



Hollywood gutted

Halton Hills fire fighters inspect the remains of the Hollywood Tavern on Guelph St. in Norval, which was gutted by flames Sunday evening.
photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

Suspicious fire guts Hollywood

By the time Halton Hills fire fighters responded to Sunday's 9:15 p.m. fire call at the Hollywood Tavern on Guelph St. in Norval, flames had completely engulfed the building. Fire fighters battled the blaze for four hours before it was under control.

According to a police report, all patrons had left the establishment by 7 p.m.,

and employees left an hour later, securing all exits behind them. During this time only the bar was operating, since a permit had not yet been issued to operate the kitchen.

The tavern had come under new ownership four months ago.

The Fire Marshall's Office is investigating the incident.

Homemakers cash

Halton Region will receive \$779,000 this year to establish an integrated homemaker program, MPP Noel Duignan has announced on behalf of Minister of Health, Ruth Grier.

Halton is one of 18 sites in the province that will receive funding for the establishment of an integrated homemaker program, making this service available across the province. Twenty-one areas currently have integrated homemaker

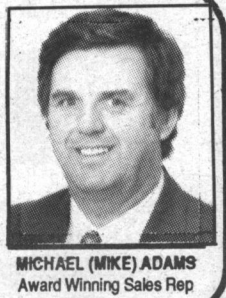
programs. "Extension of the integrated homemaker program to new sites means more Ontarians will now have access to services that enable people to live with dignity and independence in their own homes and communities," Mrs. Grier said. "The reforms will result in a coordinated and integrated system built on the strength of our existing programs and services."

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OMB to decide Acton's future development

By Oksana Buhel

Development in Acton will be discussed for several months before its fate is finally decided upon by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The board's first hearing on this important Acton issue, held Monday at the Town of Halton Hills Civic Centre, was attended by solicitors for the three major Acton East developers; Rinarin Ltd., Coscan Development Corporation and BondArch Development; solicitors for various other developers in the Acton area; representatives of the Town of Halton Hills, Region of Halton, Ministry of Natural Resources

(MNR), Ministry of Energy and the Environment (MOEE) and members of the general public.

Town of Halton Hills solicitor, Roger Beaman, began proceedings by outlining the development issue.

Following an agreement with the MOEE regarding the number of permitted housing units, the question of water allocation became a concern and the capabilities of Black Creek to pump the requested additional 250,000 gallons of water had to be examined. "Fish habitat has become a major ingredient," Beaman said. "The MNR and MOEE must decide on this issue."

Another problem regarding water servicing was the Department of Fisheries and

Oceans refusal to approve the pumping until an agreement was reached with the region regarding monitoring increased water pumping effects, and liability. At the time of the first OMB session, details of both proposals had not yet been issued.

On Monday, a biologist from the DFO had to be subpoenaed for the afternoon session to answer concerns from the region and the various solicitors.

Edwin De Bruyn, senior fish habitat biologist with the DFO, admitted during extensive questioning from regional solicitor Stan Floras, that a large portion of the DFO's stand was based on only one consultant's report, one report from the MNR and only ver-

bal legal counsel. He further admitted no field studies had been conducted of the Black Creek cold-water fish habitat (which the DFO was particularly concerned about).

De Bruyn reported the DFO was concerned about the increase of effluent discharge, ionized ammonia, the temperature of Black Creek (by one degree Celsius) and residual chlorine from the water treatment plant. He also mentioned the "potential lowering of Fairy Lake water levels (which) would likely result in loss of fish habitat."

Other questions were side-stepped by De Bruyn, who explained he was awaiting direction from ministry staff in Ottawa.

The statements of Wes Lammers, also subpoenaed, suggested the MOEE was more inclined to okay the development, but still required an agreement with the DFO.

Lammers, special projects co-ordinator for the ministry, was to be called back to the OMB hearing July 8 to provide an update, and De Bruyn will be called back the following day.

Smoking by-law passed

The smoking by-law recommendation, defeated at the June 28 Town of Halton Hills general committee meeting, was introduced again at Monday evening's council meeting. After much deliberation by councillors, the by-law was passed, with the exception of the section dealing with restaurants, pubs, taverns and lounges. This section was deferred indefinitely until legal consultation regarding the definitions of these establishments is obtained. The by-law will be implemented September 1.

Wrong date

In Saturday's Halton Hills This Weekend, the story on the Leathertown Festival gave the date of the event as Aug. 3.

The Leathertown Festival in fact, is scheduled for Sunday Aug. 8, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Halton Hills This Week regrets the error.



Best wishes

Jonathan Holland (middle) was among the Wednesday evening crowd at the Town of Halton Hills Civic Centre to wish his grandfather, retiring town administrator Dan Costea a fond farewell. Costea bragged to his send-off crowd he will be a "kept man" until his wife, Marg (left), retires. Until then, he will "golf, fish, golf, garden, golf some more, do some housework... and golf." - this despite accusations of being a "less than accomplished" golfer. Congratulations Dan!

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