# Committee gets approval to preserve our history

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff

Their neighbors all have it, and now, so will Halton Hills.

The town will have a LACAC, spelled out, it's known as a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

As of the new year, a LACAC will be set up to report to town council. The motion was put forward by Coun. Al Cook Monday night, and approved by the town's general committee.

The first duty of the new committee will be to draft its terms of reference. Because it is an advisory

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The owners of several local

historically significant properties

have come forward, eager to have

their property designated historical-

ly significant by the town's Local Ar-

the owner of the former Apple Pro-

historical significance of two of the

buildings on that site, and am anx-

ious to see them preserved," Mr.

Brock wrote to the ad hoc LACAC

One is a 312 storey wooden mill

dating from about 1860 and the other

212 storey building dating from the

"However, historical significance

does not just come from age. Ar-

chitecturally, the buildings are uni-

que to their era and their use," Mr.

Brock says. "Culturally, they are of

major significance to the communi-

ty of Glen Williams because the ma-

jority of the families who lived in the

village between 1860 and 1960 pro-

bably had at least one member

The property owner says he in-

tends to have these buildings

designated significant by the town's

After being found guilty of two

counts of threatening violence and

robbing two Georgetown banks, a

man with no fixed address received

Greg Frank Johnston was sentenc-

ed Friday in Milton District Court.

The Scotlabank at Mountainview

Road and Guelph Street was robbed

Feb. 20, 1986, and the Main Street

Canada Trust was robbed March 21,

day sentence Mr. Johnston received,

Judge Carnwath Imposed two years

probation. Mr. Johnston was recom-

mended as a candidate for a drug abuse program, and he was pro-

hibited from possessing firearms for

In addition to the two years less a

"I am keenly aware of the

ducts property in Glen Williams,

steering committee.

employed there."

new LACAC.

two years in jail.

five years.

1890s.

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body to town council, the committee's guidelines as well as its decisions all will have to be ratified by

That's something Edward Tooke and David Stone stressed Monday night. The two men are on the ad hoc steering committee that looked at establishing a LACAC in Halton

Monday night, they briefed councillors on what exactly such a committee can do for the town, and even more importantly, what it can't do.

Throughout their presentation, Mr. Tooke and Mr. Stone stressed that the committee can only make

Colleen Howard of Halton Hills

Kinder School is also interested in

having her Main Street South,

Georgetown, property designated a

historical site. The building used to

house the town's Baptist congrega-

tion and most recently, the Mis-

of its "old world charm" and they

want to preserve as much of it as

"However, in some cases restora-

tion is more costly and troublesome

than simply starting from scratch,"

Mrs. Kirton writes council. "If by

becoming a designated building we

can secure the financial assistance

to preserve these unique features, we would ask that it be considered."

Charles St. in Georgetown and they

want their home to be considered by

the LACAC for historical designa-

organization that will protect and

preserve the heritage of the historic

homes of Halton Hills. We fully sup-

port the formation of a LACAC com-

Next door, at 38 Charles St., Ann

In August Mr. Johnston was found

guilty in a Guelph court room of rob-

bing the Royal Bank in Erin. He has

17 months remaining on his sentence

for that robbery. That sentence will

be served concurrent with the two

years he received for the

Georgetown robberies, said Crown

The three banks were robbed in a

similar way. "He claimed he had a

gun but no one ever saw one." Mr.

The robber gave a note to the

teller stating he had a gun and

demanded money. The robber fled

on foot. No one was injured in the

Georgetown bank, police said.

About \$1,000 was taken from each

Prosecutor Paul Stunt.

Stunt said.

Ten Cote and Kevin Bulivant also

own a heritage property and want it

designated through the LACAC.

mittee for Halton Hills," they wrote.

"We are very supportive of any

Rick and Moya Johnson live at 39

Kim and Val Kirton live in the

Owners want homes

designated historic

Douglas Brock of Park Street is Blue Mountain Schoolhouse because

chitectural Conservation Advisory slonary Alliance Church.

recommendations to council, and that it's council which has the ultimate say.

