

Citizens' forum

Worth the drive to North York?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Seven Acton residents drafted a response to comments made by North York Mayor Mel Lastman in a Toronto daily paper two weeks ago when he was discussing the Sunday shopping law. Mr. Lastman was quoted as saying, "Metro is a tourist town. We're not Acton, Ontario."

A Toronto newspaper quoted Mayor Mel Lastman of North York as saying that "Metropolitan Toronto, unlike Acton, is a tourist town." The quote was not well received by the local council and the Mayor of Halton Hills has sent a letter to Mayor Lastman for a clarification.

However this does not satisfy all of the residents of Acton and a group of the more sensitive and reserved citizens have sent the Mayor of North York an invitation to lunch in Acton and at the same time experience the timeless beauty of their tourist attraction of a town.

This generous and heartwarming gesture is being made even though the hurt and pained indignation of such a careless and unjust public statement. That's the kind of benevolent people the citizens of Acton are.

A copy of the invitation and a restrained but graphic travelogue, which should entice even the uneducated among travelers, has been sent to Mr. Lastman. Copies have also been sent to the local and regional councils and surrounding municipalities asking their assistance to clear any obstacles that may impede Mayor Lastman's progress should he undertake the journey.

The thoughtful citizens even sent a delegation to council asking that the police, fire and health departments be forewarned of the visit.

Copy of the invitation and letter is below.

It is only a matter of time now to see if Mayor Lastman will accept the invitation and visit Acton. Citizens who phoned his office in North York were informed he was very busy and did not have even an appointment available until well into May.

AN OPEN LETTER

To: Mayor Mel Lastman, North York.
 Ref.: Your quote "Metropolitan Toronto, unlike Acton, is a tourist town."

Your Worship,
 You are cordially invited by the citizens of Acton to visit our town and have lunch. Our offer is a somewhat last ditch effort to help with your obvious lack of education and information about this community, the jewel of Ontario tourism.

That is if your council will let you off that chain they have around your neck.

We would like to show you the friendly and historically beautiful centre of cultural magnificence that makes Acton a tourist attraction... beyond compare... without equal.

We know it will be far beyond your expectations, which can't be very high because no one says "It's worth the drive to North York"... incidentally where is North York?

Should your council veto an all-expense paid fact finding tour (junket) you can get a Gray Coach from Toronto to downtown Acton, or the GO Train to Georgetown. There are frequent services. If you go to Georgetown we would be more than happy to get the school bus driver to pick you up.

Should you drive, you will need directions. It's very obvious you have never visited our beautiful town - before (directions attached).

Two service clubs offer free skating

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two service clubs in our community who provided a valuable service during the school P.A. days and holidays.

The Acton Rotary Club and the Optimist Club of Georgetown sponsored over 70 hours of free skating at our three arenas. In total, 4,679 residents took advantage of this generous opportunity.

This is the sixth year the Recreation and Parks Department has

Although your citizenship enables you to travel freely in our town it may become necessary for you to get a visa from Metro Toronto. You had better make sure it allows you to return.

Once through our splendid colorful suburbs and past our official town sign, you will reach the downtown core. You will be welcomed and astonished at our architecturally renowned (early vandal) Town Hall. There is no carillon, but you will be invited to pull the rope to ring the historic town bell, knowing your talent for clangers and ding-a-lings.

Later a breath-taking walk to Mill and Main, the crossroads of industry and tourism in Ontario, where you can stand and admire the unique award winning parkette, or watch the only traffic lights change. Usually this is a major event on Sundays; an exception can be made in your case.

With luck there will be enough out-of-towners to create the famous Highway 7 bottleneck, a sight unparalleled as a tourist attraction. Much has been written about its colorful language and spontaneous aggression. Allow enough time to attempt to cross the intersection on foot.

A visit to our beautiful park, surrounded by the shimmering waters of Fairy Lake is a must. Here you can make use of the outside toilets and feed the ducks. Bring your own feed for the latter and your own paper for the former.

