Acton gets 'wrong number'

By Oksana Buhel

With one month left before the 416/905 telephone area code changeover, there is little indication Acton and Georgetown will be twinned.

On Oct. 4, Georgetown will be serviced by a 905 area code, while Acton will remain at 519. Una MacNeil, Bell Canada communications manager, said she regretted Acton could not join Georgetown in the changeover, adding other border municipalities have also shown an interest in joining the new area code. "If we add all the boundary towns, it will just speed up the process of using up the numbers in the new area code zone," MacNeil said.

The reason the new area code is being introduced is the depletion of the 416 area code by 92 municipalities, not including Metropolitan Toronto. Toronto will remain with the 416 code, and the 92 municipalities, including Georgetown, but not Acton, will change to

MacNeil added exchange boundaries and municipal boundaries often do not coincide. She explained exchange boundaries are limited by physical capacity, which directly relates to

wire capabilities.

MacNeil insisted there will be no change in current circumstances when only half of Halton Hills joins the new area code. "What is a local call now will remain a local call after the new code is introduced," MacNeil said, "and vice versa."

Brampton, for example, will still remain long distance from Acton but not from Georgetown. MacNeil said there is a way to overcome this seeming inconsis-

Criteria to alter long-distance call areas are laid out by the CRTC (Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunication Commission). There must be a community of interest, in which 60 per cent of the customers in one exchange call another exchange at least once a month for any two months. The exchange rate centres must be no more than 64 km apart. If both these requirements are met, Bell Canada sends out a survey, which more than 50 per cent of the population must approve of, asking if the necessary increase in standard billing will be accept-

"To date, there is not a large enough market in Acton to warrant this service," MacNeil said.



Activities continue today (Saturday) and Sunday at the 147th edition of the Georgetown Fall Fair at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. Juno award winner Cassandra Vasik, highlights today's entertainment package with a 3 p.m. performance.

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Victory for builders

By Oksana Buhel

Halton Hills builders, previously frustrated by the length of time required to process a building permit application, can look forward to shorter lines and more efficient service.

Henry Tse, director of building code and by-law enforcement, made three recommendations to Town of Halton Hills councillors at Tuesday's general committee meeting. He suggested the temporary part-time plans examiner, hired to help with the building season rush, be retained until the end of the year and an additional full time plans examiner be addressed as part of the 1994 budget deliberation process. Tse's report also stated "a higher priority (should) be

placed on providing information to the public with respect to the Building Permit issuance process."

Council recognized the need to accelerate the process, but wondered where the money for the extra staff would come from. Town administrator Ray King explained staff was operating with the expectation building permit revenue will exceed the cost of the additional staff salary.

Councillor Ron Chatten suggested if staff is increased in one area, it should be decreased elsewhere, but King quickly countered service levels should be a greater concern than staff numbers.

The report was supported and will be voted on by councillors Monday.

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