

Calls for official plan review sparked by building applications

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Three applications for commercial buildings in Halton Hills have sparked a call to review Halton Region's official plan.

Regional planning commissioner Rash Mohammed said last week there are two applications on hold at Halton Region and a third application being reviewed. All three applications are for larger buildings than allowed in rural areas.

The Region is holding an application for a 10,000-sq. ft. fruit market in Ashgrove and a 10,000-sq. ft. hardware store in Bannockburn and is reviewing an application for a 32,000-sq. ft. car dealership north of Georgetown.

Rural clusters and hamlets have a limit on building space. The maximum space for a commercial building is 990 sq. ft. An amendment to the Regional plan two years ago allows a car dealership to a maximum of 12,800 sq. ft.

The application for Park Lincoln Mercury on Highway 7 near Sideroad 22 is for a building "150 per cent larger" than the plan allows, Regional staff say.

Park Lincoln Mercury owner Walt Dixon recently filed an application with the Town of Halton Hills to build a new car dealership across the road from its present site. The 32,000-sq. ft. dealership would contain a showroom, a mezzanine, and office space. It would be constructed in two phases. The first building would measure 22,000

sq. ft., the second building would be 10,000 sq. ft.

"This application, the three applications actually, brought to a head the issue of commercial space" in rural areas, Mr. Mohammed said.

"Growth is a problem in rural areas. I have only applications for Halton Hills right now, but I'm expecting that more will come. It's a trend."

The planning department supports the first phase of Mr. Dixon's proposal. But the second phase, at 10,000 sq. ft., will be put on hold if Regional councillors agree with the staff's recommendation.

Presently, the Regional plan for rural areas states that a commercial building within a rural cluster should be on a "minor" scale, should retain the "rural character" and should serve local people.

"The proposed scale of this commercial use (Park Lincoln Mercury) at 32,000 sq. ft. of floor area, is not, in the opinion of Regional staff, a minor commercial operation, nor could it be construed as serving primarily the local residents," a staff report says.

Regional staff say approving the Dixon application for a large car dealership in a rural cluster of Henderson's Corners could be "precedent-setting."

"Regional staff are concerned that both the size and the market area represented by the Dixon amendment (to the Town of Halton Hills official plan) could be used as

a norm in establishing commercial uses in rural clusters and hamlets."

The planning staff report cautions against "ad hoc" planning.

"We're going to ask the question of how we're going to handle the impending demands for commercial space," Mr. Mohammed said.

"We saw the rise of demand for rural estates... now we're seeing the impact of growth in terms of people trying to get commercial space."

The Region wants "planning" and "control" over growth, Mr. Mohammed said. "We want growth we can manage."

The planning staff will review the Region's policy on rural commercial space "as soon as council says 'go ahead,'" Mr. Mohammed said.

Regional council is scheduled to vote on the car dealership application today (Wednesday).

Music exams

Peel Panto Players is now in its 16th season and this year's production will be "Little Red Riding Hood."

Auditions are being held for cast and chorus, all parts are open to anyone, 16 years or older.

Dates are Sept. 5 and 6, at 8 p.m. at 54 Bramstele Road, Unit 24, (located in the same complex as Jake's-Boathouse, at the back of these units).

For more information please contact Paul at 453-7463 or Alfie at 828-2315.

In the hills

Norval walk

The Esqueing Historical Society invites the public to an historical walk in Norval on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

The meeting place is at St. Paul's Church. The walk leaves promptly at 7 p.m.

Conversation and refreshments will be held after the walk.

Parents meeting

The Bishop Reding Parents Association will start off the year with a meeting Monday, Sept. 11 at the high school in Milton. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please join in for coffee and dessert.

Naturalists meet

The first full meeting of the Halton and Peel Naturalists Club will be held on Sept. 12 at 8 p.m. in Harrison Public School, 59 Rexway Drive.

Dr. Spencer Inch and Helen Inch will give a slide presentation on the flowers and geography of the Bruce Trail and tell of their experiences walking the complete length of the trail. The public is invited.

Seniors association

The Georgetown Seniors Association will be at the Georgetown Fair on Sept. 9 and 10. A campaign drive and bake sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 from noon to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Baking is requested from members of the association. For pick up or information call Ross and Margaret Bethel at 877-1105 or Kay Robertson at 877-1488.

Food may be dropped off after 1 p.m. on Sept. 8 and before 10 a.m. Sept. 9, 173 Prince Charles Drive, 20 Cleaveholm Drive or 21

Weber Drive.

This is the association's first fundraising effort.

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Fashion shows

The Terra Cotta Inn will be the host location for two fall fashion shows in September.

On Friday, Sept. 8 the "Caledon Room" of Orangeville will present their new fall line beginning at 12:30 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 29, "Ports International" from Square One shopping centre will be previewing their new fall line beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The fashion shows are complimentary during our luncheon period and we recommend reservations.

Flower show

The Oakville Horticultural Society will hold its Annual Fall Flower Show on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Trafalgar Village Shopping Mall in Oakville (across from the Oakville GO station). The exhibition will be open to the public from 1-4:30 p.m. Members entries for exhibit will include home grown annuals, perennials, vegetables, fruits, and houseplants. Many lovely flower arrangements will be on display as well as a Children's Flower Show. For further information please call 847-0831 (after 4 p.m.) or 844-0531.

Albert Cormier's Holsteins produce the most milk

By BENDUMMETT
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A Georgetown dairy farmer's Holstein herd produced on average the highest amount of milk per cow in the province last year, the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation says.

Each of Albert Cormier's cows produced on average 10,137 kilograms of milk during the 1988 lactation year.

The lactation year is the ten-month period when cows can be milked.

Mr. Cormier, owner of Corndale Farms Inc. on Trafalgar Road in Georgetown says cows produce at their maximum only if they are fed correctly. Every cow is different so it is important that the feed is mixed to meet each cow's needs, he explained.

Mr. Cormier has been using a combination of haylage, hay, and commercial supplement. However he is now replacing the haylage with high-moisture corn to increase the energy level of the feed.

But regardless of what a cow is fed, unless the cow has the potential to produce a high quantity of milk he isn't interested in the animal.

And what is a high quantity of milk? Mr. Cormier says, "There is no such thing as too much milk."

Mr. Cormier examines genetics when selecting a cow. "A cow is like a race horse," he says. If a cow comes from a long line of high-milk producers, it's probable it will also be a high-milk producer.

But genetics will only get a dairy farmer so far, he said. Success also depends on having good instincts in determining whether a cow has the

character to be a good milk producer.

Mr. Cormier moved to Georgetown from Prince Edward Island in 1971. He first worked with an export company and in 1981 bought the farm in partnership with Bruno Rosetti. Since the beginning of last month he has been the farm's sole owner. He also runs a Georgetown export company.

Mr. Cormier exports Holsteins, cattle, and Holstein embryos throughout the world. The farm supplements the export business, he said. "People might think it ironic, that the farm is not his primary business interest, but that it's so successful."

But the success of each business depends on the success of both businesses, he said. The farm acts as a showcase for the exporting

business. People are interested in buying cows that are proven milk producers, he said.

And it would appear that most like what they see. Mr. Cormier says he has sold a cow for as much as \$300,000. In 1985 he sold 154 Holsteins for an average price of \$18,000 each.

If Ontario dairy farmers want to compete in domestic and international markets, Mr. Cormier says they will have to concentrate their efforts on feeding and breeding.

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