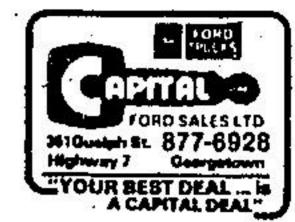


theHERALD



Friday, May 13, 1983 - Page 1

Would welcome town hall - BIA



FAMILY AFFAIR

The 4th Georgetown 'B' pack swelled their leadership ranks when Brenda Basinger, Cobmaster, invested a Mother and Son into the Boy Scout Movement, Here, A.C.M. Irene Hartrick and Cub Joe Hartrick congratulate each other on their initiation held recently.

(Photo by Jean Layman)



Hand-kult, the pink Jacgar mohair sweater was made by Evelya Wilson, Getting a closer look with the help of St. John's United Church Women member Shirley Coulighan (left) was Georgetown's Bally Madill. The sweater was one of several donated articles up Saturday for a slient auction.

(Herald photo)

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Herald Staff Writer Downtown Georgetown businessmen feel snubbed and betrayed that a recently completed study on a future office space needs for Halton Hills' municipal administration suggests the downtown area is not an appropriate site for a larger town hall.

They held a public meeting at the John Elliott Theatre Tuesday night to express concerns with some of study's recommendations.

The businessmen, members of the Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA) say they feel the location of the municipal centre could affect the survival of their businesses in the years ahead.

A Walker, Wright,

Young and Associates study for the Acton and Georgetown BlAs a year and a half ago urged council to locate a municipal centre and supermarket in downtown Georgetown as a means of drawing business into the area. The BIA has suffered from the recent recession and the tendency of residents to shop in plazas and malls in Georgelown and nearby Brampton.

But the Walker firm, along with Robbie Architects and Planners, collaborated on the space needs study which doesn't favor the BIA as the location for a new municipal centre.

That "180-degree about face" has Georgetown BIA members confused and embittered, BIA

treasurer George Markou told the meeting. "It's totally unbellevable that the same firm can reverse a decision like that," he told approximately 30 people who

turned up for the meeting. "It questions the validity of the consultants doing some of these reports.

NOTCOMMITTED While BIA chairman David Page said that the BIA's concerns could be presented to town council in writing, councillors addressed the issue at the meeting.

Ward 4 (Georgetown) Coun, Finn Poulstrup, chairman of the committee looking into the town's administrative space needs, stressed that the Robbie report, adopted by council, is not an "outright" committment" to

keep the municipal centre out of downtown Georgelown.

He said the committee would look at all possible sites and that the report' "doesn't weigh heavily on the minds of committee members".

But, Coun. Poulstrup. reminded the audience that council has to think of all town residents when it finally decides whether or not it will build a new municipal centre and where it will be located.

The chosen location, he suggested, will be the one most convenient and accessible to a large numb- \$150,000, payable over a er of people, while at the same time keeping it an efficient administrative operation.

Another study, completed about two years ago, had suggested that Georgetown's Highway 7 (Guelph Street) corridor would also be a suitable place for a municipal centre.

However BIA members pointed out that other businessmen in town aren't paying off a \$150,000 loan to the provincial government, a loan one merchant at the meeting said was drawn largely on the basis of the Walker core area studies.

(Acton and Georgetown BIAs took out the loans for downtown improvements under a provincial program. They each have period of ten years).

LOAN Merchants, like Betty Monchamp want to know how the Robble report fits into the lown's committ-Continued on Page 8

Who Will Win The Guelph Street Treasure?

It could be youl

The participating Guelph Street Merchants are giving away everything from \$25. Food Voucher (IGA), to a Shower Massage (The Plumbing Store), to a Pocket Calculator (GSS Office Supplies). The list goes on . . . over \$275, worth of give-a-ways and discounts.

But you can't win unless you enter.

Fill in the coupon below and bring it to any of the following merchants:

THE CARPET BARN 26 Guelph St. **ACADIAN POOLS** 134-3 Guelph St.

I.G.A. FOOD STORE 160 Guelph St. STATE FARM INSURANCE 232 Gueiph St. H & H VIDEO Geo. Market Place ZELLERS Geo. Market Place THE PLUMBING 330 Guelph St. NIKKI'S 330 Guelph St. **BROWN'S FURNITURE** 334 Guelph St. GEO. TIRE SALES 345 Guelph St. **HALTON THRUWAY**

MUFFLER 347 Guelph St. G.S.S. OFFICE SUPPLIES 348 Gueiph St. THE CHATEAU 367 Guelph St.

Be sure to enter BEFORE SAT., MAY 14th, 1983. All ballots will then be collected and a winner drawn on May 16th, 1983.

The winner will be notified by phone and announced in next week's Herald, along with a complete list of his or her prizes.

All gifts and vouchers must be claimed within one week of Issue.

Drop your completed ballot off today and

> SHOP LOCALLY SHOP GUELPH ST.



This is your ticket to a possible \$27500 in Gifts and Vouchers from

THE GUELPH ST. TREASURE



Clip, fill in and bring to any participating Quelph Street Merchant (No Purchase Necessary)

NAME	•	•							•		٠	٠			
ADDRESS															
.55 •						8		*							
PHONE						•		400			200				