

# Cunneyworths get approval to relocate Acton butcher shop

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Christmas came early for Al and Janet Cunneyworth, the owners of Al & Al Red Brand Meats in Acton.

After a lengthy discussion Monday night council approved the Cunneyworths' request to have the zoning changed on their residential property on Main St., Acton to allow them to build a new structure there to house their butcher shop. The shop has run out of a rented location on Mill St. for nine years which Janet Cunneyworth said is in need of costly improvements and a hydro upgrade.

"There is a Santa Claus," said Cunneyworth. "There are actually 11 of them." She was referring to the fact 11 council members supported their rezoning. The only two opposed were Kathy Gastle and Bill Robson.

The new 2,500 sq. ft. two-storey building the Cunneyworths are planning to build on Main St. near River St. will have an upstairs apartment where the Cunneyworths plan to live. Their current home, which will have to be reduced in size to allow

for the new building, will be a rental property.

Town planning staff were opposed to the rezoning citing the development is inconsistent with the town's official plan, it is incompatible with the existing residential area and will intrude into a residential neighborhood, and it represents overdevelopment of the property.

"By encouraging this use here you are only spreading the peanut butter thinner," said the town's deputy director of planning Bruce MacLean referring to commercial ventures expanding outside of the downtown core. He added the development could encourage other applicants in the area to seek similar rezonings on their properties.

"The peanut butter is not off the slice of bread, it is on the outer rim," said Councillor Norm Elliott.

"There is no other viable site within the town for the Cunneyworths right now," said Elliott. The shop requires a concrete floor to support the equipment.

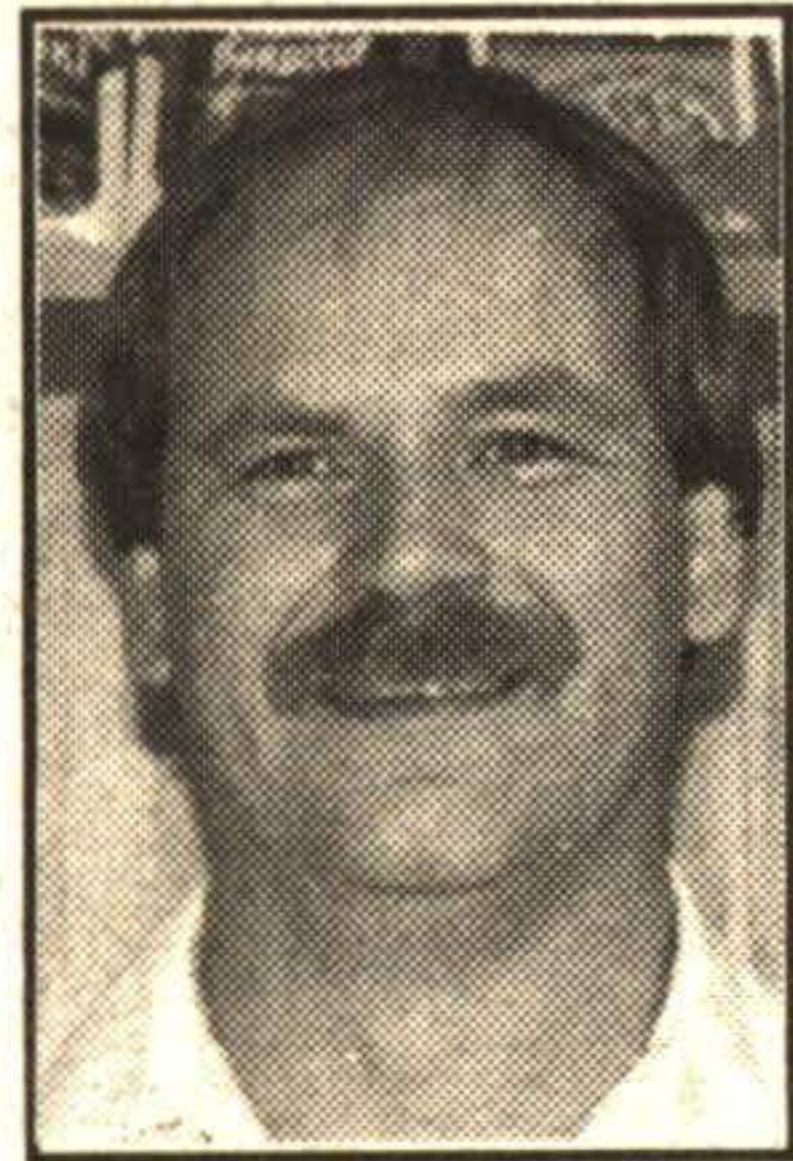
Councillor Anne Currie said neighbors are not concerned about the Cunneyworth proposal. Councillor Gerald Rennie said the Acton Business Improvement Area didn't see the rezoning as a problem.

Councillor Bill Robson was concerned that the rezoning was inconsistent with the Halton Hills official plan.

Janet Cunneyworth said after they receive site plan approval they hope to be able to begin building in the spring for a late spring or early summer opening.

