

Town hall restoration plan rejected

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in our community," Acton
Coun. Terry Grubbe said,
"stressing that both the Klein-
feldt report and the BIA study
conducted last summer indicate
the community needs a
"strong municipal presence"

which regional and town services
located in a renovated
town hall could provide.
Coun. Dave Whiting, also a
member of Halton's health and
social services committee,
argued that the region wants to
put additional social services

and health facilities in Acton
and he admonished councillors
who earlier suggested that
office and recreational space
may be eventually found in the
proposed restoration of a
nearby school.
"That's a different project,"

he said.
Noting that an estimated
\$7,000 per year is spent by the
town renting office space in
Acton to house services like
the recreation department,
fellow Acton Coun. Ross
Kuechiel said the town would
save money having its own
building. The town would also
benefit because new business
would be attracted to the
downtown core, boosting Halton
Hills' annual assessment
revenue.

Ward 3 councillors Roy
Booth and John McDonald
argued that it is important for
the community to retain its
cultural heritage.
"There will always be an
Acton, an Esquating and a
Georgetown," Coun. Booth
said. "Each has a feeling for
its own particular area."

While unlikely, if council
reverses its decision in the
future, it will have to reapply
for provincial assistance.
Mayor Pomeroy acknowledged
that assistance was already
 earmarked for the town hall
project from the provincial
Heritage Foundation, Wintario
and the Ontario Community
and Recreation Centres Act.
These will now likely go to
another municipality, he said.

Coun. Levy backed up his
threat to resign with a six-page
discussion about the ramifications
of using tax dollars on the
project. He expressed concern
that hidden costs in the restoration,
like burying hydro wires in
front of the building, would
drive costs from the estimated
\$500,000 to \$600,000 and would
show up on tax bills as a \$22
increase for each \$6,000 of
assessment.

Matt's got what he wants

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Inspector Matt MacPherson
of the Halton regional
police said he has everything
he needs.

"Even Santa won't know
what to bring me," he chuck-
led.

The commander of police
in Acton, Georgetown and
Milton said he'll be having
Christmas dinner at home
with his family, then spend-
ing Boxing Day in Markdale,
south of Owen Sound, with
his in-laws.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes is
taking on a big challenge this
Christmas. He's going to be
making Christmas dinner all
by himself for the first time
ever.

Mr. Holmes said he's been
asking everybody for advice
on how to cook a turkey, and
isn't too afraid of the task
he's taken on. His daughter
and her family are coming to
sample his efforts on
Christmas Day.

"I'd like to see a reduction
in fires in town and I'd like to
just wish everybody a merry

Christmas," he said.
The new chairman of the
Halton board of education
expressed great faith in
Santa Claus.
"Santa always surprises
me," Len Auger said. "He's
always treated me very
well."

With four children and a
wife, Mr. Auger isn't sure
which of his hints delivered
over the year will be followed
up on.

"All trustees like to see
early settlements in negotiat-
ions so they can get on with

the education job," Mr. Aug-
er said, as a wish for the
coming year.
The holidays will include a
ski trip to Rochester and
visits to parents in Ottawa
and Montebello, for the Aug-
er family.



CAROLLING WITH BARB

Sitting in a circle with her 35 nursery school children, teacher Barb Hutzler led the youngsters in song. The Maple Avenue Baptist Nursery School students had a concert Wednesday night in the church hall on Maple Avenue near Guelph Street. About 70 parents and brothers and sisters of the little people came out to listen and sing along.

(Herald photo)

Sportsmanlike riders

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several members of the ecolog-
ical advisory committee,
observed the trial Nov. 8 and
found nothing to complain
about. In fact, they saw no
reason that such an event
could not be held in future
years.
Coun. Bill Johnson, as
chairman of the regional plan-
ning and public works commit-
tee, was personally invited to
attend the event so that he
could see for himself that his
concerns were not based in
fact. Although he promised to
come out to the regional forest
Nov. 8, he did not appear on the
day.

To any local or regional
politicians who feel that their
concerns have not been met
and dealt with, I would like to
make the public offer to show
them around the area used for
the observed trial and also ask
them to view the extensive
photographic record (both still
and motion picture) made of
this event. Both the actual
terrain and the photographic

evidence show clearly that the
environmentally sensitive fea-
tures of the Halton regional
forest were not damaged in
any way whatsoever by the
observed trial held there by
the Halton Off-Road Riders
Nov. 8.

In conclusion, I would ask
only that both the public and
their elected representatives
keep an open mind about
motorcycle sporting events
such as observed trials. The
riders competing in these
events are NOT the Hollywood
stereotype of the motorcycle
gang. NOR are they children
whose indulgent parents have
bought them a noisy mini-bike.

They are serious athletes in
one of the world's most phys-
ically and mentally demanding
sports. They are also gentle-
men. Can you name any other
sporting contest when, at the
conclusion of the event, the
contestants give a round of
applause to the officials?

Yours sincerely,
Allan Johnson,
Market Street, Georgetown.

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