

# Outlook on Halton Hills

## Yugoslav centre denied two liquor licences

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The Canadian Yugoslav Cultural Association has been denied two liquor licences for events this summer by Halton Hills town council.

C.Y.C.A. "Brotherhood United" President Nick Cajic appealed to council Monday to grant licences on July 5 and August 23 in celebration of its 20th anniversary.

Council turned down the request after a lengthy debate and study of two police reports about noise levels on previous events.

Jim Johnson, a resident of RR4 in Acton asked council to deny the Brotherhood Unity the licences.

Mr. Cajic said between 1,500 and 2,000 people were expected at the first event and half that at the second function at the Yugoslav Centre on Highway 25 south of Acton.

He asked council to grant the licence for July 5 and withhold judgement on the Aug. 23 licence pending the suitability of the first event.

Council denied both in one motion. One police report, conducted at the June 1985 event, said "at no time could he (the officer) hear any music or any other noises coming from the centre (after checking five different areas)."

Mr. Cajic said a monitor which measures the noise level of each instrument of a band has been installed and it has been successful in keeping noise levels down.

He said the band will continue to use amplifiers for their equipment.

The Brotherhood also employs off duty police officers to patrol the events to help control the noise and "we have controlled the noise in the past three years," said Mr. Cajic.

He said no alcohol infractions occur at the centre when a licence is denied but "members have the right to bring their own lunch boxes and I don't go to snoop around in what they bring in."

Coun. Farn Sheldon would not support the licence. "The year there wasn't one (a liquor licence - 1985) there wasn't a great deal of noise and on that basis the people (local residents) came back and said okay we'd like to support them, they were okay last year and there was noise (at the licensed event)," Coun. Sheldon said.

Council issued a liquor licence for a June 29, 1986 event and turned down an Aug. 29, 1986 event because of the excess noise at the June event, said Mr. Johnson.

"You heard Mr. Cajic say he can't tell the band what to do, well, that's the part we have the problem with," said Mr. Johnson about the amplified music.

He said a sub-committee formed in 1985 did not report on the problem.

"I was a member of that sub-committee and we asked the applicants not to use amplifiers and they said they need them. They never came back to us (about the amplifiers)," Coun. Sheldon said.

"Based on experience the only way to solve it is not to grant a liquor licence," Mr. Johnson said.

"What we feel in the past is that we are not welcome as Yugoslavs," said Mr. Cajic suggesting racial overtones.

"I grew up in a community with Yugoslavs as neighbors...but they were much better neighbors," Mr. Johnson said.

Coun. Peter Norton did not support the licence "because it still appears that the noise problems aren't as great when the amplifiers aren't

used and the liquor licence isn't being offered."

Coun. Joe Hewitt said, "I won't support it. I don't feel the centre is compatible with the residential area."

If noise is the problem then deal with it under a noise by-law but not

under a liquor licence application, said Coun. Norm Elliott. "There will be a liquor licence at the beer tent in Georgetown at the Highland Games. Will they demand no loud speakers?" Coun. Elliott asked.

Coun. Gerald Rennie said he could not see a connection between "noise

on the loud speaker and a bottle of liquor."

Coun. Elliott noted Mr. Johnson "wasn't there the day of the occasion and yet he still protested they get the licence and I think that's dirty pool."



### Something special

The 4th Georgetown B Cub Pack at St. Andrews United Church increased its membership when Akela Margaret Jenkins invested the Cubs seen above last Thursday. From left

to right are (front row) Michael Hartick, Ryan Jenkins, (back row) Paul Farmer, Wesley Bright and Daniel Young. (Photo by Jean Layman)

### Tour Campbells series set

The annual pot-luck dinner for the Esqueing Historical Society will take place on Wednesday, June 10 at Scotsdale Farm, Trafalgar Road, Silvercreek. Please arrive between 6 and 6:30. All members, friends and family are welcome. A tour of the set of the CTV show "The Campbells" will follow. Please be sure to attend, rain or shine.

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