

# Proposal gets tentative approval after three years in limbo

Dave McNally's bid for a commercial plaza next to Georgetown's Neilson Dairy has finally been given tentative approval after over three years of waiting.

Councillors gave the go-ahead last Tuesday night after McNally complained that he has waited too

long for approval. Council's final approval is expected on March 30.

McNally said that he has tried in vain to develop the land for industry, which is what the parcel is zoned for. Three years ago he decided to rezone for commercial to build a small plaza, but claims he has

run into roadblocks ever since.

Aside from paying \$20,000 a year in taxes, McNally said he paid an additional \$55,000 in marketing and traffic studies as a requirement of the rezoning.

"I had countless meetings with council, I was encouraged to get my application in early," he said. "I did all of the studies, which all support my application, and then lo and behold, the planners also did a (marketing) study. I hoped I didn't have to wait for that study, but I did...And now, I'm being asked to wait for two more studies. It's like cutting the head off a hydra, and it's frustrating."

Councillors were considering holding off on McNally's approvals until the Urban Area Review Committee reviews a new marketing analysis study tomorrow (Thursday), and for the completion of a municipal transit study.

McNally insisted that he won't be building for at least two years, and because of a dispute with the Georgetown Marketplace, promised not to build a food store until 1999, or until the population reaches 30,000.

## Heritage building

The Beatty House, formerly known as "Moorecroft" on 98 Church St. in Acton has been tentatively designated as a heritage property by town council at the request of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee. The original house on the property was built in 1857, but it was moved to another location when Henry Philip Moore bought the property in 1896 and built another home. Moore was the owner and editor of the Acton Free Press for 50 years, as well as the clerk and treasurer for Acton, secretary treasurer of the Acton Board of Education and a member of the Acton Library Board. Anyone objecting to the new designation will have 30 days to appeal the decision before it is

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finalized.

### New vehicles purchased

Several new vehicles for the Engineering Department will be purchased by the town. A Chevy Sportvan at \$18,305.85, a pickup truck for \$18,879.55 and a Cutlass Sierra station wagon at \$18,278.10 from Andrew Murray Motors; and an International cab, chassis and refuse packer at a cost of \$90,461.70 from a Kitchener company were approved by council at a recent meeting.



## Scout-Guide service

Members of the 4th Georgetown Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides attended the recent Scout-Guide service at St. Andrew's Church. The junior choir performed.



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