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Soccer club makes 'pitch' to council

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Staff writer

Severe deficiencies in Acton's soccer fields prompted an angry pitch to town councillors Monday night for immediate assistance before serious injuries occur to the players.

Mary Bailey, on behalf of the Acton Soccer Club, complained to councillors that the 300 players in her organization are playing on sub-standard fields, yet, despite repeated complaints to town staff, nothing has been done about it.

Bailey noted that many of the pitches have "severe problems with

potholes, ruts, bike paths, the goal areas are dug out in an unbelievable way, and there is a constant problem with broken glass around the goal posts.

"It's difficult, dangerous and unfair to the children playing — the (fields) are in bad shape, and they need help," she said. "I'm requesting that council rectify the situation as soon as possible," before the players get injured.

There are 95 teams that use the Acton High School, McKenzie Smith Public School, Rotary Park and M.Z. Bennett school fields every night of the week, including weekends, Bailey added. However, the

Rotary Park field is in the worst shape, due to youths who recently tore it up while playing football after a severe rainstorm.

"We've lost its use completely this year," she said, adding that the loss has thrown a monkey wrench into the club's already difficult playing schedules.

"This is a complete catastrophe — we were promised action by the recreation department, but none is forthcoming," she charged. "Can you imagine how well Halton Hills will be thought of after hundreds of visiting soccer players come to Acton and report that we don't have the best fields?"

But, superintendent of parks Bryan Shynall explained that renovations, including reseeding, for the Rotary Park field was to begin this week. He noted that his staff have been making best efforts to keep the fields playable, adding that the Rotary Park location is expected to be in use again by August.

"We think we have a reasonable maintenance program with good results," he said.

Shynall also agreed to work with the soccer club to help reorganize its schedule for the season.

"Perhaps we do have the flexibility to reschedule field uses this year," he added.

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Glen Williams will host a Canada Day Celebration along with the help of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120.

The day will begin with a parade at noon. No admission will be charged and all entertainment is free.

The parade will assemble on Wednesday, July 1 at the parking lot across from Preston's store on Wildwood Road. If you are in the parade, please arrive no later than 11 a.m. to register and assemble.

The route will be down Beaver Street, to Alexander Street, to Confederation Street, to Main Street, ending at St. John's United Church.

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Class Document Review & Revision

Notice of Completion of Draft GO Transit, the interregional public transit service owned and operated by the Province of Ontario, has been carrying out an assessment and review of its current Environmental Assessment Class Document (Class EA). With comments and input received to date, GO has now completed a draft revised document.

The Class EA outlines the process for assessing the environmental impact of activities undertaken by GO Transit and ensuring that impacts are addressed and minimized, in compliance with Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.

Review agencies, municipalities, and members of the public have provided valuable input in the course of the review.

The draft revised GO Transit Class EA document is now available for public review at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Assessment Branch, 250 Davisville Avenue, 5th Floor, Toronto, (416) 440-3450. Anyone wishing to comment on the draft is encouraged to write GO Transit by July 6, 1992. The final version of the document is scheduled to be submitted in August to the Ministry of the Environment for approval.

