

More merchant involvement urged by local BIA executive members

The Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA) would like the merchants in the BIA to become more involved in the decisions made by the board. Communications co-ordinator Betty Monchamp said last week.

Mrs. Monchamp, owner of the Lingerie Boutique in the Old Bank building, said the new board of management is looking for more active participation in the decision-making process from the merchants in the BIA.

The new board includes: chairman, Lynn Barnard of Penniesworth; treasurer, Bill Crawford of Union Gas; secretary and Main Street improvement co-ordinator, Monty Hyde; promotions co-ordinator, Bob Gougeon of Gougeon's Furniture; and communications co-ordinator, Betty Monchamp.

Mrs. Monchamp says the board is going to make some changes in the way in which the BIA operates, among them

getting the merchants more involved. The first step toward that goal will be more communications between the board and the members. The board will be sending out regular newsletters and information sheets, opening up its meetings and providing members with minutes of the meetings.

MARKETING SURVEYS

Other possibilities for the BIA include marketing surveys and seminars on such topics as advertising, best use of floor space, and attractive window displays, Mrs. Monchamp said.

"We have to make the members realize they are the BIA," Mrs. Monchamp said. "Unless we start working together we're not going to get anywhere".

The building of another plaza in Georgetown can be turned to the advantage of the downtown area, she said, because it will encourage people to do more of their shopping in Georgetown. The downtown area has certain advantages

which we have to make people aware of, she added. For example, smaller stores and businesses frequently offer better service.

"We can't sit back and wait for things to happen," Mrs. Monchamp said. "The emphasis has to be on establishing communications and encouraging people to get involved, and provide the board with ideas, or constructive criticism".

"The board of management operating without ideas from the members is like driving to another town without knowing where you're going," she said. "You have to know what the people want."

The next board meeting is on February 7, to discuss the BIA's budget, and any merchants with ideas or comments to make should contact any member of the board, she said.

"The more people we have involved with the BIA, the more we can accomplish," Mrs. Monchamp said.



BETTY MONCHAMP

Regional headquarters is found to be defective

Two months after Halton regional employees and councillors moved into their brand new \$2 million headquarters on Highway 25 in Oakville, extensive structural defects remain that are posing problems with widely varying temperatures, ceiling leaks and toilets that don't flush.

Chief administrative officer Ernie Reid, the architect who designed the sprawling, lime green headquarters as a permanent replacement for Halton's third floor home in a Burlington office building has prepared an extensive list of minor defects in the new structure that were left unattended by the general contractor.

coats against drafts and generally cold temperatures.

Region workers have temporarily installed a different kind of glass, along with some plywood panelling, until the proper windows, ordered a year ago, finally arrive. Without permanent caulking, however, drafts persist.

Councillors were also seen peering into the clutter of ventilation pipes and suspended lighting above them during last week's council meeting, pointing and commenting to their colleagues about water leaks descending from the ceiling. Mr. Reid explained that a portion of the ceiling has not been completed.

Regional employees were complaining earlier in the week when the effect of outside cold air settling on the building's special heat sensor shut down interior ventilation fans. The temperature inside rose to 84 degrees Fahrenheit, according to one staff member's thermometer reading. A correctional device is to be installed to control the ventilation apertures at a cost of about \$100.

that the loss of another two degrees would necessitate a day off for all workers in the building, according to law.

Cold temperatures outside, meanwhile, ruptured a fire sprinkler fixture in the building's basement and partial flooding was the result. While boilers were switched off until the problem could be resolved, a custodian mistakenly adjusted the wrong valve and the building was without running water. Toilets could not be flushed.

The architect, as a result, has recommended that the region should withhold \$45,000 of the contractor's payment until the problems are rectified. Approximately \$20,000 of that figure would represent the cost of materials ordered but never delivered, particularly windows for the spacious amphitheatre-like council chamber, where some councillors and observers could be seen last week huddled in their

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No sooner had the employees begun to get used to the heat, however, than temperatures dropped to a reported 62 degrees, prompting a public health nurse in the building to warn

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Hazen Allen honored

The Halton board of education observed a moment of silence at the beginning of its regular meeting Thursday, in memory of the late Hazen Allen, principal of Robert Little Public School in Acton, and Speyside Public School, who passed away a week ago.

The moment of silence followed a glowing tribute by Ron Cousins, president of the Halton Public School Principals' Association, and principal of Pinelands Public School.

Mr. Cousins described Mr. Allen as "a warm, gentle, caring man", "a practicing Christian, a dedicated father and husband, an involved citizen, and a fine principal".

"The Halton educational community has greatly benefited from these qualities," Mr. Cousins said. He added that Mr. Allen was "direct, open and determined", with high expectations for himself and for others.

"His life has been a testimony to the Christian community and to the educational community," Mr. Cousins said.

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