

Hide House' leather revival to aid Acton?

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A proposal to sell leather goods throughout the week at old Acton hide house could earn big tourist dollars for the community.

Seeking a special exemption from the Retail Business Holiday Act, Don Dawkins asked council's support for a regional law allowing him to conduct business on Sundays.

Mr. Dawkins said his proposed factory outlet would operate out of the existing Frank Heller and Company Ltd. "plant number one" building, or the old "hide house" on Acton's Eastern Avenue. The business would have an extensive line of leather goods, including handbags, belts, wallets and shoes.

He said that the proposed "hide house" in Acton would bring back a distinguishing characteristic to Acton, in much the same way that the other craftworks have done in the town of Blythe, Ontario.

SOLID WOOD
"With suitable development, the interior of the building can be made as attractive as many of the old mills in other towns in Ontario," Mr. Dawkins said, adding that Acton's location could make it a lucrative and unique centre for the manufacture and sale of leather goods. He said that eight other areas are prepared to invest \$50,000 to \$1 million into the project, which could open in November to catch the Christmas trade. Mr. Dawkins said that 30 persons may eventually be employed at the hide house.

Built in 1899 as part of the Beardmore lannery, the Hide House's brick and solid wood construction have withstood decay and would provide an ideal location to "promote and exploit the leather town history and image of Acton."

Mr. Dawkins said that if the bylaw granting the Hide House exemption from the Act was not passed, it would not prevent the business from operating during the regular week. However, he said, opening Sundays "is a major factor in the success or failure of this venture".

Parking near the new business would not present a problem, he said. The Hide House may be able to use nearby CNR property to handle cars in excess of the 90 vehicle capacity of its own parking lot.

The Hide House proposal includes a large furniture manufacturing area, and the possibility of an outlet for local hobbyists to sell their goods. If the initial venture is successful, there are tentative plans for a leather and tannery museum, a restaurant and lounge and expansion of the on-site manufacturing area.

Coun. Ross Knechtel called the proposal a "fine thing to do", adding that he felt it will do nothing "but good for the area".

Committee unanimously approved the proposal and Halton Hills regional councillors are expected to support the bylaw exempting the Hide House from the Holiday Act when it goes before regional council October 12.

Industrial booster quits

Reassuring the Halton news media that his departure has nothing to do with the region's financial deficit fiasco, business development director Bill Marshall has announced his resignation, effective Oct. 20.

"I decided to resign as director to accept the position of general manager of the commercial and industrial corporation of the region of Ottawa-Carleton," Mr. Marshall told The Herald Friday.

Mr. Marshall said he is looking forward to the "much broader program" offered in his field by Ottawa-Carleton region, which is about three times more populous than Halton.

Winning the job over 65 other applicants, he said, is a "positive response" from another region to Halton's own business program.

Mr. Marshall joined Halton region three years ago, coming from London, Ontario, where he was involved in commercial and industrial real estate.

Halton's business development department recently hired Brent Kearse as business development officer to assist the director.

Our Michelle says thanks

Michelle Roy of The Herald's advertising department is expressing her thanks to all local citizens who co-sponsored her 30-mile walk Sept. 7 through 12 in aid of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. Because of their generous contributions, she reports, another \$472 will go to cancer research. Michelle filled out a McDonald's Restaurant pledge sheet with the names of supporters and hiked home each day after work to her home near Silver Creek.

Timbrell pays a visit

Ontario health minister Dennis Timbrell paid a brief visit to St. Alban's Church in Acton Saturday for the late afternoon wedding of his step-sister, Penny Kossatz, formerly of Kingston. Miss Kossatz married Acton resident Sam Mills in the Anglican church prior to a reception at the Acton Citizens Band Hall. A full report on the wedding itself will appear in a later issue of The Herald.

Environmental Assessment Board
Ontario
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED WASTE DISPOSAL SITE FOR LANDFILLING
Regional Municipality of Halton
Town of Milton

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has received an application by the Regional Municipality of Halton for approval of a proposed waste disposal site for landfilling to be located on Part of Lots 6 and 7, Concession VII, New Survey, Geographic Township of Nelson, County of Halton now in the Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton, more particularly in Parts 1 to 5 inclusive, on Plan 20-R-4617 for Registry Division of Halton (20). The proposed site is known as Site "F".

The Environmental Assessment Board will conduct a public hearing to obtain information and to hear the views of the public so that it can make recommendations in respect of the proposed waste disposal site. Written and oral submissions may be made to the Board at the hearing. The Board will not consider any submissions regarding the proposal after the hearing has been closed.

The hearing will be held on October 15, 1980, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, local time, in the Auditorium, Halton Centennial Manor, 185 Ontario Street South, Milton, Ontario.

Plans of the proposed waste disposal site will be available for examination and inspection during normal business hours in the office of the Clerk of the Regional Municipality of Halton, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Milton, 251 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario, and in the office of the Environmental Assessment Board, 5th Floor, 1 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1K7.

