



ACTON CRAFT SHOW

Del Howse displays one of the china figurines she was selling at the Acton Arts and Crafts' ninth annual exhibition and sale at St. Alban's Hall Saturday. Mrs. Howse makes the figurines in her studio on Roseford Terrace in Acton.

New subdivision being considered

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inevitable pressure of urban growth. In accordance with the ruling, he contended, IBI's proposal embraces four basic rules of planning: providing a balanced development program, inviting market competition, offering a choice to homebuyers and maintaining a compact, efficient urban area.

Mayor Hill questioned the proposed density of the subdivision, commenting that "it seems like a lot of houses to me". Board chairman Roy Booth told the mayor, however that the suggested density falls within town's policies.

access for the site nearby that is virtually isolated within the confines of two railway lines that meet at a sharp "V". Mr. Rutledge indicated the company's willingness to accommodate any such needs.

Coun. Pat Patterson complained that "two years is too long" for any company to have waited for its development proposals to be considered by the town.

"Right or wrong, these people should not have been kept waiting," he said. "The past history of Georgetown has been nothing but 'wait, wait, wait'."

New Acton plaza proposal blocked

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Bolton, where a Zehr's store recently opened, are recovering nicely in terms of sales after an initial 10 to 20 per cent decrease.

BIASPEAKER
Acton merchant Paul Nielsen, on behalf of the Acton BIA, warned the board that the construction of a major plaza on the community's boundary now would "ruin" downtown Acton. The move wouldn't make sense, he said, now that the BIA board of management's quarter-million dollars

Morette trial

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further assaulted by the man, who outweighed him by about 70 pounds.

He said he watched from inside the lobby as Mr. Sedore tried to get up, but did not go outside or try to kick at Mr. Sedore.

The judge, in summing up, said he was satisfied that Mr. Morette had lied, and that he had in fact tried to kick Mr. Sedore, but because of examination of the platform boots Mr. Morette was wearing at the time had failed to reveal any blood or skin tissue, he did not think the blows could have caused substantial damage.

Judge LeSage congratulated Halton Regional Police for conducting "an excellent and very thorough examination", particularly in taking possession of Mr. Morette's clothing shortly after the incident, so that it could be examined within a short time of the scuffle.

worth of effort to revitalize the downtown core is just realizing positive results.

Mr. Nielsen cited provincial government standards which indicate that a community the size of Acton, which has a population of approximately 7,500 should have at least 45,000 square feet of retail space. The community, in fact, has 72,000 square feet already, he noted. In terms of floor space for foodstores, standards suggested 14,000 square feet, while Acton already has 19,000 he said.

Mr. Nielsen also said that the amount of money spent at retail outlets by Actonians - on a per capita basis - has increased over the years to the point

where Acton residents spend more than Georgetown shoppers.

According to current Statistics Canada figures, he said, Actonians spend about \$60 more per capita locally than their Georgetown counterparts a factor he blamed partially on the Georgetown's larger commuter population, who "brought their shopping habits with them".

BOARD TOLD
Mr. Nielsen told the board he could support the new plaza if the Acton East development proposal, involving a total of 1,100 housing units, is to be given the green light. Based on population projections that indicate a slow residential grow-

th in years to come, however, the establishment of a major plaza now would have disastrous effects on downtown retail outlets.

Coun. George Maltby noted that he has observed growing interest in Acton's downtown core among shoppers in the two years since the community's BIA was founded.

"I think the BIA is an exciting group," he commented. "This plaza may have its merits, but until Acton East goes ahead, we should leave well enough alone and allow the downtown to grow and prosper. The new vitality I sense will increase the per capita dollars spent there."

PETE POMEROY MAYOR

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REFER PROPOSAL

Coun. Russ Miller endorsed the planning director's recommendation to refer the proposal to the forthcoming special board meeting, but added that the IBI situation cannot be readily likened to Oakville's development dilemma, in that Halton Hills is seriously restricted by its limited sewage treatment capacity.

Coun. Booth warned that special attention would have to be given to providing vehicular

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