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## Group poised to protect our heritage

By CHARLIE GIBBS  
Herald Special

In a few months, Halton Hills will at last have its historical buildings protected for the sake of historical heritage.

At least, this is the goal for LACAC - the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, which was formed Jan. 1. Halton Hills is the last of the four municipalities of Halton county to form such a committee.

LACAC is still in the organizational stage, but eventually the six-member committee will serve as an advisory group for town council. Under the Ontario Heritage Act, the municipal government can designate certain buildings in a community as historically significant.

After a building has been designated, the Town must approve any changes to the building by the owner. Although none have yet been identified in Halton Hills, the Barber House and the Baptist Church in Georgetown and the Town Hall in Acton are possible candidates.

The idea is to protect the local heritage. Hopefully, if the committee works properly, the structures of Halton Hills that are of a historical or architectural heritage would be preserved," said Mr. Monte Hyde, chairman of the committee.

The Ontario Heritage Act, under which LACAC operates, was passed in the Ontario Legislature in 1976. Since that time, there have been two other unsuccessful attempts to establish a committee in Halton Hills.

When Edward Tooke moved to Georgetown in 1965, he decided to use some of his experience starting a LACAC committee in Vaughan and North York in Halton Hills. A standing committee was formed, of which Mr. Tooke was the chairman. The standing committee met over the course of last summer, holding public meetings, planning and researching. In the fall of last year, the standing committee formally introduced the proposal to council, and LACAC was adopted shortly thereafter.

"Council is very clearly indicating to the community that they are very supportive of insuring the protection of the community's heritage," Mr. Tooke said.

The six members of the committee were chosen by council. On the committee are: Monte Hyde, Erik Connolly, Elaine Robinson-Bertrand, Rev. Richard Ruggie, Edward Tooke and Carla Testa.

The committee, which has an operational budget of \$1,200 for this year, plans to establish an inventory of potential historical buildings, put them on a priority listing, and after careful research, advise to council to have some designated as historically significant.

Mr. Tooke feels that once LACAC has become established, the committee could move into "phase two", which would involve public education.

"I would personally like to see public education projects of the committee, be it making plaques, printing brochures, or organizing walking tours or events," Mr. Tooke said.



## BACK TO NATURE SYRUP-MAKING TRACES TECHNIQUES FROM 1400s

For the first time this spring, the staff at Crawford Lake Conservation Centre will be demonstrating native syrup-making techniques dating back to the 1400s.

Small holes are drilled into the maple trees with an auger. The trees must be at least ten inches wide for the sap to run. The sap, which is about 96 per cent water, runs through a spile or faucet into small buckets.

Buckets of sap are then poured into a hollowed log. Hot rocks and

stones steam off the excess moisture leaving thick syrup along the bottom and sides of the trough.

According to staff member Sue Thomson, the same maple trees can be tapped year after year providing the next hole is drilled above and beside the previous hole. Large trees can have as many as four spiles running at once.

The demonstrations will be on April 20. For four times and information call the Halton Region Conservation Authority at 336-1158.

## Scoop of Norval history in collector spoonware

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Special

NORVAL-Norval has its own souvenir spoon, thanks to Russell and Irene Goodfellow of RR1 Norval. Irene is the rural mail carrier for both RR1 and RR2 Norval. On a trip to Ireland last summer, she wanted a little memento from Norval.

Thus, she decided it was time to look into having a spoon made representing Norval.

Since Norval celebrated the post office's 150th anniversary last year, she decided to have inscribed on the spoon "Norval, Ont., P.O. est'd Oct. 1836".

Deciding what was to go on the spoon's handle was a big decision.

Since Maple Lodge Poultry Farm is Norval's biggest industry, a rooster logo was chosen.

It wasn't easy to find a good picture of a leghorn rooster. However, with suggestions from Maple Lodge Farms, Dan O'Connell, Alice Davis and Howard Laidlaw, one was finally obtained and the project was given to a Canadian firm for stamping.

Irene has 200 spoons to sell at \$5. March 13 she took time out from sorting mail at the Norval post office to present the first spoon to Joan Carter, the postmaster who has worked in Norval for 29 years.

After June 1st, Irene Goodfellow hopes to put the spoons in local stores to sell to tourists.



Irene Goodfellow (left) presents Norval Postmaster Joan Carter with a souvenir Norval coffee spoon. Mrs. Goodfellow is a rural mail carrier for Norval RR1 and RR2. She decided to have a set of spoons made for area residents and tourists. The symbol at the top of the spoon represents a Maple Lodge Farm chicken. (Herald photo)

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## Region debates non-profit housing venture

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

Halton Region may be rolling up its sleeves and getting into the production of non-profit housing, if councillors support a co-ordination-sponsorship role for the Region today (Wednesday).

