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Market plaza expansion

At least some of the residents whose property is next to the Georgetown Market Place plaza walked away satisfied Tuesday after Halton Hills Site Plan Committee gave final approval to the expansion of the plaza.

One resident told committee members the changes made to the design of the expansion have benefited the residents. "I feel better now," added the resident.

Another resident however, wasn't so satisfied. When the developer, ICI properties of Toronto, said a noise study determining the effect increased truck traffic in the mall area would have on neighboring residents will not be done, the resident responded by saying one is necessary.

Town Mayor Russ Miller said the town didn't require a noise study being done. The mayor went on to state the applicant has tried to do everything possible to appease the residents concern and "people don't appreciate it."

He qualified his criticism saying he appreciated the comments from the resident who recognized changes had been made to the proposal so concerns of the neighboring residents are better met.

The approximately 20 residents in attendance at the site plan meeting live in the Calvertdale development in Georgetown. Their backyards will border the area of the planned new Woolco department store.

The expansion calls for the doubling in size of the plaza from approximately 150,000 square feet to almost 300,000 square feet. Included in the expansion will be Woolco department store and the conversion of the existing plaza into an outdoor mall. Additional retail spaces will also be part of the expansion. Cliff Levy, who appeared on behalf of ICI properties at the meeting, told the committee the Woolco store will be

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Away in a Manger

In keeping with the spiritual side of Christmas, Norval's Presbyterian Church on Highway 7 has erected this manger scene for all to enjoy. (Herald photo)

Apartment complex controversy resolved

By BEN DUMMETT
 The Herald

A Georgetown couple in their 80's living on the seventh floor of the Royal Ascot apartment complex on Hall Road are resting easier now.

The couple, along with the other residents living on the seventh floor of the apartment building, have been without elevator service for more than two weeks.

Wednesday, Toronto-based Northern Elevator Service Limited replaced the computer chip controlling the elevator's movement it had removed approximately two weeks ago. The company took the chip because it hadn't been paid the \$60,000 owed to it by the builder of the apartment, Toronto's Granville Construction, for originally installing the elevator.

After several meetings involving Town Mayor Russ Miller, the province, Toronto's Prenor Trust, a trust company involved with the apartment complex, and Sam Diamond, the receiver-manager for Royal Ascot, Prenor Trust decided to pay the elevator company a certain sum of money to replace the chip.

Jocelyne Delaney, Manager of Commercial Mortgages for the trust company, wouldn't reveal the agreed upon amount, during an interview Wednesday.

Prenor Trust is in charge of paying off Granville's outstanding debts associated with the apartment building. The debts involve many building trades and total "\$2 million and change," said Ms. Delaney. She wouldn't reveal the amount of money paid to the elevator company, saying it will be revealed during an upcoming court hearing. The hearing is to decide which outstanding debts will be paid. Mr. Delaney didn't know the court hearing date.

Reluctant to pay Northern Elevator until the court hearing, Ms. Delaney said the company decided to pay after being unable to obtain the chip from another elevator company, to put the elevator at Royal Ascot apartment complex back in service.

Mayor Miller said the trust

company felt "it was being held for ransom." Prenor Trust speculated if it gave in to Northern Elevator other companies still owed money would start removing parts of the work they did.

The Trust company's lawyer is investigating if legal action can be taken against the elevator company.

Northern Elevator President Barry Pletch said Thursday contrary to comments made by others involved in the controversy, the company wasn't paid anything. "We've only been given a letter saying we will be paid \$28,000 of the \$60,000 outstanding."

The chip was taken as a last resort, said Mr. Pletch. "We haven't been paid for a year and

no one was giving us a straight answer. One person would tell us we'd get 10 cents on the dollar and others were saying we'd get nothing."

Blaming the provincial Liens Act, Mr. Pletch said his company is embroiled in six other similar situations.

Meanwhile, Town Building Director Ron Shettell said a stop work order has been placed on construction of the recreation centre at the apartment building. The work order was placed because of deficient construction in the area of roof flashings and some structural supports, he said. Mr. Shettell said the order would be removed when compliance with the building code had been completed in these areas. Mr. Shettell is hopeful this work will happen this weekend.

Halton Hills cares

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
 The Herald

The generous and giving spirit of Christmas is helping the Acton Food Bank and "Love In Christ" food bank in Georgetown cope with rapidly increasing numbers of needy area families.

"Over the past three weeks, we've seen more and more

families needing food," said Laura Ellison, co-ordinator of the Georgetown service. "I think the increase is due to the economy."

"Love In Christ," in the Mountainview Baptist Church at Mountainview Road and Comsetgate, once served 30 families a week. Now, over 50 families accept canned good and non-perishable

items, so the little funds they have can be used to keep a roof over their heads.

Joan Waldie, co-ordinator of the Acton food bank is seeing the same need in her community. Since opening on Oct. 9 in the Canada Packers building, demand for their services has in-

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