STATUTORY REFERENCES
The Environmental Protection Act, 1971, (S.O. 1971, Chapter 86, as amended).

T.M. Murphy,
Secretary,
Environmental Assessment Board.

Dated at Toronto this
17th day of September, 1980.



FALL PICNIC FUN

Preparing for the piggyback race at Holy Cross Church picnic Sunday in Hornby Park are eight-year old Sara Cook (top) and Marianne Lango, 7. Crisp and sunny weather during the day made for some excellent competitions, including relay races, sack races and even a square dance for the third anniversary of the event.



Everyone was a winner at the Holy Cross Church picnic Sunday afternoon, but these lads posed long enough for a picture anyway. From left to right: Steve Daponte, Sean Finn and Paul Domingos (joined Trevor Cook (rear) for a variety of races and games during the church social held in Hornby Park. (Herald photo)

Ex-teacher Arlene Bruce opposes Hinton in board race

The contest for Ward 1's (Acton's) seat on the Halton Board of Education remains a two-way race with a declaration of candidacy this week by former Acton school teacher Arlene Bruce.

"Being a native Actonian, a former teacher under (Acton school) principals (Pat McKenzie and the late Elmer Smith, and a mother of Susan and Gordon, recent graduates of the Acton school system and now at university, places me in an advantageous position," Mrs. Bruce said in a prepared statement Monday.

"I can look at the school system with an insider's perspective, as a taxpayer and as a parent. I am deeply concerned about having and maintaining a quality education system in Acton. There

have been considerable gains made in the past two years toward providing a positive and harmonious atmosphere between the regional board and the community's schools.

"If this is to continue, Acton voters must elect a trustee who can work constructively alongside both the administration and the other trustees. Otherwise, that trustee's effectiveness in representing Acton is severely restricted.

"If the schools and the community are to benefit equally, Acton taxpayers must support a candidate who is sincere, sensitive, sensible and approachable."

A native Actonian, the 44-year old ex-elementary school teacher who herself grew through the grades at the old Acton public and high schools,

taught until 1971. Her husband Robert Bruce, also a native Actonian, works as a quality control inspector at Georgetown's T.D. Williamson firm.

Mrs. Bruce's announcement was preceded by Nan Cargill's withdrawal from the race last week. The only other declared

candidate is former trustee Bert Hinton.

Mrs. Bruce was most recently in the news because of her position as director of Acton's Operation Lifeline group, which formed to sponsor the arrival of Vietnamese refugees.

Cargill withdraws

Adriana (Nan) Cargill has withdrawn her name from the list of candidates in the Nov. 10 Halton Board of Education race for Ward 1 (Acton). Although she'd only declared her candidacy the week previous, the former financial clerk and legal secretary, now a mother of two, commented simply that "personal reasons" have prompted her change of heart. Former trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton, a retired merchant who was unsuccessful in his 1978 bid for re-election, is again vying for the Acton seat alongside newly-declared candidate Arlene Bruce (see story this page).

Georgetown trustee quits for promotion

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ments which prevent them from running for the board, but I know there are a good many more good people in Georgetown who could represent the best interests of the majority responsibly and successfully."

Mr. Shepherd termed his decision to retire from the board - at least temporarily - a "difficult" one, largely because the show of support and appreciation he claims to have witnessed in recent weeks.

"It is difficult because I feel that in this campaign I would have had the opportunity to make the people of Georgetown aware of the many good things being developed to improve our education system. And it is difficult because I cannot support Betty Fisher."

Mr. Shepherd's company promotion came Sept. 19 and requires him to build the firm's sales toward a two-year objective, a task he says will consume "all of my resources".

The trustee acknowledged that voters may speculate on the effect Betty Fisher's recent decision to pursue the Georgetown seat had upon his own political outlook, but stressed that the job promotion is the real reason for his announcement.

Mr. Shepherd assumed the Georgetown seat early in 1978 after trustee Don Long, who had defeated him in the election held 14 months earlier, was forced to resign his seat after missing three consecutive board meetings, a failure Mr. Long blamed on conflicting responsibilities. Mr. Shepherd was re-elected in late 1978 with a 239-vote margin over Monty Hyde.



HONORED BY FIRM

Richard Riddall of Itexway Drive, a Georgetown resident for the past 35 years, was honored by his company, Investors Syndicate Ltd., at the investment firm's recent convention in Calgary. Mr. Riddall became the first employee in the company's history to receive the new award for outstanding contributions by senior employees "to the growth of the company" and for "dedicated service to many clients". The award, a handsomely-mounted copper plate bearing Mr. Riddall's likeness, noted that he has guided the investment of some \$31 million during his years with Investors Syndicate, the largest such firm in Canada. Mrs. Riddall, who attended the convention with her husband, was presented a silver tray by company officials.

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