

Acton development awaits study

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Feelings of both optimism and pessimism were expressed during a public meeting Monday at the Halton Hills Civic Centre over the viability of what is being referred to as "the blue print" for residential development in the Acton urban area.

Town Planning Director Ian Keith told General Committee and the approximately 60 people attending the meeting that the Acton Urban Area Residential Implementation Study could go before council as early as this spring for final approval. General Committee is comprised of the Town councillors.

However, Mayor Russ Miller disagreed saying it could take years before the final contents of the study are agreed upon. The mayor anticipates developers' self-interest will delay any agreement on where residential development in Acton should happen for a long time.

The mayor went on to suggest the proposed study indicates developers, instead of Town Council, are deciding where housing should be located in the Acton urban area.

To that, Acton Councillor Norm Elliott said "I take offense at the mayor making political statements during a public meeting." A public meeting is used to gather information for the staff to consider when deciding on a recommendation concerning development.

In response to the Mayor's comment that the study allows for runaway development, Coun. Elliott said "if there is going to be runaway development, it will be a stampede of three or four horses."

The study states the five urban areas of Acton - Acton east, northeast, northwest, west and

southwest - could accommodate 1,382 housing units. If this number were built, Acton's population would increase to 10,000 people, up from the current population of 6,700.

The Town's consultant and the study's author, Wendy Nott, said the Prospect Park well would have to be operating at capacity before all the houses could be built. As well, land would have to be set aside for a possible new elementary school and a community park, she added.

Depending on the area, the proposed housing ranges from single family dwellings to a mixture of this type of housing, and apartments or semi-detached housing, said Ms. Nott.

Canada Packers, owner of the Beardmore Tannery property in Acton, was the principle objector to the study as presented. The company's representative, Philip Pound, urged the study be rejected until the Beardmore Tannery property is recognized as land for residential housing.

"We feel the property is an excellent redevelopment opportunity to provide a range of densities in close proximity to the downtown core," said Mr. Pound.

In an attempt to alleviate possible fears the soil on the property is contaminated, Mr. Pound said the company has a certificate from the province's Ministry of Environment indicating the soil is clean.

Mr. Keith told General Committee members he would contact the province about the certificate.

Several representatives of developers owning property in the Acton area, including the Acton East Development Group, urged council to adopt the study so they could proceed with planned projects.



The fastest cars in the annual North Halton District Kub Kar Rally sped across the finish line in fine style last Saturday at St. Andrew's United Church. The top 25 fastest cars qualified to compete in the Regional Kub Kar Rally, set for March 23 at Holy Cross Church Hall in Georgetown. Pictured

above, left to right, are the owners of the fastest cars from first to fourth. Mathew McKim, of 1st Hornby; Trevor Midwinter, of 1st Hornby; David McKay of 1st Hornby and Chris Armstrong of 1st Georgetown. (Photo by Jean Layman)



There were Cubs and cars galore last Saturday at St. Andrew's United Church hall, located at the corner of Mountainview Road and Sinclair Avenue in Georgetown, as the annual Cubs Car Rally took centre stage. The car rally helped kick-off National Scouts and Guides Week in Canada, from Feb. 17-23,

with numerous other activities planned. Pictured above, left to right, David Welte, 1st Limehouse, Donald Brooks, 1st Limehouse and John Stapleton, 1st Georgetown, get their 'mean machines' ready for the race. (Herald photo)

Scouting movement alive and well

By JEAN LAYMAN
Herald Special

Scouts do their best wherever they are, and whatever they are doing.

They can be trusted and are loyal.

Scouts are kind and thoughtful. Scouts' motto is "Be Prepared" and that goes for everything they do.

Scouts are trained to look after themselves and to help other people. The important part of Scout training is that it is learning by doing.

Scouts are practical people. They are good citizens. They have courage.

Scouts have a sense of adventure. They learn to understand and appreciate the world around them.

They hike, camp and explore. Scouts cross national boundaries and find other Scouts.

