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**PAUL'S 'OUT STANDING' IN HIS FIELD**

Paul Hamilton, 34, was named the Jaycees' Outstanding Young Farmer for 1981 last week in the competition's local contest. Mr. Hamilton operates a 600-acre, 250-head beef farm (Springham Farms) north of Highway 7 on the Fifth Line. Big machinery like the Case tractor behind him in this photo has

helped automate the farm, keeping labor overhead low. "I like farming," Mr. Hamilton told The Herald in an interview last weekend. "It's a challenge." Story and more photos page A6.

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

## Councillors wonder about Acton concerns

# New licensing bylaw ready for approval

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer  
After five months of sub-committee discussions to iron out kinks and snags, Halton Hills councillors appear ready to approve a compact licensing bylaw covering the operation of just about everything from adult entertainment parlors to trailer campgrounds.

Echoing sentiments expressed by other general committee members Monday night, Coun. Mike Armstrong called the new piece of legislation "one hell of a good bylaw".

The new bylaw, complete with the carefully deliberated regulations regarding public campgrounds, is expected to be approved at council's meeting next Monday night.

At least 26 types of businesses will have to comply with the licensing guidelines and fee schedule, although the provincial Municipal Act allows towns to pass licensing regulations for about 120 different enterprises. Penalties for violating sections of the new bylaw range from not less than the individual license fee itself to \$1,000 for serious infractions.

While the Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA) and the local Chamber of Commerce raised no objections to the final draft of the bylaw, their counterparts in Acton were more severely critical of the legislation.

In a July 30 letter, former Acton BIA chairman Larry Greaves insisted that the bylaw does not "agree with this idea whatsoever". "We pay enough money to the town in taxes at this time," Mr. Greaves wrote, adding that the bylaw only contributes to bureaucracy when "there is too much government control at this time."

Acton Coun. Dave Whiting, who chaired the special sub-

committee which prepared the final draft of the bylaw with bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty, said that the Acton BIA's feelings are similar to those held by the Acton Chamber.

Either the groups didn't read the bylaw closely enough or do not understand its contents, Coun. Whiting said, speculating that criticism from Acton businessmen may stem from a concern that the bylaw could be expanded to include their businesses.

"It's the silliest letter I've seen in nine years of council," Coun. Mike Armstrong said. "It's nonsense."

Coun. Harry Levy called the letter "assinine", stressing that the bylaw is meant to protect the business community.

Councillors praised Mr. Lusty for his work on the bylaw, his first major assignment when he arrived in Halton Hills this spring. Regulations regarding campgrounds proved the most difficult obstacle before the final draft could be brought to council. There were still some concerns expressed over the bylaw by Nor-Halton Park owner Merv Barber and a neighbor Monday night.

Mr. Barber, who operates the 65-acre campground south of Acton on Halton Road 12, reluctantly agreed that council should pass the bylaw now, making amendments later if pressured to do so. Of particular importance to Mr. Barber's business, and others like it operating in town, is a regulation that no trailer can be parked within 200 feet of a residential property line.

And while some provincially-owned campgrounds enjoy less stringent rules, privately owned ones in Halton Hills must have two toilets and two baths or showers for every 20 trailer spaces.

Urging the councillors to design a bylaw which will cover future trailer campgrounds as well rather than having one "tailor-made" for the existing private campgrounds, one resident who lives near Nor-Halton Park said there should be at least 300 feet between houses and trailers camped at Nor-Halton Park.

"We are not trying to throw a red herring into the machinery of Halton Hills," Bill Elliot told the committee. "But we feel our rights are being trampled over by a large number of people."

Residents living beside campgrounds should not have to look at "tents and trailers backed up to (their) property lines," he added. Mr. Elliot also claimed that at least one event earlier this summer allegedly caused a noise problem and he said there should be no need for loudspeakers and a public address system at the campground.

A number of councillors

argued that the bylaw's regulations regarding campgrounds may be too severe considering the standards adhered to by provincial operations.

