

Application opposed

A proposal by Nick Ferraro to build a 10,000 square-foot garage and workshop behind his Trafalgar Rd./15 Sdrd. residence met with opposition by a small group of neighbors during a public meeting Monday night. Ferraro's lawyer Bert Arnold argued the proposal represents a small, commercial use, but the primary function will still be residential. However, solicitor Newton Glassmon claimed it will be a heavy industrial use, which will "change the character of the neighborhood," that will "unnecessarily hinder the use of adjoining properties." Council is awaiting a final report before deciding on the application.

Van request

Laura Ellison of Love In Christ Food Bank has asked to purchase a Town-owned van, half-ton or three-quarter ton truck for her organization to use. Councillors are expecting a verbal report from staff before Apr. 15 on the availability of Town vehicles.

Development opposed

The proposal by Athanasoulis and Katsilieris to redevelop the former Canadiana Restaurant on Hwy.7 in Acton will soon be taken to the Ontario Municipal Board. Resident Joanne Vranic is opposing the development because of concerns over traffic and lack of privacy. Town Councillors approved Vranic's request Monday night to have the dispute settled by the OMB.

Bike-A-Thon

The Town of Halton Hills, in conjunction with the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, will be hosting a Bike-A-Thon on Sunday, May 26 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will replace this year's annual Mayor's Road Race, in order to avoid dividing interest between the two events. The Bike-A-Thon will be used as a fundraising event for the NHADH. The proposed route is 23 km long, beginning at Ollie's Cycle Shop downtown, and ending up at Cedarvale Park. The route will wind through the urban and rural areas of town.

Council briefs

For more info, contact the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600.

LACAC funding

Councillor Norm Elliott informed council Monday that the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) will receive up to \$8,750 from the Ontario Heritage Foundation to help

with their "inventory of significant and historical features of Halton Hills." LACAC must raise an equal amount of funds itself to be eligible for the grant. Elliott noted the local organization will be recruiting people to help with the project this summer.

Stoop and Scoop

Councillor Pat McCarthy, concerned that the "spring thaw has uncovered many treasures" this year, reminded council that the Town has a "stoop and scoop" bylaw, and asked staff to place signs in public parks to

remind residents of it. Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bob Ustrzycki will be looking into the matter.

Banning signs?

Councillor Pam Johnston, concerned over "the safety of people and the Civic Centre," has requested that placards on wooden sticks, and food and drink, be banned from council chambers. Councillors Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie supported the idea, but Councillor Anne Currie claimed it would be denying the right of free speech. The matter went unresolved Monday night.

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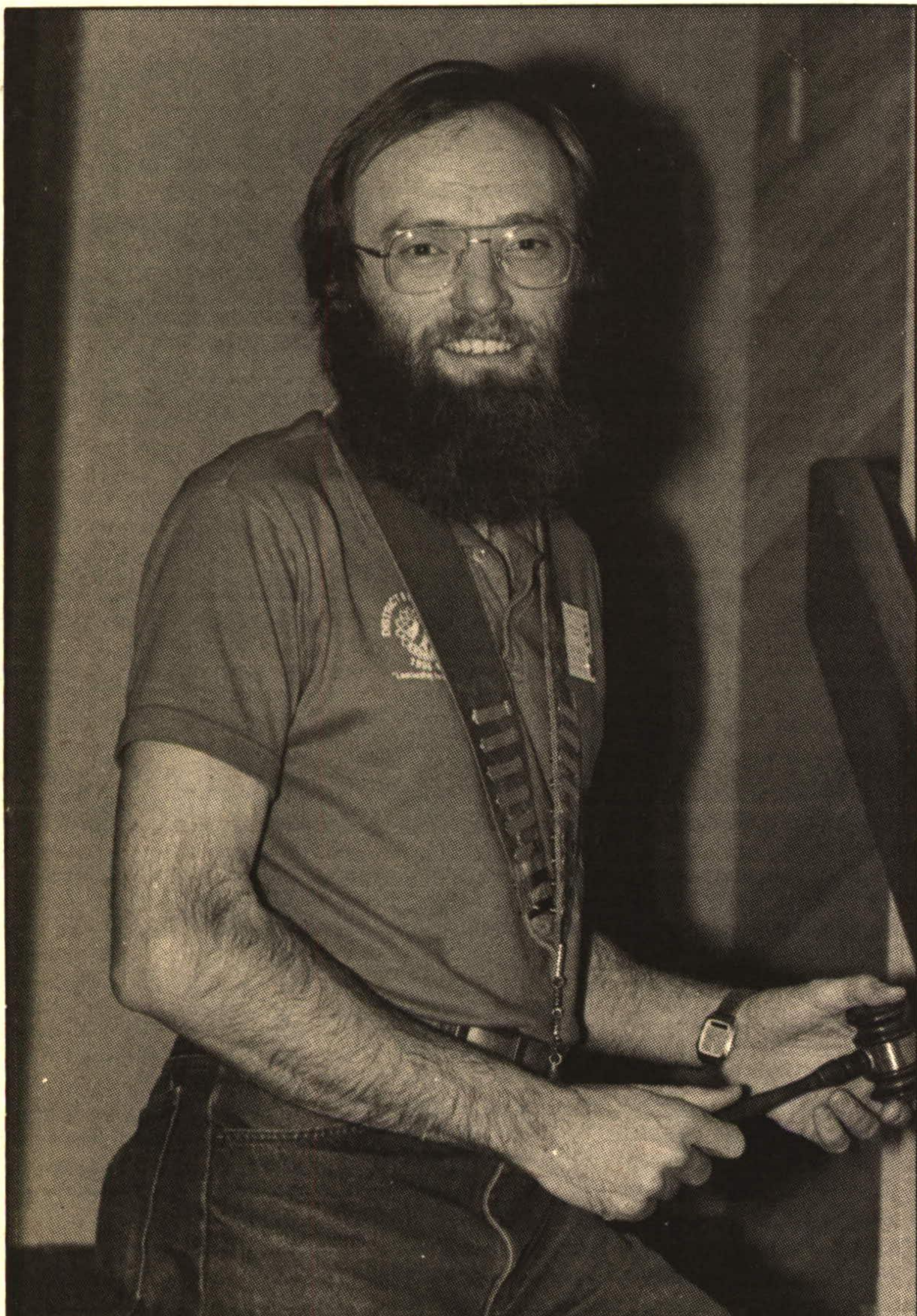
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Bruce Leonard, deputy governor of the Halton-Peel Zone, wielded a mighty gavel at the Kinsmen conference held at the Georgetown Racquet Club last Saturday. Photo by BARB STEPHENS

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