Acton abounds with attractive and exotic restaurants and eateries to satisfy your every gastronomical desire and, if you don't like the pizza a food truck can be diverted from the industrial park to make you feel at home.

You will be invited to walk the spacious sidewalks of our bustling downtown section, the envy of many cities and an example copied by many third world countries.

Incidentally should you come by car there will be no parking hassle or exorbitant parking fees. Most people would be happy if you would accept the invitation to park in front of the police office. They, we are sure, will initiate you to a quaint regional custom of giving you a ticket to free towing privileges.

So we invite you to visit Acton and see first hand a true tourist town, where visitors outnumber the residents 5,000 to one. Then do have lunch with us... after that the town's representatives, businessmen, craftsmen and citizens will give you a beneficial earful and much needed education on a town of no great size, that overcame the many industrial and political changes to emerge with friendly people, flourishing family businesses, national and international manufacturing companies, all surrounded by incomparable scenic beauty. All by way of telling you why more people apparently visit Acton than North York and why Mayors of other municipalities know it's worth the drive to Acton but, have yet to hear it's worth the drive to North York.

Let us know when we can expect you.

Sincerely yours,
 J. Carpenter, Resident
 P. Nielsen, Merchant
 T. Tyler, Businessman
 M. Manes, Merchant,
 Chamber of Commerce
 H. Colbs, Resident
 S. Dawkins, Businessman
 R. Bonnette, Businessman
 P.S. There will be a press conference. Please bring identification and your TV make up.

sponsored this program with continuous support from these community service clubs.

On behalf of the residents of Halton Hills and the Recreation and Parks Department thank you service clubs for making this generous opportunity available and for your dedication in improving the quality of life in our community.

Sincerely,
 Joy Thompson,
 Halton Hills Recreation and Park Department

Dentist wants PC nomination

Another Progressive Conservative candidate has emerged in the Halton-Peel federal riding.

Dr. Warren Hilliard, who has a dental practice in Orangeville, will challenge Norval's Carlo Testa for the PC nomination.

The father of two sons is 45 years old and has been a member of local PC associations for almost 30 years. "I started putting lawn signs out for Bill Davis in the 1969 election and I've worked in every federal and provincial election since," he said.

The candidate was first elected as a director of the Simcoe-Dufferin-Peel federal PC association in 1968. Since then he has had a continuing involvement in the grass roots politics of the party.

He is currently the President of the Dufferin-Peel Provincial Conservative Association, a position he has held since 1986.



Warren Hilliard

Dr. Hilliard has been elected for three consecutive terms to the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, the licensing board of the dental profession in Ontario. He has held positions as chairman of the College's finance and property committee and was elected chairman of the complaints committee of the College.

The candidate has practised in Orangeville since 1974 and was raised on a family farm near Halton located in the north end of Halton-Peel.

He is a former trustee on the Dufferin County School Board and was a member of the Orangeville Lions Club for nine years. "I have always had a strong sense of community involvement. My past experience with a variety of service organizations will help me to serve as a strong advocate for constituents in Halton-Peel," said Dr. Hilliard.

The dental surgeon said he is a strong supporter of the Mulroney government and believes the PC's economic policies are well-suited to the future needs in Halton-Peel. Dr. Hilliard said he is motivated in seeking the nomination because he can contribute in a number of areas and he enjoys politics.

The candidate thinks a nomination meeting would be held before the end of June.

Only one candidate has come forward for the Liberal party: Oriana Currie, a businesswoman who lives in Campbellville. The NDF has yet to declare a candidate, but Monday night was the inaugural meeting for the New Democrats.

Region hosts reception for volunteer week

April 19 at 8 p.m. the Regional Municipality of Halton is hosting a reception for volunteers. This annual event is held during National Volunteer Week in recognition of the thousands of hours given to this community by our local volunteers.

The speaker for the reception is Nina Truscott, President of the Burlington Cultural Centre. She will address future trends in volunteerism.