The Scout badge and left handshake mean friendship and goodwill around the world.

MOTTOES

Beavers - "Sharing, Sharing, Sharing."
Cubs - "Do Your Best."
Scouts - "Be Prepared."
Venturers - "Challenge."
Rovers - "Service."

SLOGAN

The slogan of Scouts Canada is "Do a good turn daily."

Many groups in North Halton District will be observing February 22nd, the birth date of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell - two people whose work has affected the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

Thursday is a memorial to the late Chief Scout of the World (the founder of Scouting) as well as the late Chief Guide of the World. Banquets and Church parades are all organized for the week of Feb. 17th to 24th.

In 1907 Boy Scouts officially began when Baden-Powell formed the nucleus of the group as we know it today. B.P.'s experimental camp was held on Brownsea Island, the summer of 1907 and by 1908 troops were formed across Canada.

A program for boys of the age 8 years to 11 was started in 1916 known as Cubs.

Rovers for youth ages 17 to 27 was started in 1917.

Venturers, a program for youth ages 14 to 17 years was started in 1968.

Beavers, a program for boys ages 5 years to 8 was officially started in 1974.

North Halton District has close to 550 registered members.

North Halton District
Scouts Canada

District President - Dennis White.

District Commissioner - Elaine Hannah.

Secretary - Dawn Livingstone.

Treasurer - Barbara Durham.

Community Relations - Sandy Booth.

Press/District Scouter - Jean Layman.

Honors and Awards - Evelyn Owen.

Group Servicing - Sue Walton, Bryan Osatchuk.

1st Georgetown Chairman - Karla Rattenbury, St. John's.

2nd Georgetown Chairman - Greg Harrison, St. George's.

4th Georgetown Chairman - Brian Lackey, St. Andrew's.

5th Georgetown Chairman - Marilyn Alcorn, St. Francis School.

1st Ashgrove Chairman - Murray Brownridge, Hillcrest Church.

1st Hornby Chairman - Murray Brownridge, Pineview School.

1st Glen Williams Chairman - Rick Golding, St. Albans/Glen School.

1st Limehouse Chairman - Dennis White, Limehouse School.

1st Acton Chairman - Andrea Schiller, Scout Hall.

3rd Acton Chairman - Karl Heide, Scout Hall.

Regional Executive President - Ted Cooper.

Commissioner - Mike Thomas.

Field Executive - Myles Vanni.

Obituary

Aileen Agnes Bradley

A former employee of The Herald and executive officer of the Seniors Belles and Bows and Tenants Association for the Durham Street Seniors home passed away suddenly on Feb. 15 in her 81st year.

Aileen Agnes Bradley worked for the Herald for 15 years during the 70's and 80's performing such office duties as accounting, proof-reading and billing.

Mrs. Bradley was a community volunteer working with such organizations as the Halton Hills Distress and Information Centre. She also canvassed for various local organizations and belonged to the Business and Professional Women's club, no longer in existence.

"She was always ready to help someone," remembers her daughter, Sandra Timleck of Georgetown. "She wasn't a flamboyant person but she always did something good for people that would make them happier and more comfortable. She always had a great sense of humor."

Mrs. Bradley was the daughter of Margaret and Stafford Groat who used to be caretakers of the old Georgetown post office.

She was the loving mother of son Brock who resides with his wife Doreen, in Ottawa; Gretchen (Mrs. Nicholas Smith) of Derby, England; Claire (Mrs. David Hart) of Edmonton and Sandra (Mrs. Barry Timleck) of Georgetown. Dear grandmother of Heather, Gordon, Jonathon, Kevin, Keith, Heather, Warren, Andrea, Marci, Andrew, Jane, Katrina and Monolito. Dear great-grandmother of Adam, Jesse and Sarah.

Friends were received at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home on Trafalgar Road north of Maple Avenue on Monday where funeral and committal service was held in the chapel on Tuesday. Cremation followed.

In memory, contributions to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Canadian Cancer Association would be appreciated.

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