

A bazaar time in Acton

You could have won this Ms. Reindeer if your silent raffle bid was the highest at St. Alban's Church in Acton Saturday. Here Kathy Vandermeer holds up her work, one of many items up for auction at the church bazaar. (Herald photo)

Mayor wants \$400,000 to fight Acton landfill

The town's 1990 budget should include \$400,000 set aside to fight the proposed landfill site at the Acton quarry near Limehouse, Halton Hills mayor said Monday night.

Local consortium Reclamation Systems Inc. applied to the provincial government to use the Acton quarry as a landfill site when quarrying is completed in the early 1990s.

The Town of Halton Hills spent somewhere between \$80,000 and \$100,000 last year in connection with the Acton quarry application, town treasurer Ray King said.

Mayor Miller said he asked the town finance staff last year to put aside \$400,000 for the landfill site battle. The mayor said in speaking with the Town of Milton, which fought its own landfill site on Highway 25, the battle could have a "dreadful" impact on Halton Hills.

Milton's proposed REgional landfill site is now going through a judicial hearing.

"I personally feel that we don't budget for the future," Mayor Miller said, "We could find ourselves in a position where we have to spend half a million dollars in one year," on fighting the Acton proposed landfill site.

"much, much higher than the kind of dollars we're looking at here."
Mr. King said.

He said a proposed \$200,000 to fight the landfill site is an "unfortunate cost," but "it's a cost of doing business in Halton Hills."

Mayor Miller said the town should prepare to put up a good battle against the RSI dump proposal. "If we get into a fight, we're going to have to have a case."

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6,000 trees to be planted on Norval's Credit River banks

A Mississauga company has donated \$22,000 to save eroding Credit River banks near Norval.

Du Pont of Canada Inc. financed the planting of 6,000 trees on the Heritage Road Laidlaw property just east of Norval on the Credit River. That plan is part of a 20-mile Credit River scheme to plant trees along the river's banks to prevent erosion. The cedar, and pine roots hold the soil together, preventing it from crumbling with the force of the water flow.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority, along with the non-profit organization Trees for Today and Tomorrow, co-ordinated last week's tree-planting effort. It is expected the tree planting will spread from Inglewood to Meadowvale, and will include areas of the Credit in Halton Hills.

The CVCA and the trees committee are looking for private funding and for private landowners' permission to plant trees on their land.

CVCA spokesman Robert Peace said the tree planting will slow erosion now and prevent future erosion.

"In areas, it has become very serious," he said of erosion problems. "Investing in this sort of project now saves tens of thousands of dollars later."

A similar tree-planting project for the Credit River banks from Terra Cotta to Norval could be in this community's future, but not before funds come from the private sector, Helen Hambly from Trees for Today and Tomorrow said Friday.

"We approach companies. We lobby and say 'listen, this really is part of the whole greening of the industry'." Ms. Hambly said. The trees group co-ordinates 'ndowners who give up a space their Credit River property to

allow the tree planting. Ms. Hambly says financial contributions allow those who pollute the environment to give something back to the community.

The Credit River is important to all those who live near the body of water which flows into Lake Ontario. That river once contained salmon, Ms. Hambly said.

"It's just a matter of will, and writing our cheques."

Mr. Peace warned that the Credit River, if allowed to erode to a level where the banks were deteriorating, would need Gabian retaining walls - structures of large rocks enclosed in metal mesh.

Both the CVCA and Trees for Today and Tomorrow are looking for private landowners on the Credit to contribute their land for tree planing and private enterprises to contribute money to supply the trees.

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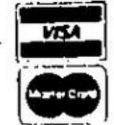
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