

## Repeat run for play

Last year's highly acclaimed musical production His Last Days is returning. Holy Cross Parish Community will once again mount the Easter pageant with performances March 3, 4, 5, 6 at Holy Cross Church.

Artistic director Joe Del Guidice, who directed last year's production said the response from audiences was so good, parishioners decided to do it again this year.

The production brought together the talents and expertise of more than 150 parishioners of all ages, singing, acting and behind the scenes.

The story chronicles the last days of Jesus Christ on earth, culminating in His crucifixion and resurrection.

Mr. Del Guidice says although the production will be substantially the same as last year, some changes are planned.

Fred Marks is again taking on the producer's role and Winston Robinson and Paul McDougall are co-musical directors.

Last year's production was a sell-out and organizers are predicting the same for this year. Tickets are \$5 and can be obtained by calling 877-6189 or 877-8151.



BACK ON STAGE-His Final Days is back in Georgetown by popular demand. The Easter play is about the last days of Jesus before he was crucified. (Photo submitted)

## Town council working to solve affordable housing problems

By DONNA KELL, Herald Special  
A shortage of low-cost housing in Halton Hills has caused Mayor Russ Miller and Halton Region councillors to form committees to review and solve the problem.

"We want to see what we can do as a council to assist in affordable housing," said the mayor in an interview last week. The mayor and four councillors in Halton Hills will meet in February with Halton housing coordinator Stan Barkovitz.

Mary Garbes, Housing Manager of the Halton Housing Authority, provided statistics to demonstrate the problem: "In the Halton Hills area," said Mrs. Garbes, "we have nine families - three of whom are high priority, 40 seniors, 11 of whom are high priority, and two physically-handicapped people, all of whom are waiting for housing." High priority describes people who have "greater need," she said.

Mayor Russ Miller and town council are also concerned about housing the needy, including improved housing for seniors. "Affordable homes within the Halton Hills area will include granny suites, modular homes and seniors' homes," said Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller and his councillors have formed a task force, "to deal with all aspects of housing," he said. Ward 4 Coun. Al Cook has been appointed chairman of the task force while Mayor Miller is "ex-officio of the whole committee."

The committee will hold "hopefully two meetings a month," said Mayor Miller.

The committee, he explained, will review the housing situation and decide if amendments should be applied for to the federal and provincial governments.

"We will be dealing with both the federal and provincial levels...to provide zoning for lower cost housing," said Mr. Miller.

"We must apply to the Ministry of Housing to get funding," outlined Trisha Wilson of the Non-Profit Housing Association, adding that the association receives "different levels of approval" from the Ministry.

"For 1988 we're not eligible to build anything in Halton Hills. The approval process starts in May, the committee is in its infancy," he said.

Halton Housing Authority statistics demonstrate a marked improvement over July of last year. Last summer, 630 people in Halton Region were on the waiting list for low-cost housing. Figures provided by Housing Manager Mary Garbes for December 1987 show the list has been reduced to 438 potential renters, down almost 33 per cent in six months.

"What happened between August and December," said Mrs. Garbes, "is that (people) have either relocated or are no longer looking." The number of people looking for low-cost rental is "unusually low," stated the Halton Housing Authority Manager.

"Anyone can apply to us, but we take the neediest first." Applicants are chosen on a "point system," with the greatest need being considered, she said. Higher points are given to the handicapped or disadvantaged.

The Halton Housing Authority informs successful applicants of their acceptance by means of "10-day letters". The letters, said Mrs. Garbes, allow the Housing Authority to update the list of rental seekers. "We ask them (applicants) to respond within ten days to find out if they are on the waiting list."

A family earning only \$8,000 a year would "definitely" be considered, she said.

The Non-Profit Municipal Housing Association of Halton has incorporated with the local planning department to "increase low rent housing," said Trisha Wilson. The housing association does not deal directly with the Ontario Housing Corporation, but will deal with the federal government.



Russ Miller

Mrs. Garbes cites "health factors, income and present accommodation" as the basis for eligibility in acquiring low-cost rental housing. Income such as government assistance, mother's allowance and alimony payments would also be considered, Mrs. Garbes said.

## Acton west gets 20 acres approved for expansion

By BRIAN MacLEOD, Herald Staff

The Town's General Committee has approved a 20-acre expansion west of the Acton urban boundary despite a 180-name petition opposing the expansion.

Lawyers representing Acton west landowner Martin Goose and three companies, Goldfan Holdings, Kesmark Ltd. and Rinaria, came to an agreement on the 20-acre expansion before the start of the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing Feb. 1.

