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**GOOD YEAR**

## No final word on Cheltenham brick battle

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
Herald Staff

The six-year struggle between Brampton Brick Ltd. and residents of Cheltenham, which has pitted neighbor against neighbor, is now in the hands of the provincial government, said the Mayor of Caledon, John Clarkson.

Caledon rejected Brampton Brick's proposal to build their brick factory in Cheltenham at a town council meeting Oct. 8.

Residents for and against the brick factory were nearly even in number, Mayor Clarkson said. "I thought it was more important to put the matter to rest which was more important than a brick plant or the Ontario Government," he said.

Local authorities may have finished with the matter by rejecting Brampton Brick, but that rejection is not final. The final decision rests with the provincial government.

"They (the government) could start making bricks tomorrow morning if they wanted to," Mayor Clarkson said.

And Brampton Brick is still involved - they believe the Cheltenham site is the best site for their new factory, said vice-president of Brampton Brick, Sam Kruger. At a Sept. 17 public meeting in Caledon, Brampton Brick workers travelled to Caledon to support their company. Two hundred jobs are at stake, Mr. Kruger said.

Brampton Brick has 20 per cent of the brick market; Canada Brick Ltd. has 80 per cent, Mr. Kruger said. In order to stay competitive Brampton Brick needs a modern factory, he said. Their present 130 acre site in Brampton has been in operation since 1905. The Cheltenham site has 260 acres and was previously used by a small brick company for 40 years. The firm closed its doors because it wasn't competitive.

James Beatty is Brampton Brick's lawyer. If Brampton Brick closes, Canada Brick will have a monopoly, he said. There have been shortages in the supply of brick this year that have hurt builders. A monopoly could do more harm, he said.

"Cheltenham is an ideal site, approved by the Niagara Escarpment Plan," he said.

The People For the Preservation of Rural Living (P.P.R.L.) are the main group opposing Brampton Brick. Roger Willoughby is on their steering committee.

"They just have not looked around for another site," he said. Brampton Brick will not talk to the P.P.R.L. about alternative sites, he said.

The P.P.R.L. was "delighted" with the town's rejection of Brampton Brick but they know Brampton Brick can make another application, Mr. Willoughby said.

"We're (the P.P.R.L.) not going to make a decision until the Ontario government makes a decision," Mr. Willoughby said. The P.P.R.L. will be meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Premier soon, he said.

"We'll be following through to make sure something useful is done with the land," Mr. Willoughby said.

"Brampton Brick will respond in due course," the firm's lawyer, Mr. Beatty, said. "We're still evaluating," he said.



### HARVEST HOSPITALITY

Mathew Boycott, 5, showed a chivalrous, pioneer spirit by pushing in the chair for Julie Diamond, 5, at a dinner made by the students of Speyside Public School Friday. The turkey dinner and pioneer costumes were the final parts of a study of pioneers which began in September. (Herald photo by Sandy Campbell)

### IN THE HILLS

#### Who gets the lice?

Negotiations are ongoing over the division of responsibility when it comes to head lice at public schools. Oakville Coun. Jackie Cutmore said an Oct. 1 meeting between the Halton board of education and the region's health unit was successful, and problems should soon be resolved.

There's a question of who should be screening pupils for head lice and following up on the lice problem with parents and children. The region feels it's the school board's responsibility to control head lice and not the region's.

#### Taking his licks

Halton MP Otto Jelinek took his licks for attending a Toronto Blue Jays game Oct. 8. Liberal MP Sheila Copps said that Mr. Jelinek lost the respect of shoe industry workers.

He was to have met with laid off employees of an Oakville shoe firm. The Minister of Amateur Sport and Fitness postponed the meeting, explaining that he wanted to be with his wife after her mother's funeral. He was later seen with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at the opening game between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Kansas City Royals.

Mr. Jelinek said several meetings for Oct. 8 had been rescheduled so he could spend more time with his wife. The meeting with Susan Shoes was not cancelled, but postponed, he said.

#### All candidates meet

The Georgetown Jaycees will be holding an all-candidates meeting for the upcoming municipal elections at Sacre Coeur Parish Hall, Guelph Street, Georgetown, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Candidates for mayor, town and regional councils from Wards 2, 3 and 4 will be invited. Each candidate for election will be asked to give a prepared speech and be available for questions from the audience. For more information, contact Jack Walings, 877-8234 or 877-1343.