Often made up of councillors, architects, historians and restoration contractors, the LACAC is involved In the conservation of heritage property in the town.

It can recommend properties be designated heritage properties, as can the homeowner or anyone else.

Under the Ontario Heritage Act, LACACs study property and prepare reports on why someplace should be designated historically or architecturally significant.

The committee communicates with the owner of that property and in some communities no heritage designation is given to the property If the owner doesn't want it.

The committee's decision comes to council and if there are no objections, council may go ahead with the designation. However, if there are objections, the matter goes to the Conservation Review Board.

That's an advisory body that reviews each case individually, discussing it with the owner and the designating body. The Review Board's decision goes to town council and it's town council that makes the final decision.

If the decision is to proceed with the designation, council passes a designating bylaw and the owner, the public and the Ontario Heritage Foundation are notified. As well, the designation is registered on title with the property, a designation that's carried as the property changes hands.

If a subsequent owner wants to remove the historical designation, he can apply to the town council and the LACAC will look into it.

"At all times, the power resides with council and not the LACAC," Mr. Stone said.

Many properties that have been designated historically significant have applied for and received provincial monies for restoration work.

Coun. Pam Sheldon noted Acton's Town Hall was one such building that faced demolition but was deemed historically significant by Acton residents and saved.

Mr. Stone said the committee won't take up staff time, and that the work will be done by the volunteer committee members.

\$1,000 budget in 1987 and anticipates designating two buildings in town. The LACAC budget will be considered during budget negotiations. Coun. Betty Fisher said it gives

The committee is looking for a

local residents tremendous pride and a connection with their heritage when a building is designated a heritage building.

Mr. Tooke noted it can also help bring tourism into the area, making outsiders more interested in visiting the town to see designated proper-

## IN THE HILLS

Progressive walk

Many local residents will be among more than 1,500 attending a Circuit Assembly in Norval, Oct. 25 and 26. The announcement was

made by Jehovah's Witnesses Circuit overseer Reino Kesk, and will be held at their Assembly Hall on Highway 7, just west of Mississauga road.

Theme for the two day gathering will be 'Progressively Walk in Jehovah's Ways'. For more information call 821-1201.

#### Pumpkin carving

The great pumpkin carving con-test is open for youngsters Oct. 26 at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville.

Come and show off your carving skills and you might win a prize. The event begins at 12 noon and ends at 2 p.m. Judging is at 2:30

Admission to Mountsberg is \$4.50 per car. For more information call 878-4131 (weekdays).

### Cancer meeting

The Georgetown chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society is holding its annual general meeting Oct. 28 at St. George's Anglican Church.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information call 877-1124.

#### Hay fire

A hay fire at Lot 24 Concession 4 caused an estimated \$300 damage Oct. 14 at 1:44 p.m. The cause of the fire is undetermined. About 300 bundles of hay in a field burned.

#### Chimney blaze

A chimney needing to be cleaned caused a fire Friday at 9:51 p.m., an official from the fire department said. There was no damage caused by the Lot 10 Concession 8

#### **Euchre party**

Do you like card games? How about euchre? The Georgetown OptiMrs, are holding a euchre party Friday at 7:30 p.m. and you're all invited. They'll have prizes and a buffet. The party's being held at the Georgetown Optimists Hall on Highway 7. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors. All are welcome.

#### Norval euchre.

NORVAL-There will be euchre at the Norval Community Centre sponsored by the Norval Women's Institute Friday Oct. 24 beginning at 8 p.m. There are a number of prizes plus refreshments. Admission is \$2.

### Tractor signs

"Tractor-drawn vehicles using this road" may be posted on Halton's roads if the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee

Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon raised the need for some type of warning sign for motorists using Regional roads also travelled upon by slow-moving farm vehicles.

