

John McDonald had two choices

In late summer, 1979, John McDonald had two choices: he could enrol in psychology and sociology courses at the University of Guelph which would help him in his job as personnel manager for DRG Stationery in Georgetown; or he could take the advice of friends and run for town council.

He chose the latter option, scrambling ahead of other Ward 3 candidates with an impressive 500-vote lead over second-place finisher Walter Blyth.

On reflection, though, McDonald realizes he could have obtained no better education in sociology and psychology than he has during his initial, two-year term on council.

"I can honestly say I did enjoy the last two years," he told The Herald recently. "It's been a two-year learning experience in the workings of a municipality. I've found out a lot just talking to our various department heads about how the province shares responsibilities, but apart from encountering a lot of bureaucracy over grants for the (Business Improvement Areas in downtown Acton and Georgetown) - which is like a 'Catch-22' - there've been very few causes for frustration."

SOME PROBLEMS
Coun. McDonald said his municipal role is "not a hard job" for someone who's at least partially organized. He himself is organized enough to maintain an "active file" on problems and concerns either before council or of private interest, all stemming from calls he's received from voters and all recorded on special forms he prepared himself.

Coun. McDonald estimates he spends an average of one hour each workday listening or responding to these individual calls for assistance. His employers at Benson and Hedges in Brampton (a position he accepted 15 months ago after six years at DRG) are "very understanding" about his municipal responsibilities, he said.

While the majority of the calls from constituents involve personal concerns too numerous and varied to list, several key issues occupied much of Coun. McDonald's time during his rookie term on council.

Expressing pleasure over finally seeing road reconstruction

Halton Hills' three (former) rookie councillors look back in amazement at first term in office

tion work enhance the natural beauty of Charles and Church Streets and Bard Lane during the past two years, he admits there are some problems that can never really be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Despite company owner Ernie Skrow's full co-operation, he recalled, the Meadowglen mushroom farm can never fully control pungent odors produced by its fertilization process, which had many nearby homeowners upset last year. It was nevertheless a very satisfying experience arranging a meeting at the Mountainview Road plant between concerned residents and Mr. Skrow, he said, during which the owner took immediate steps that have virtually eliminated a noise problem and residents learned that Meadowglen uses one "one of the most efficient treatment processes" available.

"That was a very rewarding meeting for me," he said. The term's biggest highlight for Coun. McDonald came May 5, 1979, when councillors convened for a special Saturday morning session, sat down with representatives of the town's arts community, and heard architect Keith Wagland outline preliminary plans for the long-awaited library-theatre complex.

Otherwise, Coun. McDonald said, the weekly council, general committee and planning board meetings are "fine, but to me, the day-to-day stuff is what I appreciate most". More than any other facet of the job, he stressed, providing that "personal link between the municipality and its citizens" offers the most rewards.

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There have, however, been some disappointments.

"I was livid when the Mountainview Road-River Drive intersection project was dropped from the 1981 road-work budget," he recalled. "That alone was my idea of what the top priority should be. There's a safety consideration there that you just can't postpone."

Halton regional council deleted plans to modify the dangerous intersection involving a steep grade and poor visibility - in deference to budget restraints last spring.

Similarly, there has been some frustration over the multitude of parking violations council tries hard to control, the Georgetown BIA's "growing pains" and other relatively minor concerns. Throughout it all, Coun. McDonald admits he has remained town council's

quietest member, content to observe, listen and learn, a practice he's developed during lengthy job-related negotiations outside his municipal work.

Coun. McDonald has nothing but praise for the collective effort of the council he's been part of this past term. Thanks to an aggressive and business-minded mayor, he acknowledges, council has made great progress that's been slowed only occasionally by some limited "politicizing".

"I've spent the same amount of time on council now as Mayne (Pomeroy has," Coun. McDonald said. "He really knows his stuff, providing the leadership we need along with freedom to choose your own direction."

The avid interest Coun. McDonald shares with a number of other Georgetown residents in the town's history has helped him a great deal in his council work, he said, lending a unique perspective to current deliberations.

