

The Canada Employment Centre for Students (CECS) for Halton Hills will open Monday, April 30, CECS supervisor Robin Quon announced Wednesday. The Centre will be located behind the Georgetown CEC, at 232 Guelph St.—the same location as last year.

The Georgetown CECS will act

as the focal point for information on summer jobs in Halton Hills. Supervisor Robin Quon and Student Placement Officer Susan Shepherd will assist students in finding summer employment and aid employers in their search for summer help.

Quon noted that students who have registered in previous years

with the CECS will have to re-register this year. Students are encouraged to drop by the CECS and meet with the staff to discuss summer employment as well as to look over the current job openings.

Acton students can register at the Acton District High School

Student Services Office. Students are highly recommended to be very detailed in filling out registration cards.

Quon and Shepherd will also be visiting local employers to discuss their summer student employment needs and keep them informed on the availability of student workers.

The Canada Employment Centre for Students is an integral part of Challenge 90, the Federal Government's employment strategy for Canada's youth.

The hours will be Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. The telephone number is 877-7797 or 877-7751.

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## Housing complex proposed for Stone School



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### Wanna a Big Mac?

McHappy Day has become almost a tradition, with McDonald Restaurants all over Ontario staffing their counters with representatives from businesses, service groups, politicians and celebrities to promote Ronald McDonald House and other

children's charities. Taking part in the fun at noon Wednesday were, from left, Ernie Skrow of Meadowglen Mushrooms, Barbara Johnson, director of the Children's Aid Society, Mayor Russ Miller and Kathy Schnick of Neilson's Dairy.

An application has been submitted to the Town by the Halton Non-Profit Housing Corporation (HNPHC) to incorporate Acton's Stone School in a 22-unit residential complex.

The old building, located on School Lane next to Robert Little Public School, will be converted into four residential units, and the remaining 18 units will be built around it, according to the proposal.

The application is currently being reviewed by municipal and Provincial agencies. It will not be considered by council until all relevant comments have been collected and reviewed by the Town's Planning Department.

After that a public meeting will be held, which is not expected for another two to four months, according to Planning Director Ian Keith.

Well before that happens, Keith added, a meeting will be set up between HNPHC General Manager Rash Mohammed and members of PACT (Parents Assisting Children and Teachers), a group opposed to any housing developments involving the Stone School. It is Mohammed's intention to discuss all aspects of the proposal with PACT in an attempt to alleviate their concerns.

In a letter published in the Acton Free Press two weeks ago, PACT outlined its opposition to the proposal, stating several reasons for its concern.

The group's main bone of contention is the safety of the children attending Robert Little School may be jeopardized by construction and increased traffic in the area. PACT also stated it is concerned with the possible destruction of parkland, old trees and the historical nature of the Stone School should the proposal be approved.

## Acton stop back on track with GO?

By PAUL DORSEY

Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy has made a personal commitment to have an Acton stop established on the GO train extension announced in Tuesday's Provincial budget.

"You have my personal commitment there will be a stop," he assured Councillor Rick Bonnette Wednesday, "but I have to convince the rest of the GO Transit board of directors and the Provincial government."

A member of the GO board, Pomeroy said he expects a chance any day to discuss the Acton stop with Transportation Minister Bill Wrye.

The GO transit service expansion announced by Ontario Treasurer Bob Nixon as part of the 1990 budget includes extending daily commuter service to Guelph. The line currently runs from Toronto to Georgetown, forcing Acton commuters to drive to Georgetown to catch the train.

Bonnette had determined that the extension to Guelph will include early morning and late afternoon stops along the way.

"Surely they wouldn't bypass Acton," Bonnette said.

Pomeroy agreed with Bonnette that the service expansion should include the long-awaited Acton stop that MP Otto Jelinek once

promised to establish with VIA Rail. The commuter service Jelinek eventually lined up for Acton left Bonnette and other local officials less than satisfied and, by the Town's choice, it was never implemented.

Bonnette pointed out he's more recently pinned hopes on Bombardier, the Montreal firm setting up the Canadian Commuter Rail lines to serve several Ontario communities. Acton is under consideration as a stop on the proposed Toronto to Kitchener-Waterloo line.

"I'm afraid this could knock the Bombardier application on the shelf because of duplication," he said.

Pomeroy indicated he knew some weeks ago the Province was planning to expand GO rail service to fill the void left by the Federal government's VIA cutbacks. He was unable to say anything publicly prior to Nixon's announcement.

"GO is obviously being enhanced because of the VIA cutbacks," he acknowledged, "and those VIA trains were always full, so there is a clear need."

"It's premature to say anything about the Acton stop, but it's obvious it should happen. We'll do our utmost."

Milton Councillor Bill Johnson even had a nickname for Acton rail connection: the "Leather Line".

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