



From Russia, with love

Rich Matthews (far left) and a shipmate, made a new Soviet friend (pictured at right) when their ship, the HMCS Annapolis - home base Victoria, British Columbia - docked in Vladivostok, USSR, recently. Richard, known by his nicknames "Wheels" or "Snoopy", has been a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for a year and eight months. HMCS Annapolis was part of a group of four Canadian Armed Forces vessels to visit Vladivostok, something of a historic event as they represented the first Western vessels to visit the city since the end of World War II. (Canadian Armed Forces photo)

Community involvement urged by POWER

Community involvement is the only way Halton Hills can prevent their well water from being contaminated, said Barbara Halsall, a spokesperson for local environmental group Protect Our Water Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) after the group's July general meeting Wednesday.

This was the message contained in a video on the contaminated water problems currently faced by the residents of Elmira, shown at the POWER meeting, said Ms. Halsall.

Elmira has had drinking water problems for approximately the last 40 years but only recently have citizens become involved in urging government and industry to try and solve the problem, she said. "In the past people always thought someone else would deal with the problem."

The Elmira situation, said Ms. Halsall, proves people have to take responsibility and learn about the environment in order to protect it.

"You just can't count on an agency or the government for protection, you have to do your own research," said Ms. Halsall.

This is why the Halton Hills community must actively participate in protecting the town well water system from the proposed Acton dump and the possibility of Lake Ontario someday becoming the town's drinking water source, explained Ms. Halsall.

Reclamations Systems Incorporated, (RSI), the group

behind the Acton dump proposal, acknowledged in 1988 that if cracks formed on the quarry floor while it was being used as a dump, then the Halton Hills water supply could be contaminated in two to three years. The company argues if this occurred the contamination would be diluted, and therefore within the province's Ministry of Environment guidelines.

"But I think I should have the choice to decide if I want my water contaminated at all," said Ms. Halsall.

Ms. Halsall is against Lake Ontario as a source of drinking water because "it's chemical soup."

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Red Cross receives \$40,000 grant

Solicitor General Steven Offer recently announced a \$40,000 grant to the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross to enable it to meet its emergency services objectives.

Red Cross Emergency Services is administered by the Emergency Services Committee which comprises Red Cross staff, volunteers and representatives from provincial ministries, including Emergency Planning Ontario of the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The Committee oversees volunteer training for registration, inquiry, evacuee centre management, and other emergency support services.

"The Red Cross is well renowned for its leadership in providing emergency services," said Solicitor General Steven Offer. "This grant will enable the Ontario Division to further enhance its ability to respond to any emergency, thereby ensuring the continued safety and security of our communities."

Acton sign proposal

The Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) group wants to erect a 13-foot high "Welcome to Acton" sign at the Mill and Main Street Parkette, councillors learned Monday.

The sign, if approved, would include the slogan, 'Welcome to Acton', underlined with a brightly colored rainbow, BIA chairman Dan Dolliver told councillors. Underneath the rainbow would be four Canadian geese flying upwards towards the right side of the sign.

Council directed staff to do a feasibility report on the proposal.

Town councillor, Al Cook, suggested to Mr. Dolliver that the BIA have the sign say "Welcome to Halton Hills."

The councillor suggested that Georgetown and Acton have been Halton Hills for so long that to promote Acton separates the two communities.

Mr. Dolliver argued the BIA is only trying to distinguish the Acton

downtown core and not the town, from the rest of Halton Hills.

The sign would be on a white acrylic board mounted on two posts. As well, materials will be used so it is easily read day and night, said Mr. Dolliver.

Mr. Dolliver requested council make a decision on the sign as quickly as possible. The BIA wants to erect the sign by the end of the summer, he said.

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6:00 - The Happy Prince
7:00 - The New Voyager
7:30 - Anatomy of the Human Mind no. 6
8:00 - Caring Foster Parents
8:30 - Halton Hills Health Spot
9:00 - Make a Movie - "Mars Bars"

TUESDAY, JULY 31
5:30 - Inside Timothy's Basket no. 3
6:00 - George's Country Jamboree
7:00 - Country Music Gospel Style
8:00 - The Ontario Forest
8:17 - The Red Cross in Canada
8:30 - Karin & Blair's Story (Dealing with AIDS)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
5:30 - Wetland News
6:00 - TV Storytime no. 4
6:30 - Jim Neiford Back in The Swing
7:00 - Halton Seniors TV Productions
8:00 - Anatomy of the Human Mind no. 6
8:30 - A Taste of Wine no. 3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
5:30 - Going West
6:36 - Bermuda - The Life in a Day
7:00 - Country Music Gospel Style
8:00 - Mars Bars
8:15 - Acne - The Straight Facts
8:30 - Welcome to Cameroon

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