FAMILY ROOTS
That interest began with a personal investigation into his own family roots and particu-

larly that the family home - instead in Dolly Varden, a hamlet that once stood where Indusim's sprawling quarry now exists near Limehouse. Coun. McDonald's grandfather settled on a farm there, his father built a barn on the site (towards the heritage touch to the young councillor's basement rec room on Dayfoot Drive) and John himself lived there from age three until 1971.

His interest in Dolly Varden (now best known as the name of his dance band) has evolved into a passion for all things historical about Halton County. Coun. McDonald published his own account of the area's development in

"Halton Sketches" and still contributes photographic recollections from the past each week in the Georgetown Independent.

"I can walk down Charles Street today and almost believe I'm seeing the houses as they were at the turn of the century," he said. "I can

almost wave to the folks on the verandas and see the arrival of George Kennedy (the community's founder) in 1823 and the coming of the railroad."

The man who portrayed one of the town fathers of "Madison, New York" in a parade scene shot in downtown Georgetown for the still-to-be-released film "Never Trust an

Honest Thief" has no definite political plans for the future beyond the coming term, though his name has come up amid speculation about potential mayors. That office and regional council do hold some interest for him, he said, but his future involvement in either depends entirely on his current work.

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- A. **HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**
Two (2) persons to be appointed for a three year term who are not a member of the Council of the Municipality or an employee of the municipality or of a local board thereof.
- B. **HALTON HILLS PARKING AUTHORITY**
Three (3) persons to be appointed for a two year term who are qualified to be elected as a member of Council.
- C. **HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**
One (1) person to be appointed for a three year term who is a Canadian citizen, is of full age of 18 years, is a resident of the municipality and is not a member of any of the bodies entitled to make an appointment to the board.
- D. **HALTON REGION SAFETY COUNCIL**
Two (2) persons to be appointed for a one year term who are a resident of the municipality.
- E. **LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE REGION OF HALTON**
One (1) person to be appointed to fill a vacant position for a one year term who is not a member of Regional or Local Council or employee of Regional or Local Council.

APPLICATION SHOULD STATE

- (a) The office for which application is made,
- (b) The name, address and qualifications of the applicant and telephone number where they can be reached during business hours.

NOTE: One letter of application would suffice should applicant be desirous of applying for more than one position, however please state preference.

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1980.