The \$150,000 move has been recommended by Halton's Housing Co-ordinator Stan Barkowitz, on a two-year trial basis.

At last week's planning and public works committee meeting, the idea was roundly supported by councillors.

Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz wanted reassurance that taking on a co-ordination-sponsorship role won't lead to the development of a large housing bureaucracy in Halton, like the experience of Metropolitan Toronto.

Mr. Barkowitz says the only staffing needed during the two-year trial period would be a development officer and an administrative assistant. Most of the \$150,000 cost of operating the municipal non-profit housing corporation will be for these two staff.

With the co-ordination-sponsorship role, Halton will be assisting and encouraging private sponsors of non-profit housing projects, as well as directly sponsoring non-profit projects through a municipal non-profit housing corporation.

Right now, the Region has a shortage of private groups wanting to sponsor non-profit housing.

Although the Region's housing co-ordinator has been assisting private groups over the past couple of years, they haven't been able to get provincial funding.

"However, the lack of allocations received and the scarcity of private groups indicates that direct sponsorship by the Region is in order," says a report by the Region's planning director.

Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon said it was up to council to take a position with respect to affordable housing since there is a housing shortage in the Region.

"I believe that when you're in a critical housing position, that's the

time government has to step in and attempt to rectify the situation," Coun. Sheldon said.

Although she would prefer to see the private sector undertaking affordable and assisted housing projects, it hasn't been the councillor said.

She supported the planning director's recommendation of a review of what has been accomplished by Halton taking on the new role, in two years' time.



Pam Sheldon

Coun. Sheldon wants the Halton Housing Advisory Committee to continue looking at what is impacting on the Halton housing situation, and how the development process can be improved.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkeewich was pessimistic about the whole thing, saying Halton would be lucky to get 100 non-profit housing units this year or even to find a piece of land in the Region to build them on.

"We'll likely have to forget it because we don't have the land," he said.

The councillor said financing for such things should come from the federal government. He wants any housing units built under the auspices of the Region turned back to the community.

"The proposal you have before you is really a short term band-aid solution," Coun. Mulkeewich said. "This type of housing is not going to be built unless there is some government subsidization. It's unrealistic to expect the private sector to subsidize."

The importance of local municipalities supporting the Region in this endeavor was stressed. They're the ones who will have to

use their initiative and creativity to find sites for such housing.

According to the housing co-ordinator's research, Halton needs 3,200 non-profit housing units. The Region's goal is to get 100 over the next two years.

"Council needs to restate every

chance we get, the political will to make it happen," Coun. Sheldon said.

"It doesn't matter where you choose the site for housing, you're going to face opposition. We have to have the political will to say this is necessary, that there are people out there who don't have a roof over their head or aren't eating."

## In the Hills

### Pruning talk

There's a technique to pruning, and before you start hacking away at your bushes and trees come hear Bruce Aspden of Guelph, Mr. Aspden will be speaking on pruning tonight at the Georgetown and District Horticultural Society meeting. Come to Knox Presbyterian Church on Georgetown's Church Street for the 8 p.m. talk. Everyone is welcome.

### Spring fashions

Catch up on the latest spring fashions at Holy Cross Auditorium on March 25. Georgetown Hospital's Auxiliary is hosting the event which will feature fashions from Elizabeth's and Cameron's boutiques, both of downtown Georgetown.

Dessert and coffee will be served at 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6. For more information, call 877-4593 or 877-8212 or 877-4802.

### China display

The newest in fine china designs will be on display at St. John's United Church on Guelph Street in Georgetown on March 25.

The survey runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission and babysitting are free and no purchasing or orders will be accepted.

The display will feature over 100 of the latest china patterns and place setting arrangements.

### Trauma forum

Trauma specialists will be speaking on how young people cope with the death of a friend, teacher or parent on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial School in Georgetown.

The discussion with Jack Peckitt, Principal of Park School and Bill Coon a Social Worker with the Halton Board of Education, will kick off Hospice Week from April 5 to 11.

The meeting is a public forum and admission is free.

### Behavior talk

The North Halton Parent Support Group invites you to hear Behavior Consultant Mrs. Jahl Martin speak about Behaviour Management in Children. Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. at the E.C. Drury Junior School in Milton, Room 2 (YMCA Nursery School). For more information call 853-2582.

### Tennant elected

Ab Tennant was elected as the District Director for Halton Hills for the Municipal Electric Association (MEA). Mr. Tennant is one of 17 district directors across Ontario for the MEA which represents over 300 municipal utilities in the province.

The newly elected Board of Directors will now be led by Chairman Ralph Nicol of Learnington and President Don McKee of North York.

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