

Letters to the Editor

Residents are grateful for support of park

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are copies of letters to the town submitted to The Herald for publication:

Dear Mr. McDonald:

RE: Proposal to sell Mary Street Park

On behalf of the residents within the Mary Street Park district, we would like to express our sincere thanks for your personal contribution to the rejection of the recommendation within the Master Parks Plan related to the sale of the Mary Street Park.

You will recall that we have received a letter from Tom Shepard, director of recreation and parks, which confirms the significant contribution of the Park to the community. Mr. Shepard states that:

"...the Mary Street property in question is vital and necessary as a play area for that neighborhood... this Department has no intention of recommending the selling of the Mary Street Park property, nor using the property for anything other than the intended purpose as I see it, that being a neighborhood children's play area."

It is our belief that members of council will accept the recommendation of their recreation director since it accurately represents the best interests of the area as voiced by the 240 residents named within the brief submitted to the deputy clerk last Thursday

morning. We look forward to a council resolution which will formally reject the recommendation related to the sale of the Mary Street Park, and which will encourage the recreation department to continue its efforts to maintain and develop it in a way that is consistent with the suggestions in our brief

Since Master Plans such as this can have a profound

impact upon a community, it is to be hoped that future Plans related to other issues will include a clearly defined mechanism for soliciting public feedback. For example, newspaper advertisements would be one way of informing the general public of the procedure for supporting or objecting to particular proposals. We are grateful for suggestions offered by both you and the mayor which have

helped to insure responsible community reaction during the past week.

Please express our gratitude to the mayor and members of council for their continued support.

Ivor and Joan Banks
39 Cleveholm Drive

Ian and Beth Carter
26 Mary Street

Master parks plan needs review: residents

Dear Sir:

As parents of three young children, we were shocked and upset when we read "the Mary Street Park should be sold because it is too small to be useful".

Our children play there daily as do many other neighborhood children of all ages - toddlers to teenagers. No - our park is not large enough for a baseball diamond, football field or other organized sports. All we want is a place for unorganized, unstructured, spontaneous activities and our park fills these requirements perfectly.

The Master Plan for Parks, Open Space and Recreation states the goal for local park-

land is "To help fulfill the needs and interests of local residents for 'close-to-home' places for leisure activities and help to beautify and shape the local area". This describes our park exactly.

This parkland was first established with the 25-year old Mary - Henry - Cleveholm Streets subdivision and was moved when Marywood Meadows was built. We fail to understand how a subdivision

the size of Marywood Meadows could be built without the developer having to provide any neighborhood parkland. If the town must sell neighborhood parkland in order to help finance the "Master Plan", then perhaps the Plan should be reviewed.

Yours truly,
Stuart and Janice Walker,
27 Mary Street.

Parkette enjoyed by young and old

Dear Mr. Pomeroy:

As residents of Cleveholm Drive, we were really shocked to hear that the consulting firm of Balmer, Crapo Associates recommended selling the Mary Street greenbelt area, or parkette.

Our home backs onto this area and that was the number one reason we bought in Georgetown and on Cleveholm Drive. We were told by our real estate agent and lawyer, that the land was greenbelt area in the subdivision plan and that it would not be built on.

Now two years later, the town proposes to sell this parkette. WHY take away land that was set aside as parkland? This area not only gives a feeling of space but is an ideal spot for young children to participate in activities without having to compete in organized sports.

Please reconsider the selling of this parkette, that is enjoyed by young and old. Leave Marywood Meadows and area with a greenbelt we all can enjoy.

Yours truly,
George and Joan Crowe.



This cartoon by The Herald's Greg Landry, featured May 14, turned out to be prophetic. Two weeks after its appearance, Mary Street parents spoke up for their children regarding the proposed sale of their neighborhood parkette. Council will consider the matter early next month.

Students commended for their brief to NEC

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a copy of a letter to Acton High School teacher Paul Tamblin, submitted to The Herald for publication.

Dear Sir:

It was a great pleasure and a distinct honor to be present Monday during the presentations made by your students, Miriam Beaton, Paula Rupert and Sandra Krisch to the

Niagara Escarpment Hearing Officers in Ancaster.

I have had the opportunity of sitting through numerous briefs made to the Officers and can only say that yours was by far the most interesting and certainly informative on the broad sense of the younger generation's views. You and your group are to be highly commended in that your efforts have certainly brought a

great deal of attention and respect to both your school and the Town of Halton Hills.

As you know, I represent our town both on local council and regional council and I am your representative on the Niagara Escarpment Commission. I feel, therefore, qualified to personally and on behalf of the town congratulate you for a job well done.

As I indicated to you if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you please feel free to contact me through the Town Office at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,
R.E. Booth,
Regional Councillor,
(Niagara Escarpment Commission)
Town of Halton Hills.

Police seek summer help

Halton Regional Police are looking for students from Milton, Georgetown and Acton to work on Operation Provident in the area this summer.

Constable Jeannette Sykes, Crime Prevention Officer in the district, and James Baird, project leader, are hoping to interview students next week for the job, which will run from June 9 to August 29.

Operation Provident will send six students out to visit

area businesses to mark various items such as cash registers, calculators and typewriters, so that the items can be identified in case of theft. This is solely for businesses, and not for private homeowners.

The project is funded by the federal government. Students who want to apply for jobs with the project should contact the Canada Employment Centre for Students as soon as possible.

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KEITH LESLIE, Weed Inspector
Town of Halton Hills
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No comment?

To the editor of The Herald: The picture in your paper of our Golden Wedding was much better than that in the Independent but unfortunately there was no commentary.

As you know in a fairly small community this sort of celebration is of interest to our many friends and neighbors. Since my husband has lived here since 1913 and we have spent most of the 50 years here we are quite well known. Several people mentioned seeing

this picture. Also Julian Reed made a presentation on behalf of the provincial government, federal government and Governor-General. John McDermid, MP for Brampton-Georgetown, was also present to bring us good wishes. We do feel there should have been some effort by your paper to find out these facts.

Yours sincerely,
Albert and Eva Presswood,
R.R.5, Georgetown

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