

Herald picture parade



Brian Hayward of the Montreal Canadiens was on hand during the BIG celebration, to sign autographs for the youngsters. The Hab goalie was the guest of Park Lincoln Mercury, and among the admirers he drew was Thane Goodiet. (Herald photo)



A special group of teens were honored Wednesday night at the Bennett Centre for their volunteer work at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Denise Hodge (left), who put in 38 hours of service, received the Blanche Goudekting Award of Progress. Heather Lovegrove, (middle), who put in 230 hours of service, received the Award for Service and Assistance, and Jan Cole, who put in 150 hours of service, received the Award of Excellence.

Garbage pick-up program to be revised

Garbage collection at businesses in Halton Hills may soon be restricted to curbside pick up with a limit to the number of bags.

Town Engineer Bob Austin told councillors June 6 the best way to solve the inequitable situation which exists for commercial garbage pick up is to stay off private property and limit the number of bags - probably to about 10.

Mr. Austin was acting on the request by the Chamber of Commerce in Georgetown to come up with a "fair and equal garbage collection system."

Right now not all businesses have garbage picked up and some businesses have their waste picked up on private property and others don't, said Mr. Austin.

Regardless of the level of garbage collection service, all urban area businesses pay for the service.

The complaint is that some businesses must use their own private container service, thus they pay for garbage disposal twice.

Ward 1 Coun. Norm Elliott said 50 per cent of businesses in Georgetown have garbage pick up on private land while only about 10 per cent of Acton businesses receive that service.

He wants the pick up service in the two urban areas equalled out.

Mr. Austin said those businesses who've been putting their garbage

behind their buildings and having the town pick it up "have been getting a free ride for a long time."

The only way to solve the problem is to stay off private property, which would eliminate safety hazards involved with backing up, said Mr. Austin.

That proposal includes plazas. Town staff have considered a container system but that is difficult to administer, he said.

He also ruled out the idea of giving rebates to firms which do not use municipal garbage pick up.

There are some businesses in town which could fill an entire truck with one pick up, said Mr. Austin. The idea of limiting garbage bags would eliminate that problem, he said.

Town staff may not strictly adhere to the bag limit, but it would give them the power to act if there were companies abusing the municipal pick up service, said Mr. Austin.

The proposal is the only system which would provide curbside pick up and not have "mountains of commercial refuse on display," he said.

Ward 3 Coun. Betty Fisher called the application to plazas "ludicrous."

Business owners would have to cart garbage across huge parking lots, she said.

Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon likes the idea of limiting garbage bags but she wants to use the proposal to push businesses to recycle.

Halton Region has an entire division specifically for recycling and businesses could solve some of their own problems by recycling, she said.

Ward 2 Coun. Joe Hewitt thinks commercial waste collection is a "no win situation."

Some businesses, whose service will be cut back because of the elimination of pick up on private land, will be upset, he said.

And winter will cause problems

because snow will pile up in front of the garbage bags, he added.

Mayor Russ Miller said picking up garbage at the curbside will cause a problem on Guelph Street.

He also wants to know the cost of the proposed system.

The town will circulate the proposal to the Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Areas in Georgetown and Acton for their replies by Sept. 1.

Limitations may be set

Proposed expansion of day care facilities meets with resistance

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

A Georgetown woman's plans to expand her day-care facilities at 83 Main Street North has met with resistance from town staff.

Lucy Quaglia wants to expand her day-care operation from five children to 16 but the town expressed its reservations about the proposal at a public meeting June 6.

Mrs. Quaglia has planned for up to 10 parking spaces and two separate entrances on the property but town engineers say the application goes against the Halton Hills official plan because the property fronts onto an arterial road (Highway 7).

The house is directly across from the intersection of Highway 7 and Moore Park Crescent, said senior planner Terry Korsiak.

The resulting traffic congestion could be hazardous, he said.

Mrs. Quaglia would need an amendment to the Official Plan and rezoning of the property for the expansion.

Traffic volumes on Highway 7 are heavy during the peak hours and the town engineers don't want to increase the number of cars entering onto, and leaving Highway 7, he said.

There is no left turn lane onto Moore Park Crescent which means cars turning left would force through traffic onto the right hand lane, said Mr. Korsiak. That could eliminate any possibility of parking in front of the building on Highway 7.

Mrs. Quaglia said she has been

trying to find a house for a day-care centre since 1984 but she has had no luck either purchasing or renting any facility for that purpose.

Commercial and industrial areas are too expensive, she said.

She believes the traffic problem won't be as bad as the town says because most cars travel southbound on Highway 7 in the morning with very little traffic turning onto Moore Park Crescent from the northbound lane on Highway 7.

Most cars coming to the day-care centre would be travelling northbound, she said.

The same situation exists in front of McDonald's on Guelph Street and there are no traffic problems there, said Mrs. Quaglia.

At least five residents have written to the town supporting the expansion but one neighbor, Mark Poulos, who lives two houses away, objected.

Residents in favor of the expansion say the day-care centre is desperately needed in the area.

Most either can't find babysitters, or can't find day-care closeby.

Parents using the centre now say they have never encountered any traffic problems.

Mr. Poulos thinks the traffic congestion will be worsened by the expansion.

There have been accidents at the intersection recently and last fall a girl was hit by a car in front of the day-care centre, he said.

The town is expected to debate the expansion in two weeks.

Town declines to sell walkway to residents

The town won't sell the walkway from Dawson Crescent to Irwin Crescent to neighboring residents.

Peter Lysy, a Dawson Crescent resident, appealed to the town May 16 to sell the walkway to residents at 25 and 29 Dawson Crescent and 85 and 89 Irwin Crescent.

The homeowners said noisy beer drinkers were disturbing residents and people hanging out in the walkway were vandalizing the houses resulting in broken fences, tar like substances, tomatoes and eggs thrown against the house and even condoms thrown in backyards.

Youths were damaging hedges and breaking beer bottles everywhere, residents said.

They also complained about uncut

grass and weeds in the walkway. Town Operations Manager Ted Drewlo said the walkway "does form an integral part of the community's walkway system."

Public works staff cut the grass every two weeks and will ensure broken glass and litter is cleaned up, he said.

Staff will not spray for weeds, he added.

There is also a watermain running through the block and an easement would be needed from Halton Region if the town wanted to sell the walkway, said Mr. Drewlo.

A streetlight could be installed in the middle of the walkway at a cost of about \$2,500, he said.

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Kevin Couture, 15, and Jeff McDonald, 17, gazed admiringly at a cake baked to mark the Limehouse Public School's 25th anniversary. (Herald photo)

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