

## Taxpayers should be angry over land, Al Pilutti says

Local developer Al Pilutti says taxpayers should be angry about paying "\$2,500 per dog" on a town-owned six acre property near Hall Road.

The developer was responding to a recent letter written by Wilson Court homeowners Don and Linda Jackson. The Jacksons asked the Town of Halton Hills to consider the need for green space in the town and to change a town-owned property zoning from residential, which allows single family dwellings, to a recreational zoning.

But the six or seven-acre property near Hall Road is a "garbage dump" and a place where people regularly walk dogs and don't clean up after them, Mr. Pilutti said.

With the money the town loses by not selling the land, it would average to \$2,500 per dog, he said.

"If the council for the Town of Halton Hills is going to have to start buying up private lands abutting residences so that people can have the luxury of walking their dogs, as it is in this case, they will have all kinds of groups in the future asking the town to buy property."

Over 10 years ago, Mr. Pilutti sold the property to the town of Halton Hills for \$135,000 after residents took a militant stand against developing the site for housing. The most recent offer by Mr. Pilutti proposes buying the land for \$250,000 and using one acre as parkland.

Mr. Jackson, a resident with a property abutting the town land, says the property is valuable to the town.

"It's not, as Mr. Pilutti indicates, three or four people walking their dogs.

"We're ratepayers, and as ratepayers, we're concerned about open space."

The battle taking place between the developer and the homeowners in the Wilson Court, Rosefield Drive and Fagan Drive areas has been "low-key" so far, says Mr. Jackson. This is the way residents are approaching the issue, he said.

But Mr. Pilutti says the issue should be on a "high note."

"I don't want it low-key. I want all the people of Halton Hills to know what's happening.

"Instead of a liability as it is

now to the town, and (a) danger to the children in the future because of the open drainage ditch that goes across the entire area, the development of some houses in the area would be advantageous," he said.

A population increase in the area because of the construction of the condominiums at Hall Road, means an increased danger to children, who could drown in the ditches on the property, Mr. Pilutti said. The property is not kept up by the town, but has stray weeds and grass, said Mr. Pilutti. Children playing with matches could cause extensive damage, he said.

"It's just a piece of land with weeds, (it has) no esthetic value.

"It's unfair of people with such big lots (in the surrounding houses) to demand an open area that is a liability to the town."

Halton Hills town council recently received a 500-signature petition from residents who say they want the land retained. The fight to keep the property from development over 10 years ago is taking place again against the same developer.

"We're not painting Mr. Pilutti as a monster of any kind. He's a businessman," said Mr. Jackson. "I'm sure he's doing what is right for Mr. Pilutti."

"We're not anti-development," Mr. Jackson said. "We're trying to show (town council) the value of the property to the community.

"As residents, we're as capable as anyone else to at least judge the land use."

The Jacksons will appear as a delegation at a future council meeting, to discuss the town-owned property. Their recent letter follows the petition to Halton Hills against the sale of land to Mr. Pilutti.

### Fair Parade

Calling all parade fanatics. The Georgetown Fair is putting together a parade for Saturday, Sept. 9 at 12 noon. This year's parade will start at Dominion Seed House and proceed along Maple Avenue to Main Street and along Main to Park Street and along Park into the Fairgrounds. If you have an old car, a local event to promote or just want to be part of this fantastic weekend of events call Al Cook at 877-5753.

## Actor Beck likes police roles

American actor Michael Beck describes himself as a "working actor." When asked why he accepted the starring role in the movie "The Reckoning," he said, "I needed the work and this came up. It's a part and I'm an actor. It's what I do."

Parts of "The Reckoning," a Canadian financed pay television movie, were shot in Georgetown last week. The murder mystery-romance flick also stars Canadian actress Catherine Kolvey. Ms. Kolvey was a regular in the now cancelled CTV series Mount Royal.

If Mr. Beck seems familiar, you may have caught him in the police action series Houston Knights, where he was one of the American television series' co-stars. He also had a major role in the mini-series "Celebrity" that aired a few years ago.

Although a role is a role for Mr. Beck, he did say he likes the police genre. Indeed being an actor and disliking this genre means parts would be few and far between, he says.

