

Ideas too late for budget - GYS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter to town recreation and parks co-ordinator Joy Gwilliam was filed with The Herald for publication.

Dear Ms. Gwilliam:
I refer to your letter dated Feb. 23 inviting representatives of the Georgetown Youth Soccer Club to a March 11 meeting to discuss field allocation and user fees in 1982. The matter has been discussed by our executive and causes us grave concern.

Having attended our 1981 Annual General Meeting in November, you should have been aware of the fact that our budget for 1982 is established during the winter months. It is presented to our membership

in February prior to our player registration in March. These dates are determined by the need to obtain delivery of uniforms and equipment in time to commence playing in May. In other words, it is inappropriate for us to discuss user fees in March, after the budget has been announced because there is no flexibility to absorb significant additional expenditures.

We would also comment that we consider 9 p.m. too late in the evening to begin a meeting which has such a significant effect upon the operation of our Club. Given the diverse interests of the large group of people invited to the meeting, there would appear to be inadequate time for a meaningful discussion. Further, if you intend proposing a major change in the structure of user

fees, we would have thought that advance notification in writing of the proposal schedule and the rationale behind it, would have been the appropriate action. This would have enabled our executive to deliberate on the matter and engage with you in a productive dialogue.

It should be remembered that the Georgetown Youth Soccer Club is run by a group

of adult volunteers who organize soccer in Georgetown for large numbers of boys and girls under the age of 18 years. This situation has prevailed for many years. As the largest sports club in Halton Hills, (1981 registration of more than 1,000), we do not have the flexibility to adjust schedules and fee structures in the same way that a club of 20 or 30 can. The lack of opportunity for

input into this matter and the failure to anticipate our needs and our operating practices are examples of what we see as a deteriorating relationship between the recreation department and our club, a matter which we take very seriously. Only a few years ago, the Club received a grant from the town of \$1 per player in recognition of the service which was provided to the community. In the intervening period, we have seen the grant cancelled, the introduction of user fees, no significant improvement in facilities and a reduction in services. Simultaneously we have witnessed the growth of the Recreation Department and the imposition of bureaucratic procedures which make it increasingly difficult for us to function effectively.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold:

1. To request that no changes be made in the user fee schedules and services for 1982 because our budget has already been presented to the membership. Further, that policy for all user fees be established so that we know what proportion of the recreation departments operating expenses are being paid for by the user. It will then be clear to community groups what services are being provided at what cost.

2. To point out to our elected representatives that the current relationship between the Georgetown Youth Soccer Club and the recreation department is a matter of concern to our executive. We further believe that it would be appropriate to review the relative roles of the recreation department and volunteer groups in providing service to the community and that such a review be conducted before the situation worsens.

Yours truly,
Robert J. May,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Colin Murray,
Secretary, G.Y.S.C.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: According to town officials contacted Tuesday by The Herald, owners of the Rib Cage restaurant and tavern have yet to file an application for an adult entertainment licence. There was no business related to the matter on the general committee's agenda last night.

Letters to the Editor

Maple Lodge Farms bemoans lack of council support in sludge issue

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter to the town of Halton Hills was filed with The Herald for publication.

ATTENTION: HALTON HILLS GENERAL COMMITTEE

It was most disappointing and surprising to learn that the general committee of Halton Hills recently turned down the application by Gerhart Treviranus to spread sludge fertilizer from Maple Lodge Farms Ltd. The sludge in question comes from our firm which is well-established and locally owned. Moreover, the ministry of environment states that it is superior to municipal sludge for agricultural use.

Your decision might be understandable if evidence had shown that the spreading of this type of fertilizer on the farmland in question would be annoying or harmful to the land or the health of any residence. This, apparently, was not the case.

We understand that the main reason for turning down the application was that Maple Lodge Farms Ltd. is physically located in Peel region, not Halton Hills. We submit this is not a fair nor just position to take since benefits from our company, being a major taxpayer and employer, spill over regional borders. We feel therefore that it is not unreasonable to expect Halton Hills to share some of the burdens. Particularly when in this case the cost is very small.

if any. Should we not be making decisions on the basis of what is good for Ontario and Canada, not just Halton Hills? In addition, we are concerned about the lack of support shown by the committee for a company like Maple Lodge Farms Ltd. during a time when many industries are

cutting back, or being taken over by foreign buyers. We expected that Halton Hills would be glad to have a recession-resistant company

owned by local people, functioning on its border. In addition, as a food company obtaining raw material from the farm sector you can appreciate that our company is concerned about Ontario's land resources.