This event is co-ordinated by the Halton Social Planning Council and Volunteer Centres in North Halton, Burlington, and Oakville. Any Halton volunteer is welcome to attend. Contact the Volunteer Centre at 877-3219 if you plan to attend.

Loses control

A charge of losing control was laid following a 3:50 a.m. accident April 6. A 1978 black Chevrolet, driven by a 26-year-old Mississauga man, was westbound on the Fifth Sideroad approaching an "S" curve. The Chevrolet veered off the north side of the bridge abutment.



Construction is well under way for the Civic Centre being built on Maple Avenue. The \$6.1 million building, amalgamate all the municipal offices, currently scattered throughout the town, under one roof.

Cardboard to be recycled

By DONNA KELL
 Herald Special

Corrugated cardboard will not be permitted in Halton's garbage bins and landfill sites beginning in September.

The ban is scheduled to start the fall of 1988, following the opening of the new recycling facility, said John MacKay, Halton Director of Waste Disposal.

The recycling facility will be located at Highway 25 and the QEW in Oakville.

Corrugated is the cardboard containing a ripple of compressed, recycled paper through the middle. Cardboard is made from virgin wood pulp, hemp and recycled newspaper and bag fibers, formed into a box by laminating several sheets of linerboard together.

Corrugated cardboard is a familiar sight. It is used for packing almost anything from car parts, to stereos, to fridges and stoves. It is relatively light and takes up little space.

Because of its frequent and varied use, recycling seems the obvious solution to a pollution problem caused by an excess of the product. "Now is the time for the industrial and commercial sectors of the region to (reduce) the amount of waste they throw away," said Mr. MacKay.

But Halton residents will not have to separate cardboard from the rest of their refuse.

"We're not at this time including residential cardboard in the ban because there's a minor amount compared to industry. If you take a look on the streets first thing in the morning, you'll see a great amount of cardboard piled up at industrial sites," said Mr. MacKay.

Leferink Disposals supplies a depot on Armstrong Avenue for residents who wish to recycle larger amounts of corrugated cardboard.

Leferink has recently purchased a baler to treat corrugated cardboard for the purpose of recycling. An agreement between town council and Leferink could result in the disposal company signing a contract to pick up and return recyclable cardboard.

The corrugated cardboard will be sold back to companies who make the boxes, like Domtar of Canada. Would the paper lose its quality? might be an obvious question to ask. Donna Lau, a senior technician at

Domtar, assures that it wouldn't. "As far as compression goes, it's ten per cent better than kraft, (paper that is not recycled)," she said.

Cardboard is produced in different qualities. If it is not up to par, the paper is downgraded. The quality range is from 69 MSF (69 thousand pounds per square foot) to 26 MSF, said Ms. Lau.

Ontario imports over 80,000 metric tonnes of recyclable corrugated cardboard a year, according to Halton Region statistics. Recycling mills cannot obtain enough material locally to meet industrial needs, the Region said.

Water study discovered

The town may save some money on a hydrology study of the Princess Anne Drive lands thanks to a 14-year-old study.

Elkton Investments Ltd., a private firm, was interested in buying the 11-acre parcel of land from the Region and developing the property itself 14 years ago. At the request of council, Elkton hired International Water Supply to conduct a hydrology study on the land. The study concluded the effect on the water supply would be "negligible" but it doesn't say anything about how the quality of the water might be affected.

Last week, after criticism from Coun. Joe Hewitt, council approved a \$25,000 hydrology study of the lands to put the fears of local residents about water quality to rest.

The town wants to sell 15 lots on Princess Anne Drive to raise about \$1 million to pay for the new Civic Centre expected to be complete in December.

Councillors are hoping the information in the study can be used to make the new hydrology study cheaper.

However, there are concerns about the validity of a 14-year-old study given the different technical expertise available then.

As well, council may not be able to use the study because it might still be the property of the developer.

Coun. Pam Johnston noted there has been a lot of houses built in the area since the report was prepared 14 years ago and the report would not have taken them into consideration.

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