn on their owners biting and scratching and hanging on so that they inflict a lot of damage as well as contaminating their vic-

tim.

In the case of a dog with rabies the symptoms are equally misleading. The animal usually seems normal, perhaps off its food a bit but nothing obvious. They can't drink, Dr. Beattie says, and as the disease progresses they lost control of the hind quarters so that they tend to stagger a bit. At this stage their eyesight is affected and they may well take off

and begin wandering. It is at this stage that bites occur since the animals can't see well and if it bumps into something or someone it may snap because it is startled or even frightened by the unexpected contact.

Many people are contaminated when they find their dog can't drink and go peeing about its mouth searching for an obstruction in the throat, Dr. Beattie says.

When a pet has to be quarantined its owner is given a choice of having it euthanized, boarding it out at a facility where it can be kept quarantined, or quarantining it himself. If the animal is to be kept at home it must be fenced and chained so that it cannot get within two feet of the fence, or doubled fenced with two feet of space between the fences so that nothing can reach the ani-

mal. The owner pays the cost if he has hit pet put down or boarded out, Dr. Beattie says.

"We don't have cobras but we do have rabies," Dr. Buckrell says. "It's a fact of life. It's always with us."

"Children should be all right so long as they follow what their parents and teachers tell them and leave wild animals alone," Dr. Beattie concludes.