

## Zoning must be changed on Wesleyan Street house

The owner of a house in downtown Georgetown could face legal action by the Town of Halton Hills if his house, presently zoned commercial, is not officially changed to residential zoning.

Appearing on behalf of his son who purchased the Wesleyan Street house over two years ago, Nick Ferraro of Georgetown asked the town's committee of adjustment - a group of citizens that review minor variances on properties - for permission to create a second storey for an existing building.

When it was clear that the committee would reject Mr. Ferraro's application, he removed his request and was returned \$100 fee.

Mark Ferraro, owner of the house, apparently began construction on the property before a permit was issued, say town staff members, relying on testimony from nearby residents and the town's former building inspector.

The adjustment committee minutes from a May 9 meeting quote Mill Street resident Shirley Cleave as saying that the "cottage-type building with two bedrooms is now being turned into a duplex."

The report also quotes Mrs. Cleave as saying there are two massive dormers (windows) on the building which are "clearly in violation of the bylaw." The property is presently zoned commercial.

A second Mill Street resident, Diane Malcolm, told members of

the adjustment committee that all the construction that took place on the Ferraro property took place before a building permit was issued.

This was confirmed by the Town of Halton Hills deputy planning director Bruce MacLean, who said "it is clear that the structure was built prior to the issue of a building permit." But Mr. MacLean said the matter was now under investigation with the town staff.

The minutes of the adjustment committee meeting held to discuss the Wesleyan Street property say that Nick Ferraro explained the history of his son's property. Mr. Ferraro told committee members that a permit was obtained to repair part of the building's structure, but that a leaky roof, and walls that needed repairing, was discovered.

Mr. Ferraro said that from

"time to time" the building inspector would "drop in" and warn the Ferraros that they needed a permit to continue building. Mr. Ferraro informed that inspector that he and his son did not know how much repair work was needed.

Mr. Ferraro was "under the impression that he could have a second storey apartment in the downtown area" the committee of adjustment report says.

The members of the committee refused to grant the Ferraros permission for a variance, saying that the application could be out of their jurisdiction. But before a final ruling could take place, Mr. Ferraro withdrew his application.

A complete investigation into the zoning bylaw is being conducted by Halton Hills' building staff and could come to councillors within the next two weeks.



### Open for inspection

Raimond Rickevicius, Janice Campbell and friend have just opened a new Art Gallery downtown Georgetown. The Deacon's Bench Gallery located at 115 Main Street South resembles a comfortable, well decorated apartment, and offers the customers a wide range of art pieces, including oil paintings, sculptures, furniture, and much more. (Herald photo)

### Georgetown OPP officer now heads special branch

Georgetown resident Ron Piers has been promoted to chief superintendent of the Ontario Provincial Police's special investigation branch.

Mr. Piers, who moves up from the position of superintendent, headed the high profile Helmuth Buxbaum investigation. Mr. Buxbaum was found guilty of first-degree murder for arranging the shooting death of his wife on a highway outside of London.

An Ontario Court of Appeal ruling recently upheld the conviction.

In his new position C/Supt. Piers will oversee investigations

involving criminal affairs, and anti-rackets and general investigations.

Mr. Piers was born in Pugwash, Nova Scotia. He joined the OPP in 1966 after serving two years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

So far, Mr. Piers has served in the department's anti-rackets branch as a detective sergeant during which time he investigated multi-million-dollar fraud cases. He also served for eight months with the registration branch in Eastern Ontario investigating several murders in the Ottawa Valley.

### Town hires new inspector

To keep up with the burgeoning growth in Halton Hills, the town has hired a new building inspector.

Kerry Chapman and John Holmes will serve as building inspectors. One will replace the position vacated by a former inspector while the other is a building position.

"We require additional staff to cover the area," says Mr. Chapman who will work with chief

building official Ron Shettell, senior building inspector Darren Babic and Mr. Holmes.

Town councillors approved a bylaw to give power to Mr. Chapman and Mr. Holmes as building inspectors at the council meeting held Monday night.

Mr. Babic will conduct examining plans while the two newly-hired inspectors will be "field people," said Mr. Chapman.

## We're Moving

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