

## On subdivisions

# Builders must abide by new regulations

## Don't fence us out, say petitioners

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Acton residents are demanding an "eight foot high wall" at 100 Poplar Avenue be taken down.

A 73-name petition headed by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Uranick was presented to town council Monday asking for a bylaw against such fences.

"The wall is not only dangerous but is horrible in appearance. It has decreased our property value from \$10 to \$20,000," the petition reads.

Residents are also concerned about a barbed wire fence in the back yard of the same property. "It is very dangerous around children. We do not feel our children should be treated like cattle," Mr. and Mrs. Uranick said in the letter.

Councillors were told there is no bylaw in place to deal with the issue. "At this point in time there's very little we can do about what is there at the moment," said Administrator-Clerk Joe Simon.

Councillor Rick Bonnette asked if a bylaw could be introduced and made retroactive. He was assured by Mr. Simon that a regulating bylaw governing such structures could be made retroactive. More simply a bylaw introduced now could force the residents at 100 Poplar to conform to the new requirements.

"This is the kind of neighbor dispute where the ideal is the adjacent neighbors can sit down with a mediator and come to an understanding," coun. Gerald Renne said.

"Perhaps some interpersonal relationships should be discussed," he added.

He suggested the neighbors "may be interested in acquiring the services of a mediator."

Councillor Norm Elliott pointed to some future developments which require seven or eight foot fencing as part of their site plan.

"We need some reconciliation," he said of the conflicting requirements.

Council will await a report from the Administrator-Clerk's office before taking any action on the petition.

## Firefighters keep busy with small incidents

Halton Hills fire crews answered several small calls last week.

On June 16 at 2:33 fire fighters extinguished a small compost fire on Sideroad 17 west of the Sixth Line.

The next day at 3:13 p.m. the fire department received a rescuicall for a woman who was short of breath on Park Street.

At 9 p.m. June 19 the fire department was called to wash down the intersection of Guelph Street and Rexway.

June 21 shortly before midnight the fire department responded to a mailbox fire at Victoria and John Streets.

On June 22 at 8:16 a.m. a broken gas pump at the gas station on the corner requires a washdown by firefighters.

On June 22 at 12:16 p.m. firefighters responded to a fire in apartment 311 Chalmers Road S. in Acton. The kitchen fire caused minimal damage but superintendent Dave Markham was taken to the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital with smoke inhalation. He is listed in satisfactory condition.

Local developers are now subject to a new subdivision agreement adopted by the town Monday night.

The new agreement replaces the "outdated" version drawn up in 1975.

Council adopted the "main body" of the agreement despite concerns by individual councillors about some of its contents.

Assistant Clerk Stephen Thomson said it would be handy to have the main body adopted Monday to accommodate several expected applications for subdivisions in the coming weeks.

Councillor Al Cook wants to avoid

the "cookie cutter" effect in future subdivisions. Often only one or two models are popular in given subdivisions and most of the houses end up looking similar, Coun. Cook said.

Coun. Marilyn Lorange said developers used to assign a specific type of house to a lot and that could not be changed, thereby avoiding the "cookie cutter" effect.

But Coun. Joe Hewitt jumped to the developers' defence. "That's like asking General Motors not to make Cadillacs any more because everyone likes Cadillacs," he said.

Coun. Pam Johnson questioned one provision in the agreement

which stipulates an 18 per cent interest rate on work done by the town on behalf of developers. "Wouldn't it be more flexible if it was relevant to the prime rate or the mortgage rate?" she asked.

Mayor Russ Miller noted the 18 per cent rate was a part of the old subdivision agreement.

Assistant Clerk Stephen Thomson said after the meeting the provision is minor and has never been used in the past.

The new agreement does not deviate in any major philosophical ways from the old agreement but is merely updated and easier to ac-

cept, Mr. Thomson said.

Local Developers received outline copies of the agreement in March and they had no objections to the new agreement, Mr. Thomson told council.

Mr. Thomson noted the agreement is simply a standard agreement which will form the basis of negotiations for all future subdivision agreements. It is not carved in stone and can be modified by council at any time, said Mr. Thomson.

Administrator Clerk Joe Simon was instructed to investigate concerns expressed by councillors and submit a report to council.

## Parks hurt by vandals

Vandalism in conservation areas is an important concern of the Halton Region Conservation Authority. About \$10,000 in property damage and theft occurs annually on Authority owned lands.

In order to combat this problem, the Authority has requested that two of its security officers be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers. This now means that security staff will be able to lay charges for violations to the conservation Area Regulations and the enforcement of the Trespass to Property Act, on Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, on Conservation Authority lands. In the past, only police officers could issue tickets from offences under these Acts.

Effective April 22, 1987, the Ministry of Natural Resources approved the appointments of Brad Roelofson, Security Supervisor and Chris Vanderker, Security Officer, as Provincial Offences Officers.

This now gives the Authority more clout in dealing with vandalism. The action is expected to combat growing vandalism that has resulted from a growing population.

The security program operated by the Conservation Authority included three full time, two casual and one part-time employees who patrol over 5,000 acres of Authority lands including conservation areas, forests, tracts and water management lands. The primary objective of the program is to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere to thousands of regular park visitors and to minimize property damage.

## Four new Acton homes

Two adjacent lots near the intersection of Mill Street and Cobblehill Road in Acton may soon be rezoned to allow for four new single-family dwellings.

Public meetings were held Monday to discuss the conversion of several lots into two separate properties for the purposes of building urban sized residential lots.

Lots 8, 9 and 10 on the east side of Mill Street would each accommodate one residential dwelling with lot areas of 5,000 square feet each. The properties would be developed by Ed Itan.

Lots 11, 17, 18 and 19 may be rezoned to create one lot to allow for one residential dwelling with a lot size of 5,000 square feet with 50 foot frontage.

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Debbie McIntyre, Supervisor for the Centre for Employment and Immigration Canada, Rev. Eccles, Student Placement Officer, and Teri Lamb, Student Placement Officers.

## Moore Park Plaza has face lift plan

Moore Park Plaza will soon get a face lift.

Salasta Investments Inc. received site plans approval from town council Monday to add more retail space and spruce up the plaza with some landscaping.

An additional 2,000 square feet of retail space will be added in the corner of the plaza by adding space at the back to make the corner squared off.

Salasta also intends to improve the entrance ways into the plaza by raising the curbs and providing some landscaping near the entrances.

The investment firm also intends to build a new facade on top of the plaza similar to a canopy.

The existing median in the main entrance will also be removed and the parking lot will be repainted.

Planning department official Bob Murdoch said the company has a year to complete the renovations but he expects them to be completed in the next three or four months.

## Fails to yield

Charges of failing to yield were laid after an accident at 7:20 a.m. at the Tenth Line and Sideroad 17 June 14. A 1984 Ford, driven by a 25-year-old Brampton woman was travelling northbound on the Tenth Line when it was struck on the left side by a southbound 1981 Oldsmobile driven by a 29-year-old Georgetown woman. Damage to the Ford is 1,500 and damage to the Oldsmobile is listed at \$1,000.

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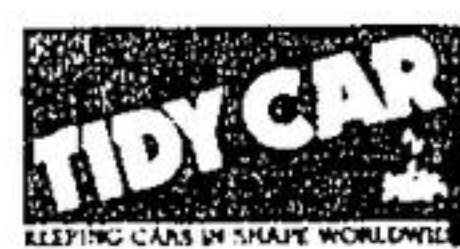


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