#### Driver hits 2 girls

A Georgetown man was charged with driving while suspended and careless driving after hitting two pedestrians when he turned onto Prince Charles Drive from Rexway Drive Oct. 5 at 9:37 p.m. He was going about 15 kilometers per hour when he hit Odette Turcotte, 18, of 12 MacKenzie Dr. and Angela Daugherty, 15, of 10 Sumach Trail. Both Georgetown girls were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries.

#### Veteran quits

Burlington Coun. Stephen Toth said his goodbyes to regional council last week. The councillor of 30 years announced he isn't going to be running in the Nov. 12 municipal elections.

#### Sign up now

Anyone interested in becoming a qualified care-giver in the new in-home family program should register today by calling the North Halton A.M.R. at 877-5557. An application form will be sent out to complete and return with the \$20 registration fee.

This course will provide you with all the knowledge and confidence you need to care for a handicapped person in his/her own home while the family is away for an evening or on a weekend outing. You will be helping to meet a recognized community need, gain valuable experience for your future and earn some extra money.

The Family Support Workers Training Program starts Oct. 29, 7-9:30 p.m., Holy Cross Separate School, Georgetown, (five weeks).

#### Bird wants rationing

When the cupboard starts looking bare, the Mayor of Burlington said he starts rationing food to his family.

Roly Bird said although he hasn't had to do that recently, he recommends the same approach be taken by Halton region's health and social services department when it comes to counselling.

The mayor wants the counselling program be pared down for the next three months to keep within the regional budget allocated for 1985.

Health and social services director Debbie Oakley wanted additional funds to keep the same level of service until Dec. 31, with the hope that funding negotiations with the province for extra money are successful.

"It's not the way I budget in my own house and I won't support it," Mayor Bird declared Wednesday.

Despite the mayor's protest, councillors pumped another \$2,500 regional dollars into the region's counselling budget last week.

Councillors noted the increased need for counselling in the region. From Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, \$191,000 was spent of the \$277,500 regionally approved budget for counselling.

At this rate, Ms. Oakley estimates

## Social services spend over budget

spending in the program could reach \$290,000 by year end, meaning a 4.5 per cent increase over budget.

"Obviously something is happening out there and there is an increased need or demand than what was projected," Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich said.

He objected to a recommendation that if the province doesn't come through with additional funds, spending in the first three months of 1986 be pared to \$11,800 per month, which is the equivalent to 259 hours of counselling less a month. However the councillor was outvoted in this.

"What we're really saying... is that this region will be satisfied with a decline in service and with being substantially below the need demonstrated in the community," Coun. Mulkewich said.

Halton Hills Coun. Dave Whiting also objected and said he'd like to see adequate budgeting in this area in future years. "This is a program where councillors aren't out looking for work, the people are there looking for them," Coun. Whiting said.

Oakville Coun. Phil Arch called it another area where the provincial budget falls short, and said he'd like to see more than the band aid solutions currently being considered by the region.

### Halton Region

## Accepts spills responsibility

It looks like Halton region is going to be taking a responsible stance when it comes to environmentally dangerous spills.

Last week, in a recorded vote, councillors decided against trying to exempt "municipal works" from the provincial Environmental Protection Act and the federal Dangerous Goods Transportation Act.

A recommendation asking for staff clarification of what should be exempt and the potential liability if these works aren't exempt, was defeated.

Halton Hills Couns. Dave Whiting and Mike Armstrong voted in favor of a staff report while Coun. John McDonald and Mayor Russ Miller voted against. Coun. Jake Kniken was absent.

"I think it's terribly important that we at the region take a leadership position on pollution," Burlington Coun. Joan Little said. "I really think you're either supporting the whole concept of people not polluting the environment or you're not."

The two Acts put the responsibility of clean up of "spills" on the person in control of the spilled material and its owner. Owners and handlers have to pay for damages, regardless of how careful they were. The provincial Act

is to become law Nov. 29 and has no limit to liability.

Councillors asked the regional treasurer to prepare a report on the insurance implications of the new legislation and on the establishment of a self-insured Environmental Impairment Insurance Reserve.

With the unlimited liability, insurance companies have indicated they won't insure municipalities in the event of "environmental spills". Therefore the region will have to insure itself.

Coun. Mike Armstrong is concerned about the financial implications of the Acts, especially in light of the difficulty of obtaining insurance.

