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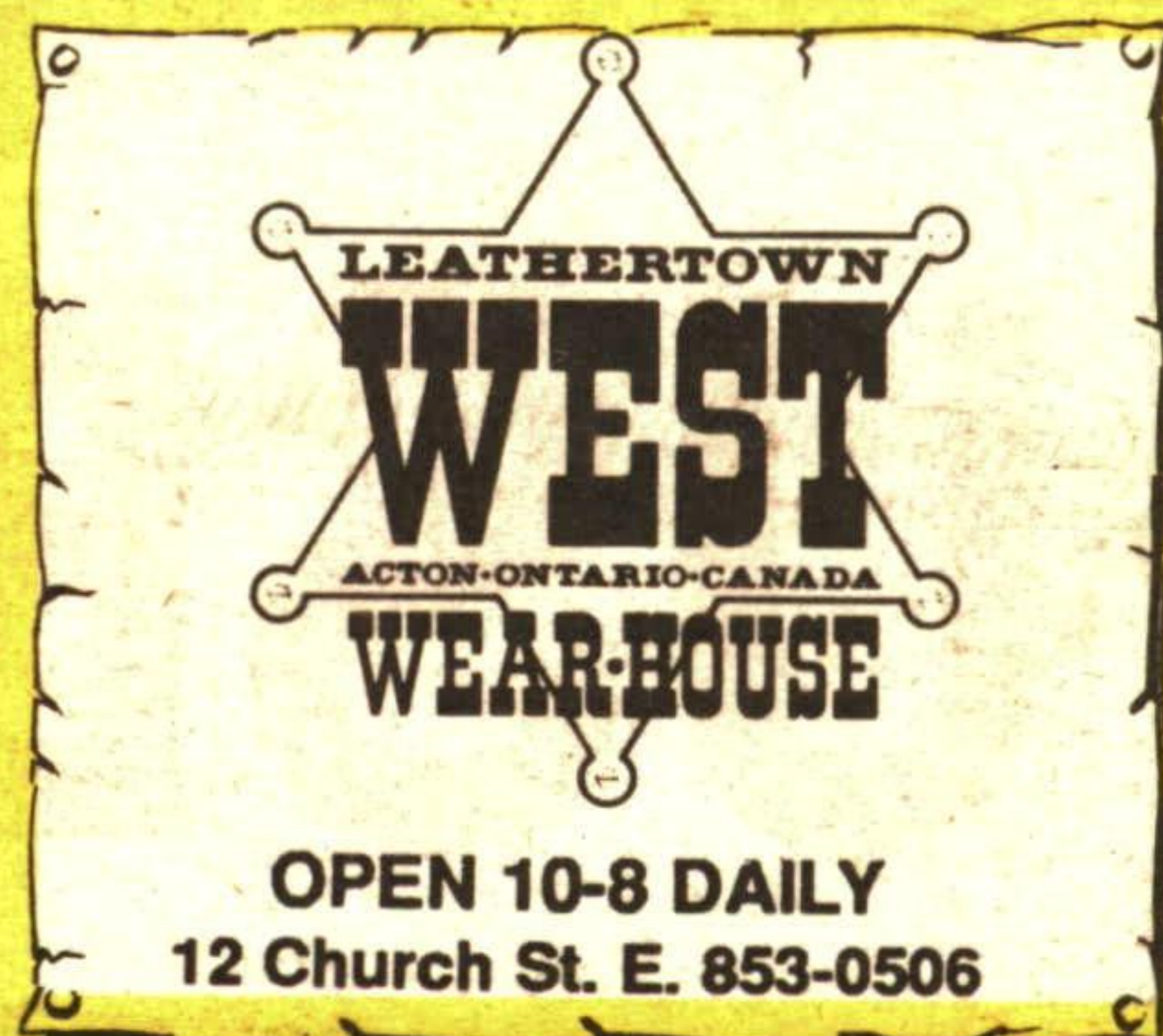
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Longtime volunteer Bettie Armstrong (left) was honored Monday night as Carol Robson of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross presented her with the Distinguished Service Award at the Georgetown Red Cross Annual Meeting and Awards night. More photos, page 10.
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Kingsmill development delayed by full hearing

By JANET BAINE

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing into the Georgetown development, Kingsmill on the Credit, will be held July 15 to 18, delaying the completion date for the 175 townhouses at least a month.

