

# Enterac has an option for valley golf course

For the next 10 years, Enterac Property Corporation will have the option to establish a nine or 18 hole golf course on its valleylands along Silver Creek in Georgetown South.

That's just one of the conditions town council accepted Monday night in the latest "undertaking" or agreement between the town and the corporation.

Originally to have retained that option for 20 years, town staff reduced the time to 10 years through negotiation.

The agreement allows the town to

lease any or all of the Enterac valleylands between Main Street and Mountainview Road for \$1 per year until they are developed.

If Enterac doesn't establish a golf course on its valleylands within the 10 years, then the town has the option of buying all the valleylands for \$50,000.

Whether or not Enterac develops the golf course, it agrees to provide pedestrian and bicycle easements through its valleylands, where compatible with the golf course.

The new agreement also gives the

town 1.5 acres of land at the northeast corner of Sideroad 10 and Main Street (Eighth Line) for a fire station. That property will cost the town \$50,000.

Two changes have been made for the development between Ninth and Eighth Lines. The community park and secondary school sites have been moved further west. The park will be five acres larger, making it a total of 20 acres in size, and will front on Eighth Line. The school will be next to it.

Earlier, the community park was to be in the middle of the subdivision, making it inaccessible in the early phases of the subdivision development. With the new location, the town will have access to it much earlier.

As well, the new park location will serve to split some of the traffic coming in and out of Georgetown, easing the load on Mountainview Road, solicitor for the town, Roger Beaman said. He noted permanent facilities can now be established on the park property whereas before temporary facilities were being considered for the park as the east-west road to join Mountainview and Main Street wouldn't have been built.

The new agreement also gives the town the option to purchase up to five more acres of land south of the relocated community park for an arena or other recreational facility. The town has seven years to make up its mind on that. The deal spells out a purchase price of \$45,000 an acre.

Enterac also makes clear its support and endorsement of the Lot Levy Policy Study recently prepared for the town by C.N. Watson and Associates Limited. That study recommends lot levies charged by the town be pared down from \$2,048 to \$1,960 per unit for single-family detached dwellings. It has not been approved by council, and a report by town staff is due in the next couple of weeks on it.

Mr. Beaman said the agreement will fall apart if the town doesn't approve the lot levy study and its recommendations, as the undertaking of the developer is depending on the lot levy decrease of \$88 per home.

Coun. Norman Elliott said he had doubts about reducing the town's lot levies, after having seen what some other municipalities charge as lot levies to developers. Halton Hills is relatively cheap. Oakville charges \$2,600; Burlington \$3,106; Grimsby \$2,150.

"It's vitally important we get that report resolved and know where council is going," Coun. Elliott said.



**Snow-bound**

The winter is finally here with the onslaught of snow which fell Thursday, Nicholas Lock, 5, didn't seem to mind too much, though. He was content to play with his plastic snowmobile while the white stuff was falling around him. Adults, meanwhile, found it slow going on the roads and bundled up for walks outside. (Herald photo)

# Rejected architect vows to help others

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

After losing the contract to design the municipal complex to a Simcoe firm, the Acton firm Sankey Partnership Architects wants to help the Acton Chamber of Commerce promote local business.

Lloyd and Deborah Sankey were invited to the Nov. 20 Chamber meeting. Mr. Sankey spoke about town council's choice of the Simcoe firm, C.A. Ventin Architects over the second place finisher, Sankey Partnership Architects.

In making its decision, town council did not give enough emphasis to picking a local firm, Mr. Sankey said. He expressed his belief that the quality of his firm is equal to the Simcoe firm.

In a letter to the editor, Mr. Sankey listed reasons why his firm should have been chosen. Among them were Sankey Partnership Architects' record of finishing projects on budget, international and national design awards, four of six

staff living in Halton Hills and commitment to the community through work on community organizations, such as BIAS.

Mr. Sankey's message to the Acton Chamber of Commerce was, "I think we should be looking to buy locally if all things are equal. Local was not looked at. That's my only complaint."

The Sankeys did not come before the Chamber of Commerce to criticize the Simcoe firm picked to design the municipal complex, Mrs. Sankey said. For the Sankeys, that issue is over, he said.

The Sankeys hope to help the Chamber make certain local businesses are given greater consideration, Mr. Sankey said.

If during a tender competition all things are equal, the local firm should be given the contract, said the president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, Reg DiCola, in support of Sankey Partnership Architects.

# Head for the hills advises Hide House

An ad campaign with the slogan Head For the Hills, to bring tourists to Halton Hills, was discussed at the Acton Chamber of Commerce meeting last week.

Guest speaker Steve Dawkins, the general manager of the Olde Hide House, spoke about tourism in Halton Hills at the meeting in the Sit-N-Bull Pub and Restaurant Thursday.

With over 300,000 people visiting the Hide House annually, "there is opportunity to establish a tourism plant in Acton," Mr. Dawkins said. Georgetown, with attractive hamlets like Glen Williams, could be an important part of that "tourism plant", he said.

The problem, as explained by Mr. Dawkins, is to get people to spend money in the community. People driving to Acton's Hide House do so with the intention of spending money, he said.

To increase traffic to Halton Hills and keep more money in town, businesses tourists would find interesting must be encouraged to set-

tle in Halton Hills, Mr. Dawkins said. An example of this type of business is Elly Snels' Doll Emporium in Acton, he said.

A way of encouraging entrepreneurs to set up businesses in Halton Hills is through an ad campaign, Mr. Dawkins said. Tourist related businesses in Acton and Georgetown could work together on such a campaign, he said.

The Halton Hills campaign could be part of a larger regional campaign promoting Milton, Oakville and Burlington, Mr. Dawkins suggested. "No point splitting the effort."

If a united effort is begun by Halton Hills businesses, including the Hide House, Hide House advertising rates could be used. The rates the Hide House pays for advertising in Toronto are less than standard rates, Mr. Dawkins said.

By the end of Mr. Dawkins' presentation plans were made for Acton's tourist related businesses to meet. "I'm at your service," Mr. Dawkins said.

# Nine months for robbery

For attempting to rob one Georgetown store and actually robbing another, a man, who said he got his ideas from television, was sentenced to nine months.

Brian Stewart Norton, 22, of Etobicoke pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced Monday in Milton Provincial Court. He was also charged with using threats of violence during both incidents. He will serve nine months concurrently for all charges.

On March 21, 1986 Mr. Norton robbed Bakery Delite at 330 Guelph St. of \$25. He gave the clerk, a girl in Grade 10, a note which said, "Give me \$100 or I will blow you away", said John Ayre, the crown prosecutor.

After asking the girl to go in the back room and grabbing the hem of her skirt, the girl pleaded with the robber not to touch her, Mr. Ayre said. The robber left the bakery, but before leaving dropped the \$25 he stole.

On April 12, 1986 Mr. Norton attempted to rob Pet Valu at 134 Guelph St. After visiting the store once that day Mr. Norton returned with the intention of robbing it, Mr. Ayre said.

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A former advertising sales representative at The Cambridge Reporter, Mr. Sinke began his career in newspaper advertising

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sales at The Guelph Mercury.

Currently living in Cambridge, Mr. Sinke plans to move to Halton Hills as soon as he can relocate.

Mr. Sinke assumed his duties Monday. He replaces Steve Foreman who resigned his position in October to pursue other endeavors.

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