Coun. Booth pointed out that the 200-foot buffer would cut down on the amount of acreage the campground owner can use for trailer space.

"Eventually you reduce (the campground) to zero," he said. "It will look pretty ridiculous with just a 100-foot strip running down the middle of it."

Mayor Pete Pomeroy assured Mr. Elliot that any new campground proposals are subject to a "public process" before it is approved by council and there are other hurdles to overcome before the campground can officially open. Future campgrounds must also comply with the bylaw, he said.

Councillors agreed to pass the bylaw and "see how it goes", noting that Mr. Lusty designed the legislation in easily amendable schedules.

## Policy question postpones region's decision on sewer and water scheme

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
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Concerned that recommendations attached to the region's proposal for a master sewer and water servicing scheme in Oakville could seriously harm industrial growth in north Halton, Halton Hills councillors last Wednesday successfully managed to defer halton's decision on the package until the province has determined its responsibility in municipal public works affairs.

During last week's town council meeting, Halton Hills' regional representatives received support from their local colleagues to push for a deferral on the scheme at Wednesday's meeting of the administration and public works committee. In addition to approving the Oakville scheme, regional administrators suggested developers throughout Halton should pay a \$2,040-per acre levy as a "normal contribution" to provide sewer and water services

for their developments. While coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said she couldn't see anything wrong with making the developers pay the cost of connecting their projects to town water and sewer mains, Mayor Pete Pomeroy pointed out that residents should view attracting new industry as an investment in the town's future and should be willing to cover part of the costs of servicing new developments. Oakville's master servicing scheme is designed to cope

with the town's anticipated growth, which could triple the population by the turn of the century from its current 71,000. Major developers building in the area will be asked to "front-end" the costs of servicing large residential and industrial-commercial projects, recovering part of their investment from other developers who later build in the area and utilize sewer and water works already installed. Halton Hills councillors

argued that north Halton will suffer if it is forced to insist that major developers pay the \$2,040 servicing levy. It may not be a large expense for developers building in Oakville or Burlington, where industrial and commercial land sells for about \$100,000 an acre, but the levy would mean a sizeable percentage of the average \$30,000 per acre price commonly found for similar property in Halton Hills.

Acton Coun. Dave Whiting charged during last Wednesday's meeting that the consultant who did the servicing study was trying to "gloss over" the effects it would have in the north.

"This policy means northern municipalities are going to be at a disadvantage in attracting industrial development," Coun. Whiting told consultant Currie, Coopers and Lybrand representative Fred Koelzig.

A study ordered by the Urban Development Institute of Ontario maintains that the industrial-commercial levy suggested by the sewer servicing scheme will "have negative effects on the economic development of Halton". The Institute expressed concern in a letter responding to the Currie, Coopers and Lybrand report that smaller developers may not be able to afford the cost of hooking up to public works already installed by another larger developer.

Regional council chambers were packed for Wednesday's joint meeting as numerous developers—mostly those with interests in the Oakville area—gathered to comment on the consultant's study and hear committee's decision.

Several smaller developers sought assurance that if the scheme is implemented in Oakville (along with ramifications it would have on future developments in other parts of the region), the charges they would pay will be calculated equitably and fairly.

By deferring the servicing scheme's approval, regional council wants the province to firmly state its position on funding works projects. In some communities and in Peel region, major works projects associated with large-scale development are often initially funded by the province. The loan is paid back by the region, which, in turn, collects from the developer.

Some councillors have argued that approving the Oakville master servicing scheme is "premature". A special task force of regional and local administrators is trying to determine what sort of responsibility the province should have in paying for sewer and water servicing throughout the region, although they have already supported keeping public works administration under the regional government.

## About the Hills

### Bookworms stock up

Georgetown bookworms should make sure they're stocked up on reading material for the next two to three weeks: the public library closes tomorrow (Thursday). The library's temporary location in Guelphview Square ends its summer-long service this week to give staff time to move into the new Library-Cultural Centre at Church and Market Streets. The library re-opens there at a still-to-be-announced date, occupying most of the brand new Market Street wing rather than the interior of the old church, which now houses the new art gallery.

