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In the Hills

Holiday deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday Monday, Oct. 10 deadlines for submissions to the Herald have been moved ahead.

Advertising and editorial material for publication in the Oct. 12 edition of the Herald should be submitted to the office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7.

Editorial submissions may also be made by depositing them in the postal slot of the office's front door.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Full meal deal

Seniors will be getting a full meal deal, courtesy of the Rotary Club, on Oct. 24.

The annual senior citizens dinner is hosted for about 300 members of the community if they have reached age 70 in 1988.

The dinner, which includes entertainment, is at the Holy Cross Auditorium and begins at 7 p.m. Transportation is provided. Rotary-Annes cook all the meals and the Rotary men are the waiters.

Seniors who are eligible and have not previously attended should call chairman Roy Nurse at 877-3171.

Craft exhibition

Arts and Crafts of Georgetown will be holding its 46th annual exhibition and sale on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club in Georgetown.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m.

Exhibits include antiques, candles, custom knitting, Christmas decorations, flower arrangements, leather tooling, pottery, quilting, rug hooking and much more.

Admission is \$1 and a buffet luncheon is available.

Hello Dolly!

Georgetown Globe Productions will present Hello Dolly! at the John Elliott Theatre for 12 evening engagements.

The musical is running Nov. 17 through Nov. 20; Nov. 24 through Nov. 27; Nov. 30; and Dec. 1 through Dec. 3.

Tickets are available at Royal LePage Realty, Guelph Street in Georgetown, or by calling 877-4323.

Beef dinner

Knox Presbyterian Church will host their annual beef dinner on Friday, Oct. 21, with three sittings at 4:45 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. They are available by calling the church office at 877-7585, or by calling Mrs. Anderson at 877-4518. They may also be bought at the door if any remain available.

Knox Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Church Streets in Georgetown.

Cancer AGM

The Halton Hills unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is holding its annual general meeting on Monday, Oct. 17 at St. George's Church at 7:30 p.m. Public and interested volunteers are welcome to attend.

Country bazaar

The Ballinad United Church will hold a Country Bazaar and Bake Sale at the church on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come out for a pleasant day, and to enjoy some tea and biscuits.

Man killed

A Georgetown man is dead following a single-car accident near Stewartton early Saturday morning.

Dead is Philip A. Miller, 19, of Stockman Crescent, Georgetown.

Halton Regional Police say the 1979 Ford driven by Mr. Miller was northbound on the Fourth Line near Regional Road 17 at about 1:35 a.m. when it left the road, struck a boulder, and rolled over several times.

The driver of the vehicle was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead an hour later.

A passenger in the vehicle, Frank Lenters, 32, of Milton, received minor injuries in the accident and was treated at hospital and released.

Acton canvass

The United Way of Halton Hills begins its canvassing of Acton today (Wednesday) as over 100 volunteers will be knocking on doors.

A total of 19 agencies are assisted by the United Way and two out of five people use United Way agency services.

Halton Hills' goal this year is \$130,000 and every donation counts. When a canvasser calls, give generously and let your dollars assist the important work the United Way agencies perform.

Make sure United Way hits home.

Free trade 'builds bridges': Mulroney

By BRIAN MACLEOD
Herald Staff

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney kicked off his national bid for re-election by touring a Georgetown manufacturing firm and reiterating the benefits of the free trade deal with the United States.

The prime minister was in town to boost the campaign of Progressive Conservative candidate Garth Turner in the new riding of Halton-Peel.

About 200 employees of Mold-Masters on Armstrong Avenue listened as Prime Minister Mulroney told them high technology companies stand to gain most from the free trade agreement.

"This town is a high technology town. A town with a great future. A town that is now on the cutting edge of our economy in the next decade and the next century," the Prime Minister said.

Mold-Masters, which makes molds for auto parts such as bumpers and tail lights for export, will benefit from "access to the biggest industrial market in the world," Prime Minister Mulroney said.

He lauded Mold-Masters President Jobst Gellert, a strong supporter of free trade, for his efforts in building the company over the past 25 years.

"This is a story of sacrifice and success. This is the best dimension of Canada," said Prime Minister Mulroney.

Skilled workers such as those who work at Mold-Masters, are "exactly the kind of jobs we're seeking to attract," he added.

One of the most far-reaching effects of the free trade agreement is that it maintains the benefits Canadians have reaped under the auto pact, he said.

Citing support for the free trade agreement from the "big three" auto makers, Prime Minister Mulroney said there will be even more opportunity for firms in the

auto parts industry.

Free trade will bring in 100,000 new jobs to Ontario alone and over \$11 billion in economic growth to the Canadian economy, he said, quoting a report by the Economic Council of Canada.

"This is a powerful stimulus to the impressive economy of Ontario," he said.

"The free trade agreement will make absolutely certain that Ontario's powerful economic leadership will survive and continue to grow stronger and stronger with each passing year and each passing decade."

Although he never mentioned Liberal Leader John Turner by name, he told the workers to hound opponents of the deal about their plans for Canada's economy.

"After they've torn up the free trade agreement, ask them what they're going to do for you and your jobs," the Prime Minister said.

