

CVCA is brought up to date on the status of its projects



McDonald's public relations director Jo Lister (left), Halton Hills Cancer Society representative Rita Balarstow, and McDonald's franchise owner Richmond Chandler display Ronald McDonald calendars which will be on sale during the next two weeks to raise funds towards Canada's first McDonald House. The house will accommodate out-of-town families bringing children to the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children for treatment of leukemia and other cancer-related diseases.

(Herald photo)

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The members of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) were brought up to date on the status of each of the authority's major projects Thursday with a report from authority general manager Glenn Schnarr.

The meeting was primarily for information and discussion, with most of the recommendations of the CVCA's committees adopted without comment.

One exception was the Terra Cotta Master Plan, which includes provisions for greatly enlarging the camping facilities at Terra Cotta. A number of authority members, including Evelyn O'Sullivan of Erin Township, complained they felt this was not following the

CVCA's mandate of conservation.

The master plan proposes further development of the area, "continuing intensive use of the area at an approximate cost of \$900,000 (over) a proposed 20-year implementation period," Mr. Schnarr said in his report.

Because many modern campers tend to expect extensive facilities such as showers,

flush toilets and electric outlets for trailers on the camp sites, implementation of the plan has been withheld pending a feasibility study and cost study on the installation of extended water and sewer systems. The authority has already had extensive problems with the modified pool in Terra Cotta Conservation Area which may have been caused by faulted design or construction.

Grant Clarkson, authority chairman, said Terra Cotta had been designed to handle 1,500 people on a weekend, but during peak periods, as many as 5,000 people visit the area, "and they all want to take a shower," he said. He pointed out that the last time the authority blasted rock out for the septic pipe at Terra Cotta, it wound up costing \$15,000.

"I'd like to provide a section of Terra Cotta for the Winebago crowd, and, if you can call it a wilderness experience with a modified pool, for the people closer to nature," he added.

Roy McMillan, honorary member of the authority, said Terra Cotta's trailer section was never designed for the kind of trailers people are bringing in today.

Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy said the plan, to him, indicates private enterprise and not conservation.

"As much as I'm disgusted by Winebago camping, it brings in people who might not be able to come in otherwise, or who might not want to," new member Peter Novar said. "It brings in the handicapped, or the people who don't like the feel of rain on their bodies as the tent blows away."

The authority voted to seek approval from the ministry of natural resources for the plan, but to hold off on implementation until the plan is reviewed by the full authority regarding land use in the conservation area. Mr. Schnarr said if the authority didn't get some kind of blanket approval for the plan, the CVCA would not be able to proceed with any major or minor changes in the area.

About the Hills

Peel pantomime

Several local residents are currently involved in preproduction work on *Sing a Song of Sixpence*, a brand new pantomime being presented by the Peel Panto Players in Bramalea's Lester Pearson Theatre. Described as a "rollicking, British-style pantomime full of color, slapstick and fun," *Sixpence* debuts November 30 and continues December 1 and 2, 8 and 9, featuring the backstage contributions of Bev Nicholas, Martin and Neville Worsnop, Daren Metzack, John Gardiner, Doug Whitfield, Phil Puxley, Ann Baker, Monica Lange, Jimmy Pace, Robert Gibson and many others.

Christmas sale

General Brock High School in Burlington, where several local students attend classes, is holding its annual Christmas sale of items made by students next Tuesday through Thursday at 3250 New Street. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 9 Wednesday and 10 to 3 p.m. Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

Kampuchea relief

The Georgetown District branch of the Red Cross is welcoming donations for relief operations in Kampuchea (Cambodia), where Unicef has joined the Red Cross dispensing aid to an estimated 2.5 million residents, including 700,000 children, who are suffering from disease and starvation. Current figures say that 85 per cent of the children are malnourished and few children under five have survived. If local residents wish to contribute toward the \$130 million cost of the aid program, money orders or cheques addressed to the "Kampuchea relief fund" can be sent to the local branch at P.O. Box 106, Georgetown. More information is available at 877-9058.

Television feature

In an effort to alert and inform more citizens about the special white over amber flashing lights now featured on all volunteer firefighter's vehicles, the Firefighters' Association of Ontario has recently improved the light's visibility and has produced a television feature outlining the need for and importance of the warning light, first introduced in 1968. The lights bear the initials VFF.