They are looking forward to the move as they will have increased hydro power and the opportunity to spend more time with their children, who will be able to visit their parents in the downstairs shop.

Cunneyworth said her 12-year-old daughter was so excited by the news Monday night she wanted to call the councillors to thank them.



AL CUNNEYWORTH

## Council Briefs

### No prohibition

After doing a traffic survey of Wildwood Rd. in Glen Williams the town's engineering department determined the road was not receiving more traffic than other semi-urban roads in towns. Staff could not support a full or part-time heavy truck traffic prohibition on the road as requested by an area resident. Council received a

report on the survey at Tuesday's meeting.

### Glen truck traffic

A study of truck traffic in Glen Williams done by the town's engi-

neering department revealed the level of heavy truck traffic on Main St., Confederation St., Wildwood Rd., Eighth Line and Prince St. is not extraordinary. In a report presented to council Tuesday night engineering staff reported truck traffic along those roads ranged from 3 to 7 per cent. Ten per cent of heavy vehicle traffic isn't uncommon on similar roads. The report was received.

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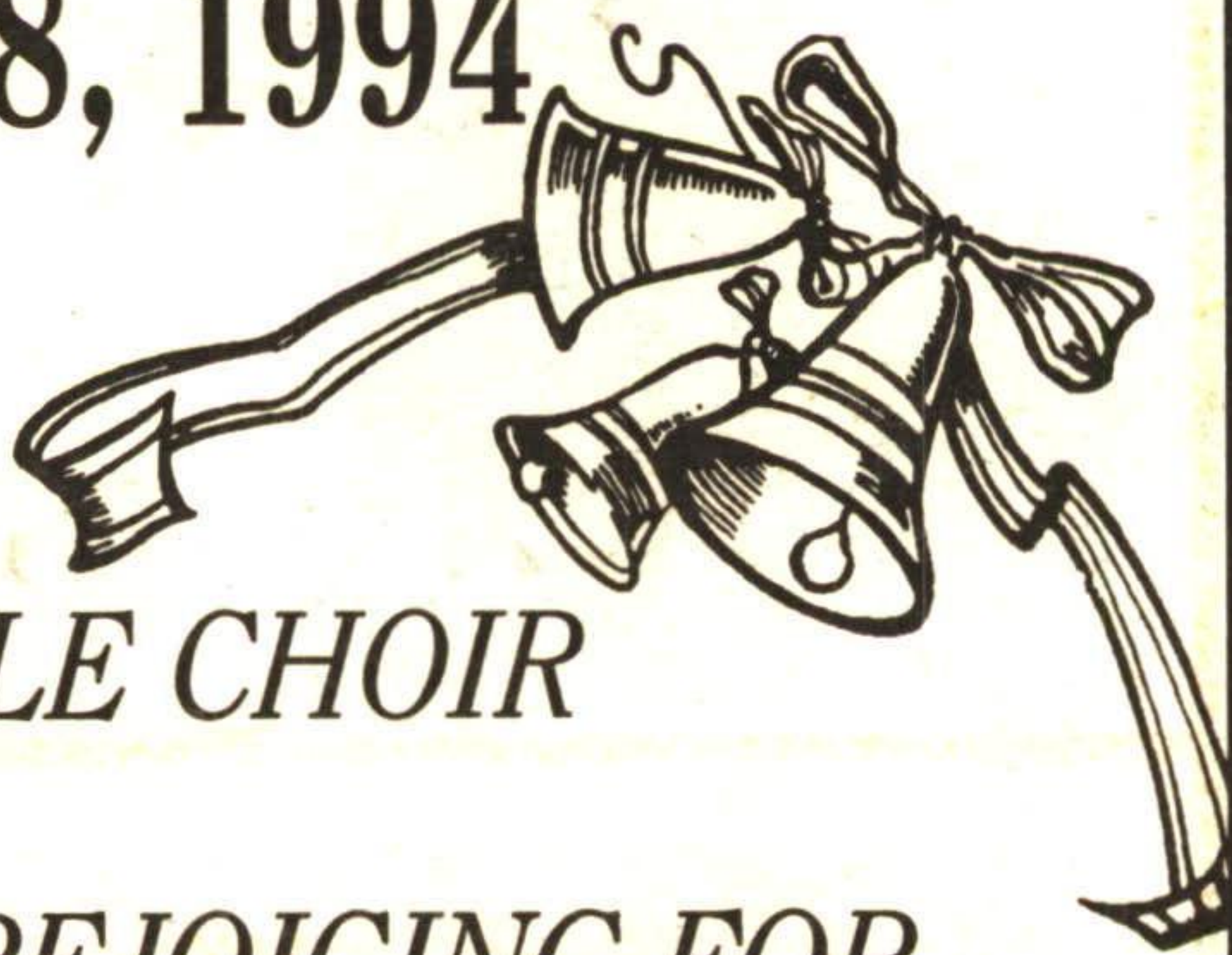
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