### Airedale Court party

Residents at Airedale Court in Georgetown are throwing a tenth anniversary party this Saturday starting at 3 p.m. A parade, games, dinner and films are planned for children, followed by a dinner for adults, a corn roast, games and a bonfire. As well, there will be baking and arts and crafts contests for men, women and children. In case of rain, the party will be held Sept. 20.

### New expiry dates

If your driver's licence needs renewing, don't panic—there's still plenty of time. The ministry of transportation and communications has extended all current expiry dates to the end of November because of the recent postal strike.

### Remand for Vicente

Jorge Vicente, 32, of Toronto, appeared in Milton Provincial Court Monday and was ordered to return Oct. 5 to set a date for trial. Mr. Vicente was charged with criminal negligence causing death, impaired driving and driving over 80 kilometres per hour in a 60-kilometre zone following the death of Georgetown resident William Smeaton Aug. 27. Mr. Smeaton had been riding his bike to work when he was struck by a car.



**SUNNY SATURDAY START FOR SURVEY SHOW**

Five Georgetown artists got together Saturday afternoon for the opening of their group show "A Survey of Painting in Georgetown" at Gallery House Sol on Charles Street in Georgetown. (from left) Frank Black, Jo Watterson, Reg

Finlayson and Gretchen Day. Missing is Marjorie Nater. The Herald takes a look at the new show in this Friday's Weekend Extra.

(Herald photo by Anl Pederian)

## Senior officers negotiating for new police association

Terms of reference for the new association of senior Halton police officers were expected to be resolved yesterday, Tuesday.

The senior officers opted to split from the Halton Regional Police Association early in the year and have since formed their own association with Inspector Roy Wilkinson of Oakville as president, Inspector John Barratt of Burlington as secretary and Inspector Roy Taylor as treasurer. Negotiations with the Halton Police Commission took place

Thursday and yesterday. Senior officers include policemen holding the rank of inspector up to deputy chief. They can also be civilians in supervisory or confidential positions. The deputy chief and chief cannot belong to the association, being excluded by the Ontario Police Act.

Many large police forces have separate senior officers' associations, according to Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the police commission, including the Toronto, Peel and Hamilton-Wentworth forces.

"We're one of the last ones," said Inspector Matt MacPherson of Georgetown's Division 11. "We're pulling out of the major association because we don't think it's really right for us to judge members of our association," he said.

He said the Ontario Police Act sets down a behavior code for police officers. If an officer contravenes it, they can be charged under the act. The charges must be heard by a presiding officer, who is always a senior officer. As well, Inspector MacPherson

said the police association sets down strict working hours for its members, yet management (the police chief and deputy chief) would prefer to see senior officers receive more flexible hours than is currently allowed under the association contract.

"Quite often I find myself working nine to ten hours a day and this isn't in our contract," said Inspector MacPherson. "We have to be available to the public."

The present contract stipulates members work eight hours a day, five days a week.



**SCOUT LEADERS WALKING TALL**

Twenty-five North Halton District Scout leaders were among the hundreds of honored members attending the annual Gilwell reunion, held last weekend at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve near Acton. Some 2,200 Gilwell members accepted the unique order's invitation to "Walk Tall with Us", enjoying square dancing and theme presentations. Among the North Halton contingent: (front row, left to right) Jean Layman, George

Henderson, Mary Peters, Rick Gibson, Elaine Haunab, Walt Peters (back row) Barry Gambles, Brian Alder, Mark Rowe, Jim Basinger and Brent Collier. Also attending the reunion but not pictured were Bob Blairrow, Brenda Basinger, Helen Beckett, Sandy Booth, Ross and Terry Collier, Gord Douglas, Rick Golding, Murray Harrison, Bill Ingles, John Sharples, Don Tipple and Gloria Whiston.