

Inn sold to expanding industry

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The planned expansion of Cercor Incorporated on Mountainview Road North in Georgetown has prompted the sale of the Hunter's Inn Country Restaurant next door and could ultimately see the restaurant relocated to another site in town.

The town planning department is currently considering an application by Cercor's Al Rice and Barry Hadley to have the restaurant property rezoned for industrial use.

Brian Brown, who is co-owner of Hunter's Inn along with Dorothy Uglow, told The Herald that Cercor has already bought the restaurant following lengthy negotiations which began in the spring. The deal worked out with the company will enable the restaurant to remain at its present site for at least another two years, he said.

Mr. Hadley explained that work should begin this month on a 6,000-square foot expansion of the company's moulding section, a move which will

create at least 30 new jobs. Cercor is already conducting interviews to fill the new openings, he said.

The purchase of the restaurant property was necessary because the expansion will bring the industrial plant's north wall to within ten feet of the Inn, Mr. Hadley said. Ironically, Cercor itself was among the previous owners of the restaurant, he noted.

WILL RELOCATE
Mr. Hadley acknowledged that the company has agreed to relocate the Inn to a new site

if some future expansion of the restaurant operation becomes necessary. The need for additional parking space at the Inn, among other factors could create problems related to the proximity of both buildings, he said.

Mr. Hadley commented that an earlier start on the expansion had been planned, but was postponed because of delays in obtaining municipal approval for the move. Halton region, he said, imposed several restrictions on the firm's application because of current plans to

widen Mountainview Road and to install traffic lights at the Mountainview-Maple Avenue intersection.

Cercor, which currently occupies 15,000 square feet, has been in operation at the site for 15 years, Mr. Hadley said. The owners, he added, are sensitive to public reaction to the presence of a "foundry" operation, but Cercor is "a relatively clean industry", he stressed, which produces little external odor.

The 6,000-square foot expansion, Mr. Hadley pointed out, will house a section of the firm's moulding section operation which is entirely inoffensive.

Town planning director Mario Venditti told the planning board last Tuesday night that the Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment has approved minor variances involving parking requirements and other matters of concern, conditional upon town council's approval of the rezoning.

OUTDOOR PATIO
Mr. Brown commented that he and Mrs. Uglow had been considering an outdoor patio as an addition to the restaurant's south side, but have, of

course, had to abandon the plan. The restaurant currently seats a maximum of 46 diners.

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Uglow have been trying to trace the Inn's origins since they became its newest owners some 18 months ago. The original building, to which several small additions have been made, is believed to be about 120 years old.

Well-known around the Metro Toronto area for its home-cooked English and Canadian cuisine, Hunter's Inn is now in its third incarnation as a restaurant. Older residents of Georgetown will remember the building as Rita Maw's corner grocery store.

Among the happy occasions Mr. Brown and Mrs. Uglow have witnessed at the restaurant was the 50th wedding anniversary last year of a local couple who held their wedding reception in the same building in 1928.

Since last Christmas, the Inn's guest book has been signed by visitors from as far away as Japan, New Zealand, California, Great Britain, West Germany, India and cities on both coasts of Canada.



DOG DAYS

Joel Leadlay and his friend, Sammy, picked the easiest way to keep cool during the warm weather on the weekend by plunging into the nearest body of water. This water happened to

be the little stream which flows through Remembrance Park at the corner of James and Charles Street.

(Herald photo)

DJ DANCE

The Georgetown Y and the Red Cross Youth are jointly sponsoring their third summer dance Saturday evening at 8 p.m. in Knox Church hall. Mike Dine will provide the music and the usual prices are in effect.

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