"If you don't have any insurance, you're now asking all taxpayers in Halton to pick up the tab. If the province is going to make that imposition, I think they should be covering us," Coun. Armstrong declared. Burlington Coun. and lawyer Rob Forbes said that if the law is bad, it's bad for every sector of the economy.

"We have no right to be asking to be exempt. We should be attacking the law," he said.

## Fog causes accident, killing Acton man, 30

A foggy highway contributed to the death of Peter Copeland, 30, of 37 Market St. in Georgetown who was involved in a head-on collision Saturday night at 11:25 p.m. Doris Becker, 25, of 169 Willow Rd. wandered over the center lane on Highway 7, west of the County Line, Crewson's Corner.

Mr. Copeland was killed instantly, police said. Doris Becker was taken to Guelph General Hospital where she was treated for a broken jaw, pelvis and leg.

Both cars were demolished, police said. Peter Copeland was driving a 1983 Honda and Doris Becker was driving a 1985 Hyundai.

## Betty Fisher enters race

Halton Board of Education chairman Betty Fisher announced Monday she will be running for town councillor in Ward 3.

Earlier in the fall the mother of three decided she would not seek re-election to the school board Nov. 12.

Mrs. Fisher said she will be pursuing a career in education consulting. It wasn't until recently she realized she would be able to devote the time required to be a councillor, she said.

The Delrex Boulevard resident was born in Toronto and went to Leaside High School.

She has worked as a service representative for Bell Canada and in

public relations for Corning Glass Works of Canada Ltd. of Toronto.

She was married in 1963 to Jim and moved to Georgetown two years later. Mrs. Fisher has lived in Ward 4, but later moved to Ward 3. Her family is in the process of buying a home in Ward 3, she said.

Mrs. Fisher first ran for board trustee in 1978. She won elections as trustee in 1980 and 1982 and was elected vice-chairman of the Board in 1982. She has served as chairman since 1983.

Mrs. Fisher is a former member of the Halton Hills Library Board, past-president of the Halton Hills Arts Council and vice-president of the Georgetown Ratepayers Association.

Other groups she has belonged to are: the Halton Educational Action League, Save our Parkland Committee and Concerned Parents Group.

Mrs. Fisher said she believes in preserving and enhancing the uniqueness of Ward 3 and the downtown core.



BETTY FISHER

## Don't lose your privilege to vote

Don't lose your right to vote. Your decision Nov. 12 could change the future direction of Halton Hills. Polls are open from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. voting day.

All voters will be receiving a voter notification card. Voters lists will be published Oct. 15.

To qualify as a voter you must be a resident (owner or tenant) from Sept. 3 to Oct. 23, a Canadian citizen or British subject, and 18 years old as of polling day.

If you meet these requirements but are not on the voters' list you can still vote. Before Oct. 23 visit the clerk's office at the Town Office on Trafalgar Road, fill out the right form, and your name will appear on the voters' list election day.

If Oct. 23 has slipped by and you are not on the voters' list you can still get on through the clerk's office. If it is election day and you are still not on the list go to your polling place where the deputy returning officer will give you an oath form entitling you to vote.

Advance polls are provided Nov. 2 at Trinity United Church at 70 Mill St. East in Acton, the Town Office on Trafalgar Road and the municipal building on 36 Main St. South in

Georgetown. Advance polls are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are unable to reach your polling station and your name is on the voters' list, it is possible to vote by proxy.

To qualify for a proxy vote you must file a certificate with the clerk signed by a medical practitioner stating that you are physically unable to reach your polling station.

Proxy forms are also available at the clerk's office for those away studying and for those who will be away from Halton Hills voting day for other reasons.

The appointment of a person as a voting proxy must be made after nomination day (Oct. 17-21). The clerk will receive proxy applications up to 5 p.m. polling day.

Election results will be available at the Gordon Alcott Arena (election central) and the Acton Arena. Poll by poll breakdowns will be provided by the returning officer (Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson) Nov. 18.

Remember, a spoiled ballot is a wasted vote. Ballots will have the names of all candidates on them. Voting for too many candidates on a ballot disqualifies that portion of the ballot.



### SUNSHINE SKETCHES

The best angle for drawing a subject is not always easily found. Georgetown District High School student Mark Russell hopes that his drawing of his school will be part of a school calendar, featuring student art. (Herald photo)