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Parade chairman thanks supporters

Letter to the editor of The Herald:
I wish to thank everyone who helped to organize and put on the 1983 Acton Santa Claus parade.

Acton Y's men organized the parade; firefighters marshalled the parade; B.I.A., Chamber of Commerce, Acton Y's Men, Acton Y's Menettes, the Olde Hide House, Ladies Legion Auxiliary and private financial supporters, Halton regional police, traffic control, plus the groups who entered floats.

All those people who marched or were on floats and of course Ron Douglas (Santa) and Bert Robertson (Santa's driver).

I was very disappointed in the number of floats that were entered, which was down from last year.
My thanks go to the Lions Club of Acton for turning up at the parade with four floats, after they heard we were down on entries.

Bev Jones
Chairman,
Acton Santa Claus Parade 83.



As the snow fell in Acton toward the end of Saturday's Santa Claus parade, it really was beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Twins Kimberly (left) and Kelly Anderson came prepared with a substantial list for St. Nick who dropped into the YMCA offices on Mill Street to meet dozens of eagerly waiting young fans.



Herald photos by Chris Aagaard



Matthew Bunt, Tommy Kennedy and Daniel Bunt staked out prime viewing territory for themselves as the floats went by in the Acton Santa Claus Parade Saturday. The annual event is sponsored by the community Y's Men's Club.



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Brick yard opposition

To the editor of The Herald:

As a member of People for the Preservation of Rural Living, I would like to comment on your editorial of Nov. 16. Our grass roots approach involves much more than citizens' meetings. We are presently preparing a brief to present to the Town of Caledon Dec. 12, stating our objections to the installation of brick manufacturing plant in the Cheltenham-Terra Cotta area.

Zoning changes at the town level have not yet been made. Town of Caledon originally zoned this area as "open space" and we are now expecting them to uphold that zoning and thus turn down the proposal.

Beyond that level, we are presently arranging meetings with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment to discuss our concerns with them, especially the question of why an environmental assessment was not done. We feel that this is a necessity, even though the government, in its "infinite wisdom" has decided that it is not needed.

The N.E.C. said that they would have concerns about a brickyard in that area and that nothing could be done without their approval. Now we know differently! Many of us who have asked questions (but apparently not

of the right people) have been frustrated by the smoke-screen set up by government agencies.

Mr. McMullin has said that no one has voiced any disapproval at N.E.C. meetings on the matter. We have on several occasions voiced objections to our local councillor who is a member of the N.E.C. Never did he mention that we should voice them to the N.E.C. or make us aware of any meetings.

I understand that a few years ago, the citizens of Georgetown made plain their feelings about a new municipal complex with a petition.
But council now seems to feel that they have changed their minds. The Township of Chingacousy apparently understood our feelings when they decided to buy the site in question and make it into a park. But now the government of Ontario wants us to change our minds. They instigated the brick-yard development without thought of the local people and give the impression that they would like to avoid public input at all.

We do not expect a speedy conclusion to this issue - it may take months and even years. But we intend to carry it through to the end - it's not too late to make changes.

Respectfully,
Shelley Rahm,
RRI, Cheltenham



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