"You may not agree with it. It may not be perfect, but the option is to tear it up. A policy of tearing up a sovereign treaty in 1988 is not good enough as a fundamental policy for the people and the workers of Canada," said Prime Minister Mulroney.

Canadians will have to choose between "profoundly different views" in the coming election, he said.

"One view is to build bridges to the rest of the world. The other is to build barriers around our country."

Opponents of free trade simply want to "retreat into a past that never was," he said.

"We will say no to the attitudes of the 1930s."

After leaving Georgetown, Prime Minister Mulroney left for London and was to address a PC rally in Lambeth Monday night.

By week's end, the prime minister was scheduled to visit the province of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Quebec.



Prime Minister Brian Mulroney learned the intricate workings of many of the machines at Mold-Masters Ltd. on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown Monday. He toured the plant and examined many of the machines.

Mold-Masters uses to make molds. The Prime Minister zeroed in on free trade during a speech to the 200 workers who work at the plant. The visit to Georgetown was the first step in his re-election bid. (Herald photo)

Study group walkout

Process not delayed says Hallett

The walkout by members of the Acton quarry landfill study group will not delay Reclamation System's ultimate goal of opening a landfill site, Eco Logic president Dr. Douglas Hallett says.

Committee members, led by Barbara Halsall and POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) president Ruth French, pulled out of the public information process at a meeting at the Milton Lions Club Sept. 28.

The public consultation phase will continue after RSI's final documents are submitted to the Ministry of Environment in the fall, said Dr. Hallett.

The walkout simply means the public information process, which is demanded by the environmental assessment act, has ended a month early, said Dr. Hallett.

Committee members staged the walkout in protest to the way in which RSI is conducting the meetings and the type of information that is coming from them, said Ms. Halsall.

Members said Eco Logic, the consulting firm running the meetings, are not getting the minutes of previous meetings to members for discussion fast enough.

It's impossible to discuss minutes from a meeting more than a month ago, committee members said.

A motion passed by the committee Sept. 28 read: "While we, the

members of this proposed Acton quarry pre-submission consultation participated in good faith, we have come to understand that this particular process does not conform with the policy of the MOE under the environmental assessment act.

"Therefore until this proposal is designated under the environmental assessment act we withdraw our members from this group immediately after the adjournment of the meeting."

The group then voted to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. French said the controversial meeting on Sept. 15, in which the social and economic impacts were discussed, was "the last straw."

Members disputed consultant Sid Moorhouse's claim that only residents who live within one-half kilometre of the proposed dump will be affected in any way.

Committee members say they won't return to the meetings until the proposal is officially designated under the Environmental Assessment Act and they receive intervenor funding from the province.

Intervenor funding is available to citizens groups fighting such a proposal but it is generally not awarded until the environmental assessment hearing begins.

Committee members want the money now so they can hire experts to attend the study group meetings

and prepare arguments for the hearings.

"The public interest cannot be satisfied by a public consultation process that is not fair," said committee member Robert Masters reading from a prepared text.

"We cannot be required to participate in a process that is not fair and we will not participate in such a process."

Although the proposal has not yet officially been designated under the Environmental Assessment Act - as opposed to the less stringent Environmental Protection Act - by the province, the MOE has indicated RSI's application will fall under the EA Act.

RSI asked the province to place the proposal under the EA Act more than six months ago but it is still awaiting cabinet approval, said RSI president Walter Graziani.

The public information session will be held after the final documents are submitted in the fall in a different form, unless the committee chooses to meet again, said Dr. Hallett.

Topics not yet discussed are dust, noise, and monitoring and contingency plans for the site.

Topics which will be discussed again are hydrogeology, transportation, social and economic impacts

Youth facing charges following police chase

A 17-year-old Georgetown youth faces numerous charges following a spectacular highspeed police chase through Kingston Thursday night, that came to an abrupt end at a police roadblock.

Ontario Provincial Police in Kingston say about 30 vehicles were damaged in the chase that involved a 1975 Corvette convertible, reported stolen from a Georgetown car dealership Wednesday night.

The pursuit began on the east-bound Highway 401 when an OPP officer attempted to stop a car for excessive speed. The Corvette accelerated rapidly, according to police, and continued eastbound along Highway 2. Police set up two roadblocks along the highway in an effort to intercept the vehicle. One was near a local military base, where the Corvette forced several other vehicles off the road, say Kingston OPP.

Gananoque OPP joined in the pursuit and a second barrier was established in an attempt to stop the Corvette from entering a densely-populated area.

At this point, police say the Corvette collided with a police vehicle at the roadblock and spun around before bursting into flames.

Two OPP officers and the 17-year-old driver of the Corvette were treated at hospital for minor injuries.

Kingston OPP say they discovered illegal weapons in the wreckage, including a sawed-off shotgun. They also discovered the car's license plates had been reported stolen from Toronto.

A Georgetown youth faces charges of criminal negligence causing bodily harm, and possession of firearms.