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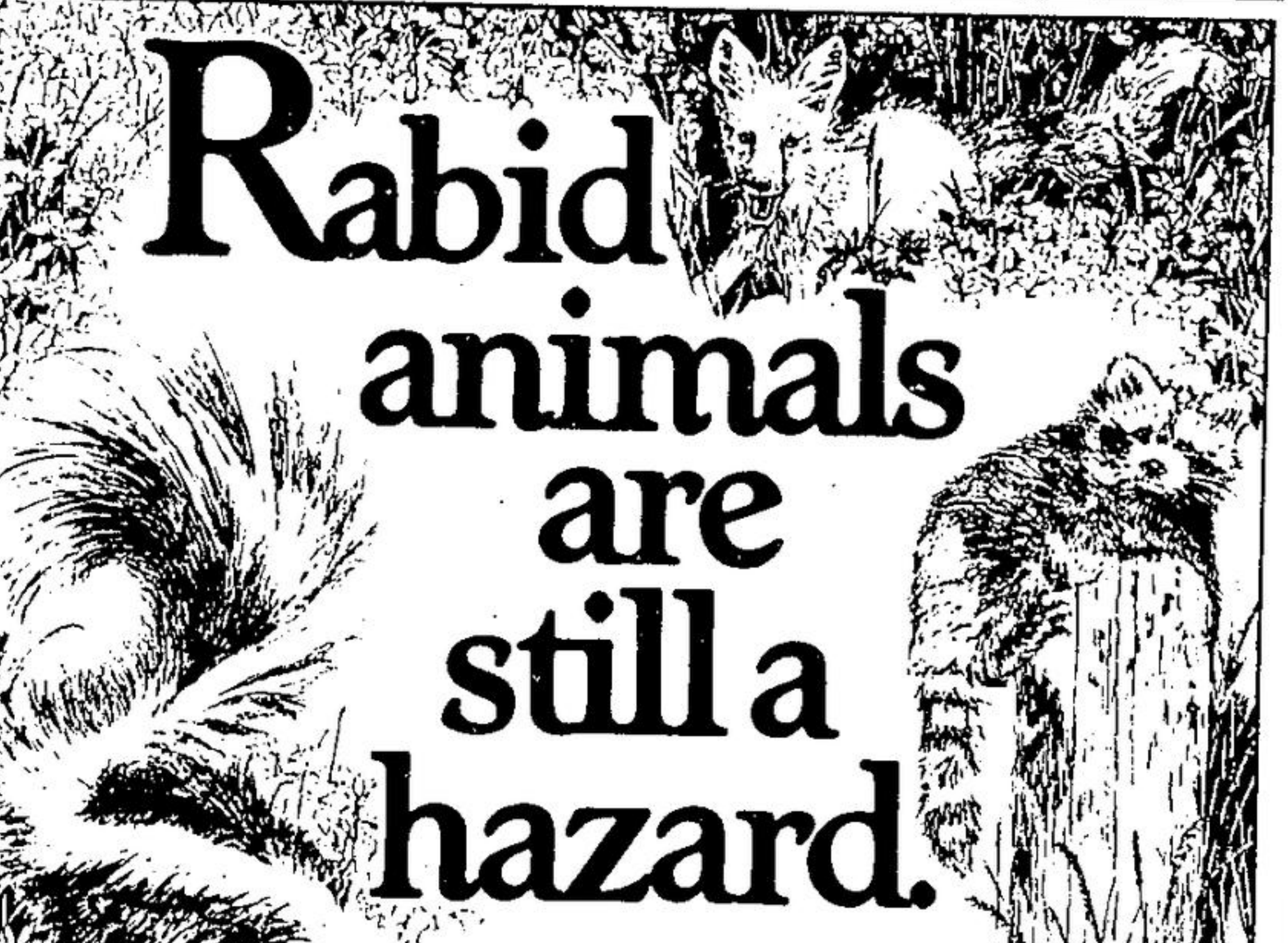
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of Halton for approval to expropriate land being Part of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 9, formerly in the Township of Escouping, County of Halton, now in the Town of Halton Hills in the Regional Municipality of Halton and being more particularly described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 20R-4118 registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Halton (20) for the purposes of road widening and reconstruction on Mountainview Road North and River Drive in the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described as follows:
Part 1 on Reference Plan 20R-4118 dated February 2, 1979 and deposited in the Registry Division for the Land Registry Office of Halton (No. 20).

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing.

- (a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after he is served with the notice or when he is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- (b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario.
The expropriating authority is The Regional Municipality of Halton at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville Ontario.

- The Expropriation Act provides that:
- (a) where an inquiry is requested, it shall be conducted by an inquiry officer appointed by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General;
 - (b) the inquiry officer,
 - (c) shall give every party to the inquiry an opportunity to present evidence and argument and to examine and cross-examine witnesses, either personally or by his counsel or agent, and,
 - (d) may recommend to the approving authority that a party to the inquiry be paid a fixed amount for his costs of the inquiry not to exceed \$200 and the approving authority may in its discretion order the expropriating authority to pay such costs forthwith.
2. "Owner" and "registered owner" are defined in the Act as follows:
- "owner" includes a mortgagee, tenant, execution creditor, a person entitled to a limited estate or interest in land, a committee of the estate of a mentally incompetent person or of a person incapable of managing his affairs, and a guardian, executor, administrator or trustee in whom land is vested;
- "registered owner" means an owner of land whose interest in the land is defined and whose name is specified in an instrument in the proper registry, land titles or sheriff's office, and includes a person shown as a tenant of land on the last revised assessment roll;
3. The expropriating authority, each owner who notifies the approving authority that he desires a hearing in respect of the lands intended to be expropriated and any owner added as a party by the inquiry officer and parties to the inquiry.

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