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G.D.C. School surveys views

Georgetown District Christian School Board is distributing a community survey to approximately 17,000 households in Halton Hills, Milton and Erin to monitor the views of residents toward alternative schools.

The survey questionnaires were distributed last week, primarily by Canada Post's letter carriers. The results of the survey will be made public toward the end of February, after the responses have been collated and analyzed by GDCS and the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, of which Georgetown District Christian School (GDCS) is a member.

Alternative schools are established and operated independently of the public and separate school systems. They receive no direct funding from provincial or municipal tax revenues.

GDCS serves an inter-denominational group of Christian families, most of whom live within Halton Hills. In recent years, the bus routes have been extended at the request of families from Milton, Rockwood and Erin.

Reception for councillors

Business people, retailers and events organizers are invited to attend a reception for the newly elected Town councillors of Halton Hills, sponsored by the Halton Hills Tourism Committee.

You can learn how to attract visitors to our area. Remember, visitors from out of town don't JUST shop, they gas up their vehicles, pick up a few groceries, stop for a bite of lunch, rent a ski package to try the trails... and if they really enjoy their visit, they just may come back with friends. We can ALL benefit by promoting tourism.

To attend this complementary reception at Jack Tanner's Table, Acton on Thursday, Nov. 21, 4-6 p.m., please register at 877-7119.



A van flipped over on its side in an accident with a truck Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the corner of Mill St. and McNab St. in Acton. The Works Department had to be called in to spread some

sand on the road because one of the vehicles was leaking oil. The accident was cleared up at 4 p.m. No more details were available at press time. TED BROWN/Halton Hills Weekend

Election bill tagged at \$55,360

By STUART JOHNSTON

The polls are in, the new and returning councillors will soon be settling down for another term, and all that's left now is...the bill.

Rough calculations of the costs for this year's civic election have tagged it at slightly over \$56,000, according to Clerk Janet Lunn Stewart.

Although the Town's budget for the election had been set at \$55,360, rising printing costs "and other factors" will "probably" push the final tally "a tad over budget," but the exact amount will not be known for a few weeks, she added.

The election involved a total of 30 town staff, 93 poll clerks, 93 DROs (District Returning Officers) and another dozen people on standby.

Staff salaries, supplies, advertisements, postage, ballot printing, extra telephones and renting private buildings for polling stations all contributed to the costs. Schools, churches and institutions cannot, by law, receive payment if used as polling stations.

"The clerk's staff have been working on the election since April, but since the beginning of September, it's taken up probably 60-70 per cent of my time, plus two other staff members," Stewart added. "In the last two weeks, I'd say 90 per cent of my time has been devoted to it."

Stewart, who took over as town clerk this summer after Delmar French retired, commented that the election has been a "baptism of fire" for her.

Stores can open Sundays in Brampton; but Halton police will enforce law here

Halton Regional Police Service will lay charges against any business which opens on Sunday here.

"It's business as usual," Sgt. Carey Smith of Halton's Media Relations Bureau said on Thursday.

Smith was questioned if there would be a change in Halton police policy after it was learned Peel Regional Police would not lay any charges against Brampton businesses who want to open Sunday.

Brampton stores will be allowed to open on Sundays from now until December 29 without fear of being charged under the Retail Business Holidays Act (RBHA).

Peel police says they won't lay charges because of Bill 115 amending the RBHA. The provincial bill, which is still being discussed in the Legislature, could allow stores to open Sundays in December prior to Christmas legally.

However, Halton North MPP Noel Duignan pointed out the bill's amendment would allow Sunday openings only on the four Sundays before Christmas and not any after. Although he wasn't certain on the bill's schedule, he anticipated it would return to the Legislature for discussion and possibly passage next week.

He added that if Peel police were allowing stores to open now, they "are not enforcing the laws of the Legislature."

Landfill bid doesn't meet requirements

By JANET BAINE

Reclamation Systems Inc.'s proposal to turn the Acton quarry into a landfill doesn't meet the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. That's according to a document just released by the Ministry of Environment.

The 300-page Review of Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Acton Quarry Landfill, also called the "Blue Book" has been expected out since April. Copies of it were mailed out Wednesday.

The report concludes that Reclamation Systems Inc.'s proposal doesn't meet the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act, said Tim Sharp, review coordinator for the project.

A 60-day period for public review of the document will begin this Wednesday, November 20.

Walter Graziani, president of Reclamation Systems Inc., who received his report Friday, doesn't sound worried.

"I'm very pleased that it has been published, because now we can move on in the (Environmental Assessment process)," Graziani said. "I'm very pleased that the Ministry found we met with all the technical requirements regarding groundwater. We still have some problems with our planning process." But Graziani is sure these can be straightened out during the 60 day period for commenting on the report.

Barbara Halsall of POWER hadn't yet seen the document and couldn't comment on it.

Dianne Van de Valk, who also hadn't seen it, said the document is irrelevant as far as her group, Furiously Opposed to the Acton Dump (FOAD) is concerned.

"We have legal justification to say this application doesn't belong within the Environmental Assessment process. We're preparing an injunction against the Ministry of Environment to stop it," she said.

Sorry for the delay

The Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delay in receiving your Wednesday copy of the paper.

Carriers and stores received the paper much later than normal because of a delay in election results and delivery problems.

JACK TANNER'S TABLE PRESENTS

DINNER DANCES

Let us entertain you with the time honoured tradition of fine dining and dancing. As always, we offer quality a-la-carte service from our menu or seasonal specials. Dinner dances will begin Friday, December 6th and continue every Friday and Saturday evenings until Saturday, Dec. 21, 1991.

Now taking reservations for Jack Tanner's New Year's Eve Celebration.

Dinner only seatings begin at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner/Dance seatings begin at 8:30 p.m.

Companies, social gatherings or family and friends are all encouraged to book their holiday functions.

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