Halton Regional Police say charges are also pending against the same individual in connection with several local incidents, including the theft of the \$20,000 Corvette. Other incidents include the armed robbery of a Milton Sunoco service station Aug. 30; the theft of a 1967 Chevrolet from Milton Aug. 10; the theft of \$1,000 from a Georgetown gas station Sept. 27; and the July 9 break-and-enter at Nell's Music in Georgetown, where three guitars were stolen.

The charges being considered by the Halton Regional Police are pending the completion of the OPP investigation.

The suspect was held for a bail hearing Monday.

Study group airs complaints

A major complaint offered by Acton landfill study group before they walked out of the public consultation process Sept. 18 is Eco Logic's handling of the minutes.

Eco Logic is not getting the minutes of previous meetings to committee members fast enough, members said.

For example the minutes passed out to committee members Sept. 18 were from a meeting a month ago.

"They have become useless documents because people cannot recall that long ago, what was said and in what context," said committee member Merlin Kobza.

However, Eco Logic's public liaison officer Jillian Daffern said all the minutes have been available to committee members within two weeks of the meetings. They haven't been discussed at the meetings due to lack of time after the presentations, she said.

But committee members have been able to telephone or mail in comments about needed changes to the minutes, she said.

The committee passed a motion Sept. 7 that it no longer wants to see the minutes, she said.

But committee members denied they passed such a motion. They said only that they want verbatim transcripts of the meetings within a reasonable time, members argued.

Only the minutes from the first four meetings have been approved and that's because committee members were unfamiliar with their rights, said Ms. Halsall.

Dr. Hallett said after the

meeting Sept. 28 that committee members directed him to change the agenda allowing for consultants' presentations at the meetings putting discussion of the minutes at the end.

He said committee members were "embarrassed" about the lengthy discussions on the minutes.

However, due to the length of the meetings discussion of the minutes rarely happened.

POWER president Ruth French who, along with many other committee members, disputes the accuracy of the minutes, say that is not true.

"It was announced to us at the meeting on June 23 that the agenda would be changed," said Ms. French.

Committee members didn't argue with Dr. Hallett at the time, she said.

"He's trying to push the responsibility for all the problems with the process off on the committee," said Ms. French.

She also disagrees with Dr. Hallett's claim that the walkout does nothing but hurt the public because they no longer have a chance to hear consultants' presentations.

"We went to these meetings reluctantly," said Ms. French noting that the MOE said if the public doesn't show up, it may be construed that there is no opposition to the landfill proposal.

"I don't think anyone can say that we didn't give it a fair chance."

Future pipeline inevitable

Southern Halton Hills and Milton is going to get water from Lake Ontario to service their land whether they like it or not.

That seemed to be the opinion of Halton Hills Regional councillors who gathered for a "think tank" with local politicians and experts at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Sept. 29.

More than 50 politicians and specialists split up into workshops to discuss a final report by the IBI Group recommending a pipeline be brought up from Lake Ontario to service Milton and the Highway 401 industrial corridor.

The multi-million dollar project would likely not be in the works until early in the next century.

Halton Hills councillors have said during the year-long study that such a pipeline could spell the end of much of the agricultural land in southern Halton Hills because servicing it could lead to pressure from developers to build on the land.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said the consensus among regional councillors from throughout Halton was that the pipeline is inevitable if there is going to be any growth in Milton and southern Halton Hills.

Milton councillors especially "are very high" on the pipeline, he said.

The industrial corridor is a "very, very valuable piece of property" and developing it for industry is crucial to increase the tax base of Halton Hills in the future, said Mayor Miller.

Ward 1 Coun. Pam Sheldon, who

along with other members of Halton's planning and public works committee led workshops at the debate, said councillors are afraid of the pipeline, but it will happen.

The servicing issue "would be equal to the landfill issue in terms of importance to the community," said Coun. Sheldon.

"I think the consensus in my particular group was that some day yes, a big pipe is going to come up from Lake Ontario."

But Halton must plan for it now or massive growth on the scale of Peel Region could be imposed on the Region by Queen's Park, she said.

But Halton can keep the pipe away longer if it plans properly for the future, she said.

The next step is to hold more public meetings on the issue and prepare a detailed cost analysis, she said.

But the province and developers are going to foot a large share of the bill for development if it occurs, she said.

Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, who also led a workshop, said her group shied away from the pipeline but they too felt it was inevitable.

"There wasn't a general consensus that it should be done," she said.

Other services such as schools, hospitals and social services will need to be put in place if growth on that scale goes ahead, she said.

North Halton councillors believe

that the official plan, which limits the urban boundaries of Georgetown and Acton, will protect the north for some time, she said.

Councillors were very apprehensive about having growth imposed on Halton from the province, she said.

Halton is next in line for massive growth, she added.

"Where else are people going to move to fill the space from Metro Toronto?"

Rolling polls?

Polls on wheels?
It's a concept Ward 1 Coun. Gerald Rennie has asked town staff to investigate.

In Alberta a van, which is actually a travelling poll, visits homes of seniors who cannot make it to the polling station on voting day, said Coun. Rennie.

Many times a senior is incapacitated for a day or two and that may occur on election day, he said.

Administrator Clerk Dan Costea said there is a polling station at the Bennett Health Care Centre but the idea of a travelling poll is new to him.

He vowed to investigate the possibility.