New Lifeline group

Georgetown residents in the Park Street area who are interested in assisting the South Vietnamese refugees are urged to attend an organizational meeting of the Park Lifeline committee tonight (Wednesday) at 30 Park St., 8 p.m. Further information can be obtained from Rita Vanden Top at 877-5410 or Mary Lou Brock at 877-5436.

McDonald's to assist parents of sick children

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During the next two weeks, Georgetown area residents will have an opportunity to support a new public hostel for parents of leukemia and cancer patients at Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital.

Half the profits from the sale of 50-cent Ronald McDonald calendars available at McDonald's Restaurant outlets will go toward the hostel's purchase and renovations.

A large, red-brick house on Dundas Street across from the Art Gallery of Ontario has been purchased as Canada's first residence to shelter parents while their children are receiving treatment.

Richmond Chandler, McDonald's franchise owner in Georgetown and Milton, is on the 11-member board of directors which will manage the house. Other directors include members of the medical profession, a hospital administrator, parents of children with cancer and another McDonald's representative. Because of the support the project received from McDonald's, the house will be known as a Ronald McDonald house.

Mr. Chandler visited Chicago's Ronald McDonald House more than two years ago and upon his return set out to determine whether a similar facility was needed in Ontario. A steering committee found that 65 per cent of the children visiting the hematology and oncology wards of the Hospital for Sick Children were from outside Toronto and thus the need seemed apparent.

NON-PROFIT

The residence will be owned and operated by a non-profit organization, Children's Oncology Care of Ontario, Incorporated. Renovations have begun and Mr. Chandler hopes the doors can open for the first residents by late spring or early next summer.

"Finding a place to stay when they're already worried about their child's health is just an extra burden on parents," Mr. Chandler said. "This way they can call up the house manager and reserve a room for the days while their child is in the hospital for treatment and know that they'll be in easy walking distance of the hospital."

Fees will be nominal, probably \$5 a night, he said, and even that will be subsidized if the parents simply can't afford it.

Ronald calendars will be on sale at McDonald outlets across Ontario between November 16 and December 2. Half of the 50 cent price tag will be donated to the fund by McDonald's.

"We're determined to sell more calendars than any other store in Ontario," said Georgetown's public relations director Jo Lister. "And I expect we will, because this community responds very well to things like our Mclappy Day campaign for crippled children."

Any local groups interested in helping to sell the calendars to support the house are invited.

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In addition to pictures which children can color, the calendar contains \$5 worth of coupons which can be redeemed in any McDonald's stores. This means the calendars will make Christmas gifts for children and it won't matter if they are sent out of town, Mrs. Lister said.

The calendars are only the first of a number of schemes which McDonald's Restaurants and operator's association

Hornby potential industry site

The Trafalgar Road and Highway 401 interchange in Halton Hills is one of three areas identified by Bill Marshall, business development officer for Halton Region, for future industrial development.

Mr. Marshall outlined his ideas on industrial growth in the region during a works committee seminar last week.

The three main areas he sees as being capable of sustaining industrial development are the Burlington-Oakville corridor, Milton, and the Trafalgar Road-Highway 401 interchange.

Milton and the Trafalgar-401 interchange were described by Mr. Marshall as ripe for development because of their proximity to the 401, which is the main thoroughfare for industrial commerce between Toronto and western Ontario. Marshall told the committee that the installation of a main trunk line connecting Milton with the lakeshore sewage system would enhance the possi-

tion will use to meet the \$375,000 pledged to the support of the Ronald McDonald house during the next three years.

When it opens, the house will provide a warm, friendly, family environment for both children and parents when they need it most. It will have 20 comfortable private bedrooms, a large kitchen and family room, a bright play room plus laundry facilities. A full-time manager will be in residence but the day-to-day housekeeping tasks will be shared by the guest families and the parent volunteers.

New homes approved for Acton

The Civiero project, situated between the Acton Curling Club and the Bovis subdivision, will have 52 semi-detached homes when completed. The Cedar Road project, across the road from the Civiero development and next to Acton High School, calls for 25 single homes.

