

## Mackenzie wins a victory of sorts

By Oksana Buhel

Town of Halton Hills councillors decided to tentatively permit rezoning of Georgetown developer - Sandy MacKenzie's - James and Draper Sts. property, but MacKenzie will have to assure councillors he will satisfy parking requirements before a permanent decision is made.

A notice of motion was introduced at Monday's council meeting stating town staff recommended the proposal, which would bring the application to the following stage - site planning. Councillors discussed the issue at length before amending the notice.

One matter to be considered before the holding provision is removed is "adequacy of parking for any new uses."

Counc. Gail Rutherford complained about the vague wording. "We have to be more specific," she insisted.

"We need enough leverage to get us the parking we need."

**"It's time we started setting a standard"**

**Gail Rutherford**

Counc. Anne Currie argued it was not fair to demand more parking spaces from MacKenzie than have been demanded from other downtown-core stores in the past.

Rutherford disagreed, saying "It's time we start setting a standard." Mayor Russ Miller added if the parking spaces are not allocated now, "they'll be gone forever."

Town planner, Glen Wellings, notified councillors the theoretical number of parking spaces, based on the number of residences, and the area of commercial space, is 48, but admitted

this was an "onerous" amount.

Rutherford consented to change this number to 35, or a sufficient amount of cash in lieu of parking, to cover the cost of purchasing neighboring lands to provide parking.

Counc. Al Cook pointed out the difficulty of enforcing cash in lieu of parking, since no by-law exists to regulate downtown parking. The town has the option of passing a by-law for the municipality, or passing a site-specific policy.

Despite the lack of a by-law, councillors passed the amended notice of motion, allowing the proposal to advance to the site planning stage. The application will return before council at a later date for councillors to decide if MacKenzie has satisfied their requirements sufficiently to warrant the removal of the holding provisions.



### The Olde Hide House reopening?

The "closed" sign on the doors of the olde Hide House in Acton may be removed shortly, if Tuesday's meeting between company president, Steve Dawkins, and company creditors, lives up to Dawkins' expectations. "I'm very confident our restructuring proposal will be approved by the creditors," he said. See story page 2.

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Tom Massena, long-retired former Fire Chief for Halton Hills, wipes blood off the face of 7-year-old Adam Sanderson. Sanderson and his grandmother, Lois Graham, were driving out of the Georgetown Marketplace parking area Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., crossing Mountainview Rd. to Campbell Gate when their car was struck by a southbound car. Sanderson was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with minor cuts to his forehead, and released the same day. The accident is still under investigation.

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## Gilmour sends his best to Halton Hills

By Colin Gibson

Toronto Maple Leafs superstar Doug Gilmour, sends his best wishes to those involved in Georgetown and Acton minor hockey caught in the middle of the ongoing feud between the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) and the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF).

The OMHA is suing both the CAHA and the OHF because the minor hockey group was refused entry to the OHF for the 1993/94 hockey season, thus effectively cutting off access to both CAHA membership, national programs and other CAHA-sanctioned events.

Theoretically, the lack of CAHA affiliation status also blocks OMHA teams from competing against U.S.-based or European teams.

The Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League has recognized the OMHA's freeze-out from both the OHF and the CAHA and informed its teams they face either financial penalties or suspensions (or both) if they play against

OMHA teams.

This puts into jeopardy tournaments in both Georgetown and Acton which, in the past, had attracted a host of MTHL teams.

Gilmour was at Greenwood Raceway in Toronto last Tuesday, officiating at the post positions luncheon and draw for tonight's (Saturday) \$205,000 running of the Molson Export Pacing Series Final (which will be shown on TSN starting at 9:30 p.m.), the Canadian Pacing Derby, the 51st edition of Canada's oldest major harness race.

Although the hay-burners got top billing, it was clear before the first salad fork was dropped that Gilmour was the

star attraction.

It's safe to suggest that Gilmour almost single-handedly led the Leafs into the rarefied air of the semifinals in last spring's National Hockey League playoffs.

I had a chance to have a brief chat with 'Dougie' and the Kingston native knew of Halton Hills, claiming he once competed in the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Gilmour was concerned how the fracas between the OMHA, the CAHA and the OHF would impact on our area's young hockey players and hoped the brouhaha would soon be resolved. He sent best wishes to all those involved in

minor hockey in both Georgetown and Acton.

A copy of his signed 'Best wishes' accompanies this article and I will also be forwarding copies to Georgetown and Acton minor hockey and donating the original to the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council.

For the record, Staying Together, a four-year-old gelding (who drew post position four), is the prohibitive favorite in tonight's race.

A winner of 15 of his 19 starts this year, Staying Together has already amassed a bankroll of \$729,250 for his owner, Robert Hamather of London.

In a June race at the Meadowlands track in New Jersey, Staying Together covered the mile in 1:48.2, a new word record for a harness race. He is unbeaten in his last seven starts.

Bilateral is on the pole, Exotic Earl is in the number two spot, General Ring in the three hole, Biba Fra runs out of the three spot, Kingsbridge is parked at number six and Tough Hombre rounds out the field in the number seven spot.

*Best wishes for those involved in Georgetown and Acton Minor Hockey for the 93/94 season!*

*Doug Gilmour 93*

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