

Last Thursday at the Georgetown Library, Betsy Cornwell, chief librarian, received a generous cheque for \$2,000 from Georgetown Lion's Club members Vic Bristow, chairman of the Sight and Hearing committee, Ted Daquano, and Earl Merrill, to help purchase a Robotron Text Reader 320 which will help the visually impaired to read printed books and magazines. photo Simon Wilson/HHTW

## Letter to The Editor Talking about Acton

### To the Editor:

The great community of Acton has suffered a blow with the closing of the olde Hide House and its related stores. While work goes on behind the scenes to see if the doors can be re-opened, the closure has underscored for many the fact that Acton is not getting its fair share of the economic recovery.

How can we change that? What can we do to stimulate growth and development in the town? And at the same time, how do we address the

concerns people have for the environment, and the process of warding off the quarry dump?

A Townhall Meeting tonight (Wednesday) could provide a forum to discuss these issues. I invite everyone concerned about Acton's future to join me for that discussion.

The meeting tonight will begin at 7:30 p.m. and take place in the Cafetorium at Acton High School. I hope to see you there.

**Garth Turner, MP  
Halton-Peel**

## Blood donor clinic

Re/Max Blue Springs Realty (Halton) Corporation, will be sponsoring a blood donor clinic Thursday (tomorrow), from 5-8 p.m. at the Acton Legion, 15 Wright Ave., in Acton. A photo/signature I.D. is required.

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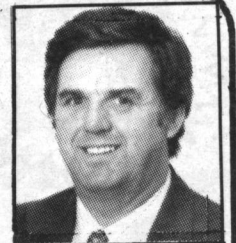
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## Councillors reject own amendments to smoking by-law

By Oksana Buhel

Councillors' comments volleyed back and forth for almost an hour at Monday evening's Town of Halton Hills general committee meeting, before a final decision was made to reject the amendments of a proposed by-law, regulating smoking in commercial establishments.

Peter Willmott, director of health protection for Halton Region, said he examined more than 100 municipal smoking by-laws before reporting to Halton Hills council about an appropriate provision for the regulation of smoking in restaurants, as directed in the April 26 council meeting. During this meeting, councillors were undecided about the percentage of restaurant floor area which should be allocated for non-smoking patrons, and about the minimum number of tables a restaurant must have before the proposed by-law became applicable.

Willmott recommended at Monday's meeting any restaurant with 30 seats or more should devote 50% of its floor area for non-smoking customers, and the suggested date for the implementation of the by-law be September 1, 1993.

Councillor Norm Elliott began the debate by suggesting a distinction be made between restaurants and pubs, cocktail lounges and taverns. "These establishments are distinct from restaurants, since people go there for the entire evening, often to sit and watch a show, have

a drink and maybe a cigarette," Elliott explained. He recommended these establishments should only allot 25% of their tables for non-



Norm Elliott

smokers.

Councillor Bill Robson questioned Elliott's rationale. "I'm sure there are people who go to these places who don't feel an urge to have a cigarette," he countered.

Janet Lunn-Stewart, town clerk, said she would need to obtain the legal opinion of the town solicitor on definitions for each of these establishments, and include these definitions in the proposed by-law, if council members wished to make a distinction between the establishments.

Councillor Gerald Rennie suggested the minimum number of

tables be changed from 30 to 40, but admitted "it's hard to know where to draw the line." Councillor Anne Currie agreed with Rennie, but recommended the number be increased to 50.

Robson, frustrated by the length of the discussion, insisted the recommendations of the regional health department were "fair and equitable." Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson agreed, but suggested the by-law be implemented for a three-month period, during which time restaurant, pub, cocktail lounge and bar owners can comment on the effectiveness of the by-law.

Elliott objected to Serjeantson's recommendation, questioning why "we should pass something if we already foresee problems."

Following further bantering among council members, two amendments were voted on. Elliott's recommendation that distinctions be made between the various establishments and only 25% of pubs, cocktail lounges and taverns be designated non-smoking, was defeated. Rennie's recommendation that the minimum number of tables in a restaurant be changed from 30 to 40 before the proposed by-law was implemented was carried.

The complete amendment, with the new revisions, was subsequently voted on, but was defeated. "I don't understand what just happened," said an incredulous Rennie. "Now we have a smoking (as opposed to non-smoking) by-law."

Members of the public in attendance were similarly baffled. "I'd

like to see how you'll report this one," an unidentified man said.

## Young offenders working

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson announced at Monday's Town Of Halton Hills general committee meeting young offenders will be cutting grass along the boulevard on Mountainview Rd. in Georgetown this week.

This project follows Art Leitch, Halton Region's public works commissioner's, announcement at the beginning of June (and reported in Halton Hills This Weekend June 5) that his department is contemplating an Adopt-a-Highway program, in which prisoners, boyscouts and corporations would pick up litter and cut grass along a determined stretch of road.

### Councillors meet Turner

Councillor Rick Bonnette announced at Monday's meeting he met with Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner earlier that day to voice his concerns about the demands the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was imposing on the region before approving the pumping of one million gallons of water in Acton. Councillors Norm Elliott and Marilyn Serjeantson also attended the meeting, which Bonnette termed "very successful." He added Turner had been in contact with the department that

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day (Monday), and is expecting to hear from the department again before this Monday, the date of the Ontario Municipal Board meeting.

### Recommendations deferred

Of the four recommendations which Toby Barwick, representing Halton Hills Village Homes Inc., asked councillors to approve, only one was carried.

Barwick, a Georgetown South developer, encountered resistance to his request all four recommendations be carried from Councillors Ron Chatten and Marilyn Serjeantson, who wanted several issues addressed before granting reduced security.

Chatten listed seven items which had not been dealt with to his satisfaction, including a retaining wall, grading revisions, a chain link fence, and a walkway and bicycle path through Silver Creek.

Chatten's concerns were noted and the three recommendations were deferred until this Monday. The only recommendation approved dealt with an amended policy on taking security under the Subdivision Agreement.

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