

Developer and Kingsmill homeowner reach agreement

By Dianne Cornish

North York developer Larry Law and Kingsmill project homeowner Michael Foley of Georgetown have ironed out differences related to project deficiencies at Law Development's Kingsmill on the

Credit subdivision on Maple Avenue.

Last week, Law, president of the North York based development company, publicly stated that all deficiencies within the Kingsmill townhouse condominium units will be corrected.

In an interview with Halton Hills This Week, he further stated that the company will live up to its responsibilities under the Ontario New Home Warranty Program (ONHWP) and has never intended to do otherwise.

"We will honor all of our obliga-

tions to rectify deficiencies and respond to valid warranty claims," a signed statement by Law said.

The developer gave the same reassurance during a personal interview last Thursday.

He also announced that the company has opened the lines of com-

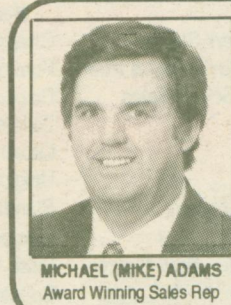
munications with homeowners by hiring a manager of customer relations, working with Kingsmill homeowners to select block captains and distributing information pamphlets about the ONHWP to unit occupants.

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Rockwood's Becky Biffis was one of hundreds of kids who took a pony ride at the Acton Fall Fair on the Weekend. For more Fair fun see page 8. Photo by Scott Augustus

Resident wants stricter dog controls by-laws

By Dianne Cornish

Pointing to a rise in dog-biting incidents and complaining about a lack of animal control in Georgetown, a Rexway Drive resident and mother of two asked town council Monday to impose stricter regulations on dogs with "obvious vicious tendencies."

Jackie Bryant said there have been three recent incidents on one city street alone, but the problem isn't restricted to one area of town. "While we understand the rights of people wanting to protect their properties, we are concerned for the safety of innocent people," Mrs. Bryant told council. Bryant's 13-year-old son was the victim of a dog bite this past spring and she fears daily for the safety of her two-year-old son.

In response to the homeowner's request for stricter animal control regulations, Mayor Russ Miller suggested that the town's bylaw enforcement staff review the current bylaw, compare it with those of other municipalities and report back to a council committee meeting, "as quickly as possible."

The mayor's suggestion won a ready supporter in Councillor Ron Chatten who stated, "It's time that we revisited our (animal control) bylaw." The current bylaw contains only general comments now, Chatten added.

Council approved the mayor's

recommendation with little discussion at the committee level. The whole matter will come up again next Monday when final approval of the proposal will be put before council.

During discussion at committee, it was noted that residents' concerns about the rise of dog-biting incidents were presented last week at a meeting of the Georgetown Consultation Committee of the Halton Regional Police.

When Bryant was asked by Councillor Norm Elliott for specific suggestions on what could be done to alleviate concerns, she replied, "If an animal bites once, it should not be given an opportunity to bite again."

Bryant elaborated, saying that she doesn't necessarily mean that the dog should be destroyed, but rather that it could be brought out to the country to live, or used as a guard dog.

Bryant also stated that animal owners need to accept greater responsibility for their pets.

In an interview following council's meeting, she said: "I don't want to condemn all dog owners; I'm a dog owner, myself." However, the town's current bylaw is "too vague" and "basically, gives any dog the green light to bite as many times as it wants while on its own property."

Stiffer penalties for parking violators

By Dianne Cornish

With a few minor revisions, Halton Hills Town Council approved a report at committee Monday that will see much stiffer fines imposed on those who park or stop their vehicles illegally, especially in emergency zones or fire routes.

The proposed hikes in parking fines was presented in a report to council by municipal law enforcement and licensing officer Bob Ustrzycki. The hikes, which will take anywhere from six to eight months to implement, are the first

increases suggested since revisions were made five years ago, the report said.

While many of the proposals call for doubling the rate, there are others which increase the rate by as much as five times. For example, it's suggested that fines for parking or stopping within three metres of a fire hydrant rise from \$10 to \$50. The fine for parking in a designated fire zone will rise from \$15 to \$50 and, for illegally parking in a designated handicapped parking space, the fine will jump from \$30 to \$100.

Some town councillors suggested

that many of the proposed fines were too high, but Ustrzycki responded that higher fines are necessary, particularly on fire routes or emergency zones, because lower fines haven't proven to be a deterrent. "We don't want to issue these tickets; we want them to act as a deterrent."

At the suggestion of some councillors, some fines will remain unchanged. Specifically the current \$10 fine for exceeding the three-hour parking limit on town streets and the current \$10 fine for illegally parking too far from a curb.

Follow the bouncing tire

Halton Regional Police have charged a man following a bizarre incident last Friday.

At about 11:55 p.m., a Ford pick-up truck was travelling into Georgetown on Guelph Street near Main Street.

The left front tire came off the vehicle, crossed the road and struck a car parked at the George and Dragon. The tire bounced off the car and struck the building 20-feet off the ground, bounced back to once again strike the car and then struck the car parked next to the first vehicle.

The vehicles parked sustained moderate damage.

Meanwhile the truck was parked behind the pub and the driver fled the scene.

A 28-year-old Rockwood man has been charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

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