



Hold the mustard

Jim Klinear (left), McDonald's manager Findlay Arnold and United Way Chairman John Wickens will be on hand tomorrow for the United Way campaign kick-off breakfast at McDonald's restaurant. The United Way will also hold a luncheon at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. (Herald photo)

Good news and bad news on Acton's VIA train

Only two VIA trains a day leaving Acton is Halton MP Otto Jelinek's final offer.

It's become a very trying three or four years," he said.

Mr. Jelinek had promised in the last federal election that he would bring train service to Acton.



Otto Jelinek

In mid-July Mr. Jelinek promised two trains, one in the morning and one at night, leaving from Acton.

But councillors didn't like that offer and they sent off a letter to Mr. Jelinek telling him they were not satisfied.

A Sept. 16 letter from Mr. Jelinek to Mayor Russ Miller says "Although I do indeed respect the Town's decision I stand by (my previous offer) and must re-iterate once again my position that I have met my commitment to the Town in securing this service.

"There's good news and bad news. The good news is we finally have a train leaving Acton at night and the bad news is they can't get home until the next day."

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnett commented on the offer at Monday's council meeting.

In order to bring the train service to Acton the Town must first agree to build a train station at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

Town puts the brakes on drivers who speed

The Town is looking for ways to crack down on speeding traffic. Some councillors are setting their sights on slowing down truck traffic in Halton Hills while others say it's motorists in general who need to put on the brakes.

Councillor Betty Fisher pointed to Maple Avenue as a dangerous place to drive. "It's a problem I am seeing increasing on Maple Avenue. The trucks are just flying along there," Coun. Fisher said.

"I myself have called the police. You can catch the motorists...but you have a tough time catching the trucks because they have the radios," she said.

Trucks which fly down the Maple Avenue hill are having a tough time stopping at the lights (at Main Street and Maple Avenue), she said.

"We may have to petition the police commission for more patrols," Mayor Russ Miller said. "There has been a large influx of complaints this year."

"I used to think of truck drivers as very responsible drivers. I just feel that isn't the way anymore," said Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson. Coun. Pam Sheldon warned coun-

cillors that "Maple Avenue is just the tip of the iceberg."

But Coun. Norm Elliot said it's wrong to put all the blame on the trucking industry.

"We're missing the point. The point is speed - on every major street in town," Coun. Elliot said.

"The problem is speed in urban areas that can't handle what was acceptable ten years ago," he added.

But Coun. Sheldon zeroed in on the truck industry. She wants the quarries in town to meet with the companies they employ to urge them to ease up on the gas pedal.

"The fines certainly aren't high enough. There's no way \$33, which is where they begin, is high enough," she said.

Pits and Quarries Committee Chairman Joe Hewitt said he is scheduling a meeting to discuss "the whole aspect of speed."

"Hopefully the Halton Regional Police will see it fit to address a few more radar locations in the area," Coun. Hewitt said.

The Pits and Quarries meeting to discuss speeding trucks has not yet been scheduled but Coun. Hewitt hopes to have it before the end of October.

Council asks landlord to clean up property

Attempts to locate the owner of a run-down property on Highway 25 in Acton have been futile and councillors are getting frustrated.

Coun. Norm Elliot wants the lands cleaned up because of the dilapidated state of the building, which he called the vacant pump-house (west side of Highway 25 south of Mill Street).

"Once again we have an absolute eyesore that's on the entrance into town," Coun. Elliot said.

The lands are overgrown with weeds and the plywood boards covering the windows are broken and the windows themselves are broken, he said.

"If the absentee landlord won't live up to his obligation then I think the Town should take some action and put it on his taxes," he said. "It's a disgrace."

Mayor Russ Miller said the Town has been attempting to contact the

landowner for over a month.

The Town is interested in using the land for an ambulance building, Coun. Bonnette said.

Coun. Rick Bonnette said he sent a letter to the business address recently and it came back return to sender.

Town Administrator Clerk Joe Simon said he wants to contact the town solicitor to see if some action can be taken.

Councillors instructed town Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bob Ustrzycki to go knocking on the door of the landlord's business address in Brampton.

In the hills

Hit by car

An Acton girl is in satisfactory condition after she was hit by a car on Kingham Road Thursday.

Amanda Ackroyd, 7 of Greener Crescent, Acton suffered major injuries when she ran out into the street from behind a parked pickup truck. A 32-year-old Erin man, driving east on Kingham, struck Amanda as she was attempting to run across the street.

Fire officials attended to the girl until the Georgetown Ambulance Service arrived. She was then transferred to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with a broken leg.

No charges were laid, police said.

Correction

A press release listed the wrong location for the Oct. 1 kick off luncheon for the Halton Hills United Way in The Herald's Sept. 23 edition. The correct location is the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

World Food Day

October 16 is World Food Day. On the request of the Agriculture and Food Ministry town council passed a motion declaring the third Friday in October World Food Day.

The Ministry says nations around the world are holding Special events to focus attention on world food issues.

The theme for 1987 is "Small Scale Food Producers."

Hospice forum

There will be a North Halton Hospice public forum entitled Meeting The Needs Of The Aged Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. The location is Halton Regional Health Unit, 251 Main St. E. Milton. The event features a film and panel discussion led by members of the community health team. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information call 877-7618.

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