John Parkinson, representing the Region of Halton, told the Board of the deal and his request for an adjournment of the hearings until tomorrow (Feb. 4) was granted by Chairman Doug Colbourn.

Mr. Parkinson wanted to wait and see if town council and possibly Regional council endorsed the compromise before the hearings proceeded.

Town council must reaffirm the decision at the Feb. 8 meeting.

After a lengthy debate, most of which took place behind closed doors, council endorsed the agreement.

Councillor Rick Bonnette, who called for the General Committee's version of a recorded vote, was the only councillor to oppose the expansion. Councillors Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie declared a conflict of interest because they or their relatives hold land bordering on the proposed Acton expansion.

The agreement leaves only Canada Packers and possibly some residents opposed to the extension of the Acton East boundary.

Lawyers for both sides were candid in discussing their reasons for the settlement before council.

G.E. Petch, who represents the three companies who want extension of Acton's boundary to the east said the reasons were "quite greedy and quite simple."

The hearings are slated for at least ten days and could become extremely expensive, said the lawyer who took over his client's case just a week ago.

Also, Acton residents have been waiting for expansion east for many years now and the settlement removes one small hurdle, he said.

But most importantly, Mr. Petch wants to "isolate" Canada Packers with no allies in opposing extension of Acton East.

Canada Packers, which owns the closed Beardmore Tannery lands, has 300 acres in the Acton urban area and they want to put that land on town services, said Mr. Petch.

If Canada Packers were successful in blocking expansion east and west, then a future proposal to service their land would become probable, he said.

"For 20 acres I can isolate Canada Packers and they've got a rotten case," he said.

Of the 20 acres approved by the town to be included in the urban boundary, 14 were initially supposed to be included under the provisions of Halton's Official Plan passed in 1983, said Mr. Petch.

Giving up the 20 acres means lawyer Stanley Stein, who represents Mr. Goose, is an ally of expansion in Acton East, said Mr. Petch.

"It seems a very reasonable accommodation to make," he said.

For his part, Mr. Stein said most of the hearings were already designated urban by the Region's Official Plan and his client is happy with having at least 20 acres to develop.

Mr. Goose could put as many as 100 houses in a subdivision there, he said.

He expects that the 20 acres will be developed and that the agreement and town's ensuing endorsement "isn't just a game."

Mayor Russ Miller asked Mr. Petch if the possibility now exists that urban development in Acton could go north or south if the OMB decides the agricultural land to the east should not be developed.

"That's a real risk," replied Mr. Petch.

In a lengthy address to council in the open session of Monday's debate, Coun. Bonnette vehemently opposed the settlement.

He presented the 180 name petition to councillors listing six reasons for their objection to expansion in Acton West.

The land is unusable for housing because it's swampy or sandy and development near Fairy Lake would endanger lake water because contaminants from storm runoff would create pollution problems, he said.

The logical expansion of Acton is to the east, Coun. Bonnette argued, because it would be costly to expand services west while the east can be serviced easily.

He also noted that Acton's schools are generally located on the east side of town.

Resident of Elizabeth Street, which would be used as the major access route to the new subdivision, are complaining because expansion west would dramatically increase traffic on the road, said Coun. Bonnette.

He also argued that the subdivision would "destroy a unique ecological area."

Coun. Bonnette asked his colleagues not to endorse the settlement because they had no fair chance for public meetings.

Although the public will have input into the OMB hearing Monday afternoon, if the town and the Region endorse the settlement before that their arguments will be like "throwing dust in the wind," said Coun. Bonnette.

Coun. Pam Sheldon assured him that residents will have the chance to attend future public meetings because any development of the land requires the developer go through the subdivision process which calls for public meetings.

### Firefighters quiet

It was all quiet on the fire front this past week save for a malicious false alarm. A report of a kitchen fire sent the fire department to 72 Duncan Drive in Georgetown. When firefighters arrived they found nothing and no one was home.

### Loblaws CORRECTION

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In our flyer effective Monday, February 1 to Saturday, February 6, 1988:  
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### CVCA selections

The Mayor of Brampton returns as the chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Ken Whillans, in his second term as chairman, was elected to the 1988 executive committee last week.

Coun. Peter Norton of Halton Hills is on the water management advisory board while Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson was selected as chairman of the Conservation services advisory board. Coun. Norton joins Chairman Serjeantson as a committee member.

Coun. Serjeantson is also a member at large on the CVCA's executive committee.

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