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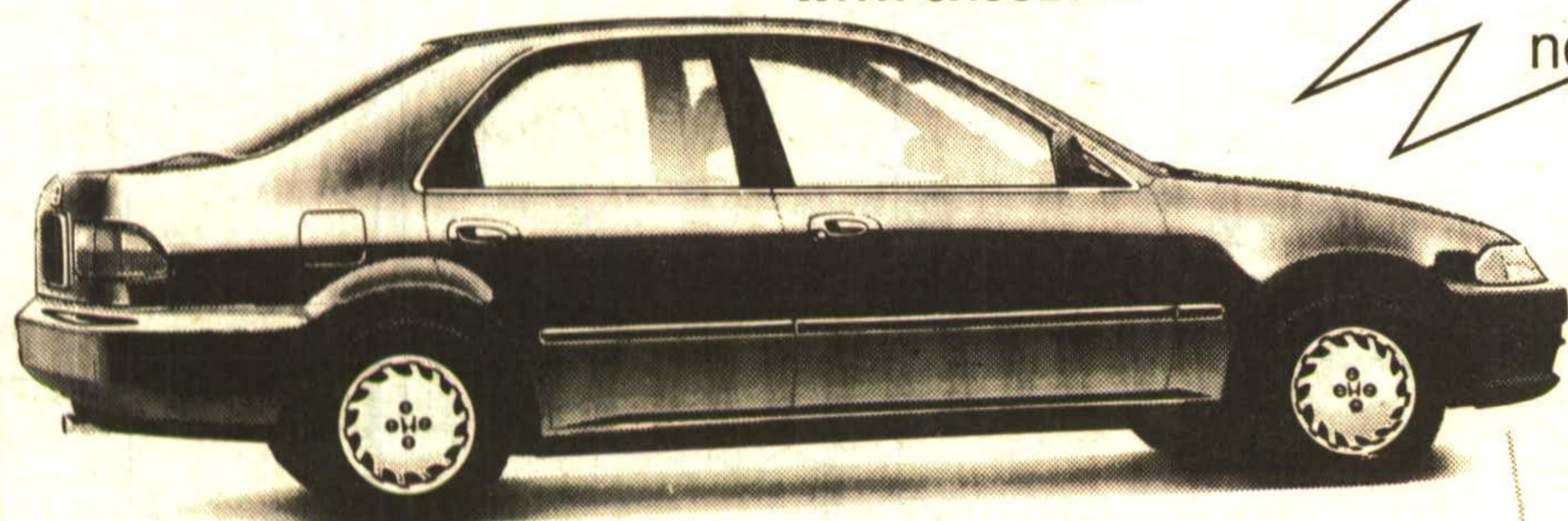
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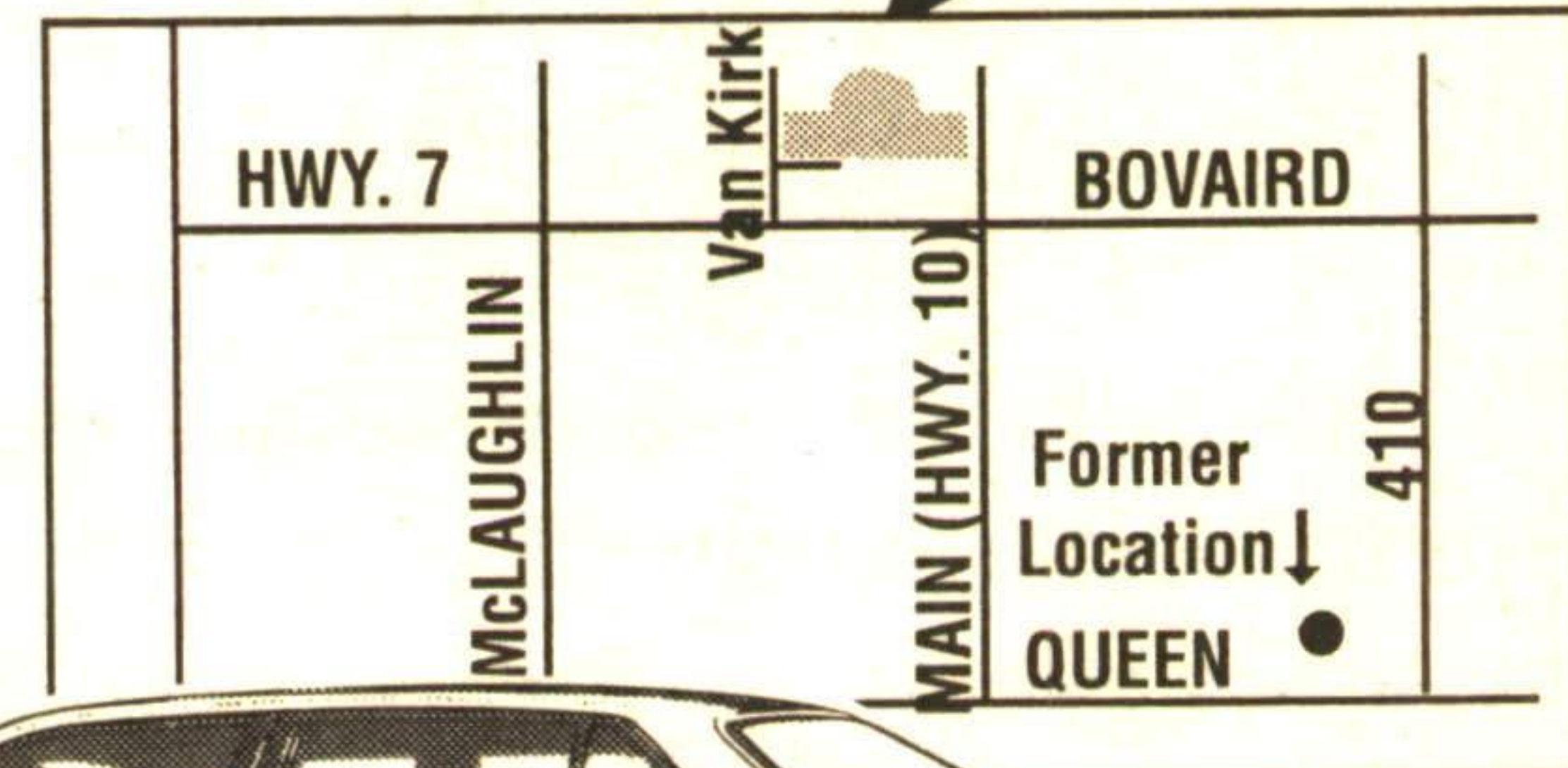
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