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Speedy approval has been given by the town planning board for two proposed developments on Churchill Road North, in Acton.

The amending bylaw, permitting the rezoning of six acres owned by Civiero Investments and seven acres held by Cedar Road Developments from rural to residential, was passed quickly and without comment by the board, during a mandatory public meeting last week.

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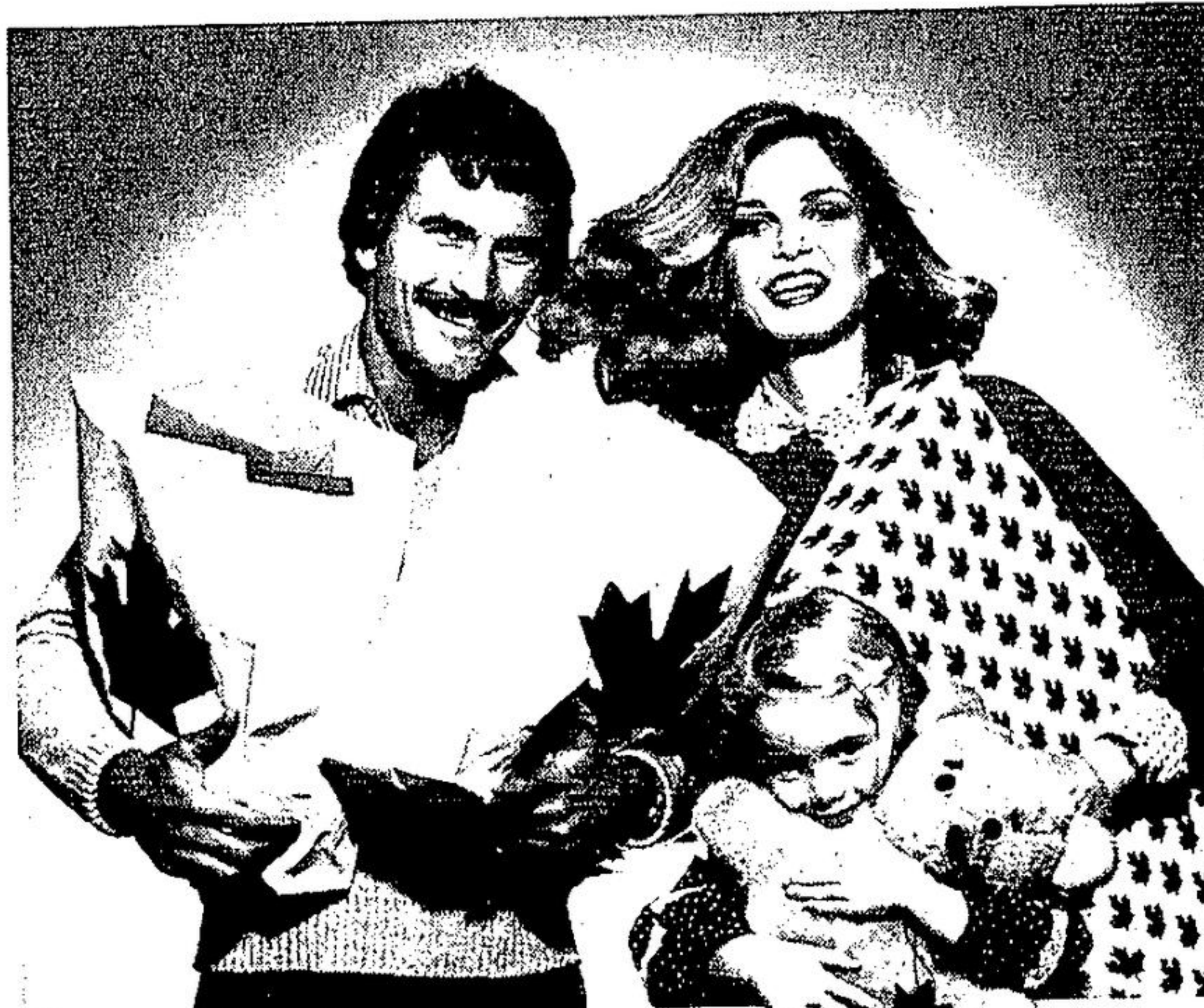
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