Peel has put up such road signs in regard for its farming communi-

Halton is considering doing so on Regional Roads where the roadway has poor vertical or horizontal alignment, road shoulders are less than two metres wide or nonexistent, utility poles or trees are close to the pavement, the road is only two lanes, and the farm vehicle signs don't jeopardize the effectiveness of other traffic signs.

The Region's Public Works Director Bob Moore estimates the signs will cost up to \$200 each to manufacture and install. The Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee is being asked to comment on this proposal.

#### Road changes

There's another project on the horizon for the town. That's numbering rural streets in order to make it easier for fire, ambulance and police staff to get there in an emergency.

Town administrator clerk Joseph Simon mentioned the project at last week's general committee meeting. He said it's something that's been done in Caledon to ald emergency personnel identify property in the rural areas.

#### Last one in

There are about 150 communities in Ontario that have formed LACACs and Halton Hills is the only municipality in Halton and Peel Regions yet to establish such acommittee.

LACACs can make an inventory of heritage properties within the municipality; evaluate the significance of these properties; prepare designation reports and recommend to council those properties deemed suitable for designation; hold walking tours and plaquing programs.

Through designation, council recognizes significant heritage properties and tries to protect them from destructive alteration or demolition.

Once a building is designated, an owner must have the permission of council to alter or demolish any of those features for which the property has been designated.

### By-law enforcement officer:

# Make wrecking laws specific

Amending the salvage yards bylaw has become an annual chore for council.

Monday night, the retiring municipal bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty asked for further changes to make the bylaw more specific as it relates to storage, offstreet parking, inoperable motor vehicles and hours of operation.

"We've had an ongoing saga concerning wrecking yards in this community for some live years or more," Mr. Lusty said. "Over the years, we've found the bylaw we've enacted has sometimes been a bit fudicrous in interpretation."

The changes he proposes are to make the bylaw "a little more enforceable", Mr. Lusty told general committee members. Councillors

approved the amendments. The bylaw states hours of opera-

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tion to be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. for wrecking yards.

"But the problem is, what is operation?" Mr. Lusty said. The intent of council was those are the hours for doing business.

"Surely we don't want to stop the person from doing his books or maintenance work on his vehicle or stocking his shelves," Mr. Lusty snid.

The bylaw change will emphasize that as long as the wrecking yard isn't open to the public for business after the set hours of operation, the town has no problem with them. As for the definition of "inoperable motor vehicles", the bylaw enforcement officer felt it should be clarifled, to give the bylaw more power in the courts.

There have been questions about the bylaw's requirement that property be stored behind a fence questions about its color and how high the fence needs to be, and what is considered to be the front of the property, Mr. Lusty said.

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# 90 days for youth after rifle incident

Two year sentence

for bank robber

A Georgetown man received 90 days in jail for a Sept. 5, 1985 incident where the Halton Tactical and Rescue Unit was called.

David Michael Cillis was charged with possession of a weapon and pointing a firearm. He was sentenc-ed in Milton District Court Friday.

On Sept. 5, 1985, David Cillis, then 19 years old, was in possession of a gun at a home on Sideroad 15. The home was surrounded by the special unit of the Halton Regional Police. The owner of the home helped con-vince Mr. Cillis to surrender, police

Mr. Cillis had a 303 Lea Enfield rifle with telescopic sights and a bayonet. He was also wearing an

army-type helmet, police said,
The incident began with a
domestic dispute at Mr. Cillis'
Delrex Boulevard home. He left that

home carrying a rifle which he fired into the air outside the house, police

He ran through Cedarvale Park where he pointed the weapon at someone, police said. After running through the woods he stopped at the home on Sideroad 15, He surrendered to police by telephone,



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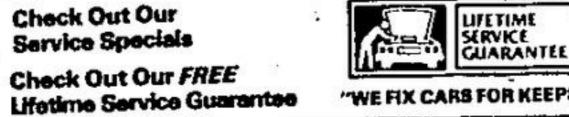
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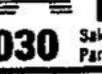
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