"Every other part that comes up is based on a cop or detective," he said.

Mr. Beck started acting while in college and he's been doing it ever since. "I got into it by accident," he said. Unlike some actors, acting

wasn't his desire since childhood. "The Reckoning" takes place in Baypoint, a fictional town in Michigan, U.S.A. Georgetown's old post office, the McGibbon Hotel and Main Street substituted for Baypoint locations in the movie. The post office was used as the Baypoint police station while Main Street became Baypoint's Main Street and the McGibbon substituted for a local Baypoint hotel.

Mr. Beck plays Sheriff Robert Delany who, as the movie gets under way, is attempting to solve a murder that is seemingly connected to an unsolved murder of a family 30 years ago.

If the story line appears complex that's because it is, says Mr. Beck.

Both Mr. Beck and the production's associate producer Dick Lowery, were reluctant to give much away. "If we did there would be no point in seeing the movie," Mr. Beck said.

Mr. Beck said he liked the script's intricate plot line. He also liked the fact that it's a low-budget film. "The higher the budget the less likely the movie will get made," he says. "And being an actor the more movies made the happier I am."

The movie is produced by the Toronto-based production company Telestories. It will be shown throughout North America and Europe. Its Canadian premiere will be in January or February of 1990.



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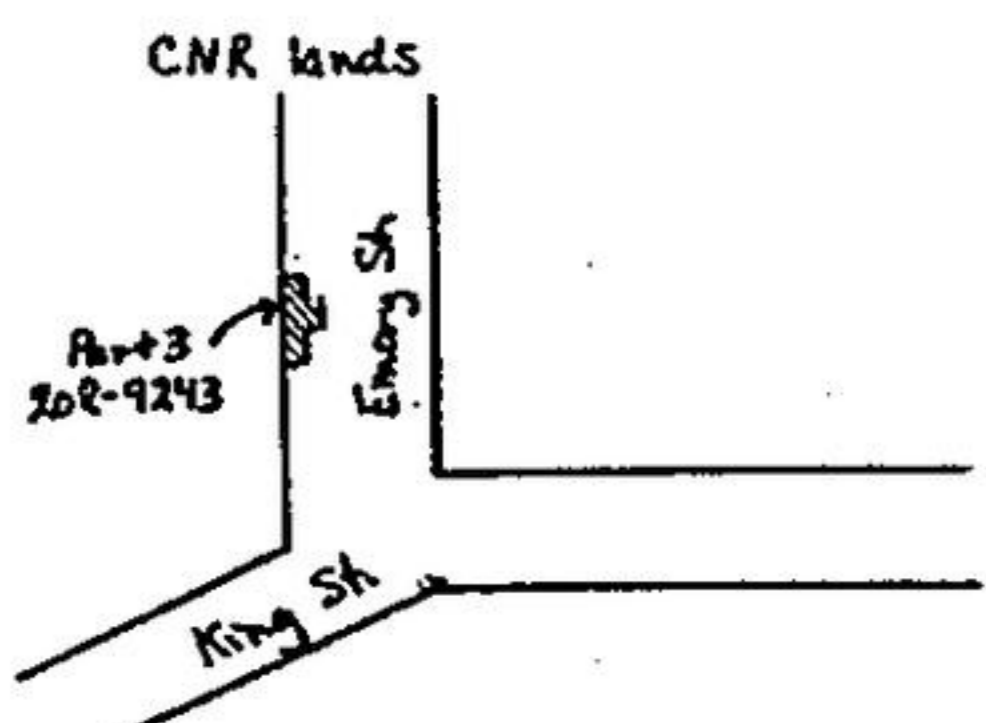
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Notice of the intention to stop up, close and convey a portion of Emery Street, a road allowance in the former Town of Georgetown, running off of King Street and being described as Part of Emery Street being Part 3 on Reference Plan 20R-9243.



Notice is hereby given that the Council for the Town of Halton Hills intends to enact a by-law to stop up, close and convey a portion Emery Street to convey it to the owners of a house which encroaches onto the road allowance.

The Council will hear any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers located at 1 Halton Hills Drive in the Town of Halton Hills on Tuesday August 8th, 1989 at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

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