

Council Briefs

Acton development recommended despite opposition

Town of Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday a one-storey commercial plaza with the above floor being comprised of apartments on Queen Street East in Acton be approved despite continued concerns from some area residents over the proposal. The general committee is comprised of town councillors.

Committee's recommendation will go before council for final approval this Monday.

Residents opposing the development argued, as in the past, there is insufficient parking to support the plaza and people living in the apartments would be able to see into the backyards backing onto the proposed building. They told councillors they would have no privacy if the building went ahead.

General Committee, however, chose to support staff's recommendation to recommend the development application for approval.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott echoed the opinion of many councillors when he said "the developer has been more than willing to cooperate with the town and neighbors so that all concerns are addressed. The

building will be an asset to the community," said the councillor.

Hewitt recommended

Town General Committee recommended Monday Halton Hills Councillor Joe Hewitt be the town's representative on a committee comprised of other municipal and provincial politicians to investigate the driving habits of truckers, destruction by truck traffic and unsafe truck loads in the North Halton area.

Aggregate service

Councillors referred a request by Halton Hills resident William Cohoon offering his property located at Lot 22 and Concession 5 as a source of aggregate for the construction of the Fourth Line bordering his property to the town's pits and quarries committee for a report.

Historic

Glen Williams

Town General Committee recommended Monday a bylaw be passed calling for Glen Williams to be considered for designation under Section 40 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a Heritage Conservation Area.

If it ever did become a heritage

district no person could erect, or demolish, a building without first obtaining a permit from the town, according to a staff report.

The recommendation will go before town council this Monday.

Chemical concern

Town councillors followed the lead of Acton Coun. Norm Elliott after he suggested the town switch from its weed spraying program to a manual cutting program for a year long trial basis during Monday's general committee meeting. Although acknowledging he lacked expertise in the field of weed spraying, Coun. Elliott told council a reduction in the use of chemicals will be beneficial to the town. Council will vote on the recommendation this Monday.

Egg-Nog Jog

General Committee gave the go-ahead Monday for the Seventh Annual Egg-Nog Jog sponsored by the Georgetown Track Club and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, this Sunday. The jog starts at 10:30 a.m. from the Terra Cotta Conservation Area and proceeds south on Winston Churchill Boulevard, west on Sideroad 27, north on the Tenth

Line, east on Sideroad 32 and then south on Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Site plan discussion

Town General Committee recommended Monday to defer a proposal by staff to introduce administration fees for developers who sign town site plan agreements. Committee

members recommended a site plan committee be formed to study the feasibility of the administration fees and the site plan process in general. Town site plan committee members consider what developers must do in the way of landscaping and public works before their development is finally approved. The committee recommendation will go before council this Monday for final approval.

Charges dropped

The Town of Halton Hills was forced to drop charges laid earlier this year against Norval's Croatian Centre Thursday during a Milton Court hearing because of a "technicality."

The centre, which is located at Winston Churchill Boulevard and Sideroad 5, faced charges of building a picnic shelter without a building permit. Town building inspector John Holmes, said the charge had to be dropped because a member of town staff had carried out the necessary title search on the wrong property.

Mr. Holmes would not name the staff member who made the error.

For the time being at least, the 5,600 square foot shelter will be permitted to stand, said Mr. Holmes. For the building to come down, the Town would have to re-lay the charges and the centre would have to be found guilty, he explained.

Town Building Director Ron Shettell said a decision on laying new charges won't happen until another legal proceeding involving the centre is heard.

The Halton Federation of Agriculture is appealing a minor variance granted to the centre to build a picnic shelter to the Ontario Municipal Board, (OMB). The town's Committee of Adjustment granted the minor variance this fall. According to the applicable town bylaw the centre needed a minor variance and building permit to legally construct the shelter.

The federation is appealing the minor variance because the shelter should not be considered minor in nature and it was built without a permit, according to the federation's letter submitted to the OMB.

A date for the OMB hearing has yet to be set.

Nomination deadline

If you know of someone who has made a notable contribution to the community through their achievements in sport or culture in 1990, be sure to nominate them for a Town of Halton Hills municipal award Monday. Applications for the awards are available at the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department Office, located at 1 Halton Hills Drive, or can also be obtained at the Acton Indoor Pool. Hurry, the applications must be at the recreation office by Monday.

Town hoping court levies strict penalty

The Town of Halton Hills is hoping Toronto based Millview Management Group will be fined between \$3,000 and \$11,000 when it goes to court Feb. 7 on charges of refusing to clean up the Barber Mill site on River Drive in Georgetown.

The town was forced to clean up the site this fall after the company ignored several requests to do the work, said town Municipal Bylaw Officer Bob Ustrzycki Friday.

Mr. Ustrzycki wouldn't reveal the amount of money the town paid for the clean-up. He did say, however, the cost of doing similar work ranges between \$3,000 and \$11,000. "We'll (the town) be seeking a penalty that reflects the cost to the town and local taxpayers, he said.

The clean-up involved boarding up the mill and removing broken glass and other debris from the property, said Mr. Ustrzycki. Before the clean-up, the property was a "public safety hazard," he said. During the fall there were four reported incidents of arson at the site, continued Mr. Ustrzycki.

To ensure no entry to the property, Mr. Ustrzycki said, police patrol the location regularly.

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