

# Council Briefs

## Town Council considering computer system

Halton Hills General Committee, which is comprised of the town councillors, recommended Monday that town staff consider the viability of implementing a new town computer system over five phases at a total cost of between \$1.4 million and \$2.2 million. If council approves the recommendation at its Oct. 15 meeting, town staff will prepare a report on the cost of implementing any of the phases in 1991. The town's budget committee will discuss the affordability of these proposed costs for 1991 during its meetings which get underway later this year.

**Fire route proposal**  
Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday that a bylaw be passed designating the internal roads at 150 Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown as a fire route. The recommendation will go before council at its Oct. 15 meeting for final approval.

**Company recommended**  
The Brampton based company, Roma Fence Limited, was recommended by the town's General Committee as the company to build a \$20,000 highway fence along the Fourth Line between Lots 18 and 21 in Halton Hills. The tender

submitted by the Brampton company was approximately \$2,000 less than that submitted by R and M Construction of Acton and approximately \$3,000 less than that submitted by the Mississauga company, Derry Fence Limited. The recommendation will go before council for final approval Oct. 15.

**Development proposal**  
The town's General Committee recommended Monday that a public meeting be held concerning a rural estate subdivision plan for the east side of the Fourth Line between the Halton Hills and Erin Town Line. The company Sette Investments Company Limited is

proposing to build 18 estate lots with an average lot size of 2.4 acres on the proposed property. The proposal can only get the go-ahead once the Halton Hills Official Plan and the area zoning bylaw are amended. No date for the public hearing was given. The recommendation will go before council Oct. 15.

**Council to comment**  
Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday that the province's Ministry of Natural

Resources allow the town to comment on the site plan United Aggregates has submitted to the ministry in order to obtain an updated quarry license in accordance with provincial legislation, for its quarry on Part Lots 22 and 23 and Concession 3 in Halton Hills. The town wants to ensure that including the quarry company's site plan is a provision for a scenic road on a portion of the Third Line to be built once the quarry has been exhausted. Council will vote on the recommendation Oct. 15.

## A halt on development proposed by resolution

No new residential or commercial development proposed for either the Georgetown or Acton urban areas requiring amendments to the Halton Hills Official Plan will be allowed for at least a year or longer if town council supports a resolution Oct. 15 recommending council defer considering these types of development proposals until the town's Urban Area Review Study is completed and implemented.

The town's General Committee, comprised of the town councillors, recommended Monday council support the resolution.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said Monday that "council would be doing the town an injustice if it approved a lot of development before the study was completed."

The study will include the designation of a 10-year supply of residential land; the streamlining of the development process; the encouragement of a range of housing types including a minimum of 25 per cent affordable housing; the creation of new housing stock through residential housing areas

and the establishment of a monitoring program to maintain a current assessment of the local housing market.

The town's Deputy Planning Director Bruce MacLean told the committee the plan will be completed in about a year. But committee members seem to agree that the implementation of the study's recommendations could take longer if council has to amend its Official Plan to achieve these recommendations.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliot expressed the most concern over the resolution and specifically the use of the word implementation. "It concerns me some large scale development proposed for Acton could be put on hold indefinitely," if the resolution is passed in its current form.

Between now and the Oct. 15 council meeting Mr. Elliot said he will seek assurances that council will be able to consider future development projects in the town's urban areas even if the resolution is passed.

Mr. MacLean said that if the resolution is approved council is not prevented from making exceptions to consider development proposals before the study is completed. But the more exceptions council makes the less effective the resolution, he told the committee.

Mr. MacLean told the committee, planning staff used the word implementation in the resolution's wording to make it as strong as possible in the face of developers challenging the resolution at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

If council approved the resolution after removing the word implementation and followed the results of the study to determine the viability of a new development application, the town would be in a less advantageous position if its decision was challenged at the OMB, said Mr. MacLean. The OMB would consider the study to make a decision, but it would put more emphasis on the study if it was recognized in the town's official plan, he told committee members.

## Public responds to composter program

Although Halton Hills won't receive the 500 composters it ordered earlier this year to sell to the public until Friday, 300 have already been claimed, said the town's Refuse and Reduction Coordinator Paul Sergeant.

Mr. Sergeant said he put an advertisement in the local newspapers last Wednesday and the next morning he already had upwards of 100 orders.

"I'm really pleased with the response," said Mr. Sergeant. "It's kinda nice," he added.

Those who want to order one of

the remaining 200 hundred composters should call Mr. Sergeant at 873-2600.

The town applied for the composters through a provincial government program in which the province covers 50 per cent of the cost of the composters. The \$25 price tag for each composter is charged to the public to cover the remaining cost.

Composting is a form of recycling for wet refuse such as potato peels. Once the material is composted it can be used as fertilizer.

Mr. Sergeant expects the last 200

hundred composters to be sold within the next couple of days. If there continues to be an interest once all 500 hundred are sold the town will consider ordering more, he said.

The town has invited Christa Pettingill from Barclay Recycling - the company that sold the composters to the town - to speak on the proper use of composters. Mr. Sergeant said a date for the information meeting has to be set but when it is it will be well publicized through the local media. The information meeting will be free admission, he said.

## Cancer unit meeting

The annual meeting of the Halton Hills Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society will be held Oct. 15, 8 p.m. in the Community Room at District #1 Halton Regional Police Headquarters located on Guelph Street in Georgetown.

Refreshments will be served and a spokesperson with the Halton Hills Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society pointed out that the meeting is open to the public. All are welcome.

## Correction

In the article "Residents statements are unfair, claims Rennie after meeting" which appeared in the Sept. 26 issue of the Herald, Dorothy McLean was incorrectly identified as Audrey McLean. The subject property is .62 acres, not 62 acres. The development proposal is only a five store plaza.

In Georgetown including Norval there are 46 not 36 stores vacant today. The Herald regrets the errors.



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