To better judge the costs and benefits of the sludge proposal, Maple Lodge extends an invitation to all councillors or anyone else interested in this matter, to tour the processing plant and meet with the company's management team. We are sure that when the difficulties we face are explained the committee will be in a better position to make a decision on this matter. We need your support to enable us to carry on as a viable local family industry as we have been doing since 1955.

'Downhill slide' seen if 'strip joints' okayed

To the editor of The Herald:
Re: Strippers at Georgetown's Rib Cage

Since arriving in this wonderful town in 1972 from Montreal, I have never felt the need to write to any newspaper or any member of our town council. I, like many, many people, feel Georgetown is very special - unique really.

Our town planners to date have allowed our town to

remain a town with a great deal of class, with a residential and local business community that adds to our town's attractiveness. However, if town council agrees to let strip joints into our town, there is no question the downhill slide to join others that have lost their dignity and, as a result, their attractiveness.

How often have we all driven

down a strip somewhere with one "joint" after another and felt a breath of fresh air after having passed by?

I hope many people will join with me in officially opposing any strip joints in our now super town.

Certainly, there seems to be no question as to which way council should decide - a definite no! Otherwise, I don't think they deserve to represent us!

Come on Georgetowners - let's all show our civic pride! Sincerely yours,
Sherrell Sowery
385 Delrex Blvd.
Georgetown

Red Cross Month needs your support

In Georgetown and district, canvassers are out to collect money for the yearly campaign for funds. Your contribution will make it all work again - major and minor disaster services, blood donor clinics, loan of sickroom supplies, water and ice safety education, individual emergency aid, emergency (patients) driving to specialists and clinics out of town and first aid instruction. Give where you live - there is no United Way locally.



LATEST AT THE GALLERY

Art seemed to crop up everywhere in Halton Hills this week - in banks, at an art auction and a new exhibit at the Library-Cultural Centre gallery. The new show, featuring work in charcoal, acrylics and watercolors by Les Hingrose (seen here with his wife, Valerie, whose rag doll craftsmanship was featured recently in a Herald article) as well as pieces by Dermot Cleary, will be displayed until March 27.

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'Y' art auction review this Friday

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'Always a new challenge' for Fobert's new super salesman Herb Spitzer

Selling real estate, like many other occupations, isn't simply a job, it's a livelihood, which means a person can't just hang up his hat after 5 p.m. and call it a day.

But sheer job dedication and sacrificing free time have paid off in big dividends for Herb Spitzer, who has been a member of "super salesman" organizations in two previous real estate companies before joining Fobert's Real Estate in Georgetown recently.

A native of Saskatchewan who moved to the Georgetown area in 1948 from Kitchener, Mr. Spitzer has been consistently active in the community's commercial - industrial real estate markets.

As an agent for the now defunct Johnson-Carney Real Estate company, he was a "Grand Master", an honor awarded to the most proficient

agents. A similar honor was bestowed on him while he was employed with Family Trust, the local office of which closed last month, when he was named to the President's Council for selling \$10 million worth of real estate with the company, joining about 600 other Family Trust agents.

Mr. Spitzer arranged and completed the sale of The Herald's old building on Main Street in Georgetown, and sold to Thomson Newspapers Inc., The Herald's current headquarters at the northwest corner of Guelph and Mill Streets.

Regardless of the nature of the sale, whether it's for residential property or an industrial complex, Mr. Spitzer maintains that his approach to a client must be flexible, ensuring that the purchaser's needs are met.

"Every deal is different," he told The Herald. "There is always a new challenge."

When agents sit down with clients, they try to iron out what the client is looking for in real estate and search through the company's listings to discover something suitable for the prospective buyer.

Real estate agents arrange financing for their clients on request

"Your wants are what's important," Mr. Spitzer said. "We'll sit down with you and try to arrange the best possible financing to suit your needs."

When he's not helping clients, Mr. Spitzer has a number of favorite pastimes he pursues, like playing golf at North Halton Golf and Country Club and tending his antique collection. In winter, you might find him rocketing down a ski hill or breaking trail with his cross country equipment.