"The board has decided the proceedings must develop into a full hearing with enough time set aside to allow a proper case to continue," said board Chairman Ward Rodman at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing Wednesday. Rodman and board member Jim Mills deliberated for some time Wednesday before deciding to go ahead with the hearing.

The meeting opened with some legal manoeuvring on the part of both lawyers. Dennis Trinaistich, who represents Mike Armstrong, said his client wasn't given proper notice and the hearing should not go on, since he didn't have enough time to prepare. Armstrong has property adjacent to the development and he has appealed to the OMB for the hearing. There were no other objectors to the development at Wednesday's OMB meeting.

Lawyer Stephen LeDrew representing developer Larry Law asked the board to dispense with the hearing altogether, but this was dismissed by the board, which decided there is enough reason to carry on with a full hearing.

The delay caused by the OMB hearing leaves the people who have purchased townhouses without a place to live between Nov. 30th, when they were supposed to move in, and the date they will actually be able to move in.

Law expects the OMB will have a ruling by July 18, but if the ruling from the board is delayed further, then the completion date will also be dragged out, he said.

"I've got \$23,000 tied up in this," said Rob Rivers of Georgetown, 28,

one of the purchasers. He said in an interview he will be married in September, and plans to move into the townhouse with his wife at the end of November. If there is a delay, it leaves him without a place to live and with his money tied up. Rivers said most of the people who he saw at the sales offices were young people.

"This town is in dire need of affordable housing for our young people," Tom Politi, a Georgetown resident who objected to the delays

told the board. "This keeps being postponed, where are these people supposed to live?"

Rodman told LeDrew that any individual has a right to appeal the decision.

"I'm pleased they've got an early hearing date," Armstrong said after the decision was made.

The normal waiting period for an OMB hearing is 14 months, but this will go ahead after only three months because the OMB recognizes the urgency of the matter.

Law upset by delay

By JANET BAINE

Developer Larry Law is angered by the delay caused by former councillor Mike Armstrong's decision to take the Kingsmill on the Credit to an full OMB hearing, scheduled in July.

Armstrong's decision is "jeopardizing hundreds of purchasers and many (building) contracts are being held up," Law said.

Armstrong owns a piece of property adjacent to the land which will be developed. He has appealed a decision made by Halton Hills council to approve the 175-townhouse development. In March, in a letter to the Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment, Armstrong wrote, "I am opposed to driveways having direct access to Maple Ave., and I am not aware of any previous approvals given to former applications of condominium townhouse developments in Halton Hills."

A sworn statement signed by him on May 28 says, "It is my intention to build a house on the Maple Avenue property and to reside there with my new bride-to-be as our matrimonial home."

Armstrong, when interviewed

at the hearing Wednesday by this newspaper, was advised by his lawyer not to comment.

The OMB hearing is delaying construction of the development, which was to be completed by November 30. The delays will increase the cost of the project, Law said. He claimed he will have to pay some of the costs incurred by purchasers who will have to find another place to live during the interim.

Law questioned Armstrong's motive for bringing a decision to the OMB.

At the hearing on Wednesday, Law gave reporters a letter signed by Armstrong and dated March 27, 1991, saying that the two men have discussed an offer to purchase Armstrong's property for \$325,000. A report prepared for Law Development Group completed the following day by Stephen P. Saxe Ltd., a real estate valuation company, assessed the property and concluded it is worth \$77,500.

Law said he won't pay \$325,000 for a piece of land valued at \$77,500.

High speed chase

Two police cruisers were damaged following a high-speed chase in Georgetown early Wednesday morning.

At 3:10 a.m., Halton Regional Police were investigating a report of a stolen vehicle in Georgetown. A few moments later, police observed the stolen Landrover near Main St. and Henry St.

The driver refused to stop for police and a high-speed chase followed, police spokesperson said. The pursuit lasted about 10 minutes over a distance of eight kms at speeds of 60 to 80 km/hr. It ended when the stolen vehicle struck two police cruisers on

10th Line south of 20th Sdrd., police said.

The driver of the stolen vehicle was taken into custody.

There were no injuries resulting from the collision and the total damage estimate to all three vehicles is \$15,000. This includes \$5,500 damage to the supervisor's car and \$1,700 damage to the other police car.

A 22-year old Tottenham man has been charged with theft of a motor vehicle and dangerous driving. He was held in custody pending a bail hearing in Milton on Thursday, but the results of the hearing were not available at press time.

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