

Acton road closure put on hold

At the request of several residents on St. Helena Road in Acton, Halton Hills Council decided Monday to defer deciding on whether to close St. Helena Road to Oct. 7.

Council heard from three St. Helena Road residents who called on council not to close the roadway. They claimed stopping up the roadway would prevent emergency vehicles from gaining access as well as ultimately encourage expansion of neighboring quarrying activity.

Mayor Miller said council would never close the road if the residents objected. He reminded residents council first considered the idea of closing the road several years ago after some of the residents requested the roadway be closed. Residents wanted the roadway closed to deter bikers and snowmobilers from using the roadway.

Alan Ernest, manager of the Bruce Trail, also appeared before council to protest the road closure. He said closing the roadway would prevent people from gaining access to the part of the Bruce Trail that runs in the area of the roadway.

Reading material

Town council directed staff Monday to determine if there was money in the budget to buy 25 coffee table books of photography capturing scenes of the Credit River. Credit Valley Conservation Authority General Manager Vicki Barron said if council bought a minimum of 25 books it would receive a 25 per cent discount off of the \$40.00 per book price tag. Ms. Barron said sales from the book would go towards projects aimed at protecting the Credit River wetlands.

Nature wins out

Town council decided Monday to keep a Harold Street woodlot in Georgetown in its natural state.

Council made its decision at the urging of Georgetown resident Barbara Halsall. Ms. Halsall said the area was always designated



as parkland and therefore should be maintained that way. Anytime council has the opportunity to protect trees it should, said Ms. Halsall.

Purchase offer rejected

Councillors rejected an offer by Halton Hills resident Bill Wheeler to purchase a town snow removal truck for \$13,000.

Council made its decision on the basis that the sale would contradict the Town's bylaw concerning the sale of equipment. According to the bylaw, any Town equipment for sale is sold at public auction. Town treasurer Ray King told councillors the bylaw is in place to protect council from being accused of favoritism.

Realtors get break

Local realtor Gary Brand informed council Monday through a letter that the province has now exempted real estate agents from the Retail Business Holidays Act. That means realtors can keep their offices open Sunday.

Earlier this year, Mr. Brand appeared before Council urging it to take steps towards having Halton Hills recognized as a tourist area under the RBHA. This exemption would permit all businesses in Halton Hills to open

Sundays.

Home Week

Town Council, Monday, declared the week of Sept. 22-28 as Ontario Home Week in Georgetown and Acton. Ontario Home Week is a celebration of homes and communities and the homeowners that live in them.

Wastewise nominated

Council learned Monday the local recycling operation Wastewise has been nominated for the 1991 Lieutenant Governor's Conservation Award. The winners will be announced in early October.

Ominous letter

"Ominous" is the word Acton councillor Norm Elliott used to describe a letter appearing before council Monday from the Ontario Ministry of Environment's Approval Branch on the Acton Dump proposal.

The letter states the Approvals Branch is satisfied leachate from a landfill "will not in any way put in jeopardy the water supplies for your community."

This sentence puts in question all of the work the Town and local environmental group Protect Our Water Environmental Resources (POWER) has done to stop the project from going ahead, he said.

Coun. Elliott suggested the Approvals Branch is incompetent because the letter says one thing but verbally, the Approvals Branch gives another message. He was referring to Coun. Pat McCarthy's claim the Approvals Branch told him over the telephone the leachate would have a negligible impact on Halton Hills' water supply.

The Acton dump proposal must be subjected to a full hearing before the fate of the application is determined by the environment ministry.

Council directed Mayor Russ Miller to write the Approvals Branch expressing its disappointment in the letter.

Veteran Acton town councillor declares municipal election plans

Halton Hills Councillor Norm Elliott has declared his candidacy for the upcoming November 12 municipal election. Mr. Elliott, who is seeking to maintain his position as town councillor in Ward 1, joins local political incumbents town councillor Gerald Rennie and Halton Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette who have declared their candidacy in Ward 1.

Mr. Elliott, 47, has lived in Acton all his life and has been a town councillor in Halton Hills for six years. He hopes to continue his position with town council in order to stay involved with issues that face the town.

"Within the next year, there will be a lot of pressure and many issues in Acton concerning development," said Coun. Elliott. "I would like to provide the town with my judgement on these matters."

Mr. Elliott, a father of three and an insurance broker with R.H. West Insurance Brokers Ltd. in Georgetown, said he is a pro-development councillor. He explained development is good for the community, so long as it is well-scrutinized.

"No municipality ever improved by staying static," stated Mr. Elliott.

He is pleased that town council approved the construction of a new fire station with a fire pump in Acton this year. He explained the new station, which is expected to be completed by 1992,



Norm Elliott

will improve fire safety service in Acton.

Mr. Elliott said he decided to run for a position on town council six years ago out of concern with the lack of development in the Acton area. He added that he knew the town quite well and he felt his knowledge and experience would benefit the community.

Mr. Elliott, who also sits on the town Public Library Board and Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, explained that people must realize being a town councillor is more than just attending meetings.

"There is extensive reading material to go through concerning applications and town planning issues. It's a lot more work than just attending Monday evening meetings."

Police Beat

Impaired driving

Halton Regional Police have charged an Acton woman with impaired driving after she collided with another vehicle on Guelph Street, east of Delrex Boulevard August 24 causing severe damage to both cars. Police say the Acton woman, driving a 1985 Chevrolet coupe, was eastbound on Guelph when she hit the median in the centre of the roadway, bounced back and struck the 1981 GMC pickup driven by a Georgetown man. No one was injured.

Storage theft

Police report \$2,911 worth of gas barbecues, air conditioners, lawn mowers, lawn furniture and ladders were stolen Friday night from a storage trailer parked at the rear of Canadian Tire in Georgetown. Police say unknown persons broke the lock of the trailer by hitting it with an object and removed the property inside. Police are continuing their investigation.

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