

Town studies licensing fee system

By Oksana Buhel

Town of Halton Hills councillors debated Monday how they could alter the existing licensing fee structure to provide relief for local businesses.

Ken MacIsaac of K.T. Taxi in Georgetown asked councillors to reconsider renewal of his licensing fees, due at the end of December, in light of its issuance at the end of August.

"I've only been in business four months," he pointed out, "and now I'm being asked to pay another \$470. That's a little steep."

Town clerk, Janet Lunn-Stewart, told councillors the municipality's traditional policy is to collect all licensing fees at the end of December. This amounts to \$36,000 annually. She added the practice of other municipalities



Janet Lunn-Stewart

which enabled business owners to renew their licensing fees a year after they were issued, was not appropriate for Halton Hills because the town did not process a significant enough number of applications, and did not have sufficient staff for the extra work involved with the system.

The renewal of MacIsaac's fees amounts to \$470. Lunn-

Stewart admitted the three licenses required by MacIsaac, for a taxi operation, amusement arcade and billiard tables, are three of the most costly.

Councillor Gail Rutherford recommended an easier system of payment be developed for MacIsaac to enable him to pay for the renewal. She suggested both a partial payment every six months or every month.

Councillor Ron Chatten suggested any licensing fees which amount to more than \$150 be prorated to the date they were issued.

Councillor Anne Currie proposed the licensing year be divided into quarters and people pay according to which quarter they apply for a license.

Staff was directed to investigate the licensing system, come up with possible alternatives and report back in January.

MacIsaac was asked to pay his renewal fee and once a new system is established, he will receive an "appropriate rebate."



Surprise birthday party

Earl Ryder celebrated his 75th birthday in style with the help of Wyn Lansdell (left) and Norma Maynard during the Monday Afternoon Duplicate Bridge Club gathering held at Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion on Mill St.

photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

Jeep stolen from GO station

Police are investigating the theft of a green 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee, valued at \$35,000, which was stolen from the GO train parking lot on Queen St. in Georgetown Wednesday during the day.

Witnesses or anyone with information is asked to call police at 878-5511 ext. 2105.

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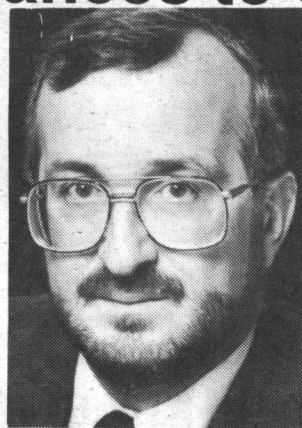
1st Georgetown Cub Pack of St. John's United Church display the beautiful book ends they made for this year's Christmas Craft under the leadership of Mr. Tom Gibbs. Those Cubs involved included, front row, from left; Karl Kish, Michalle Cardinell, Sean Free, John Mathieson, Eric King, Chris Styles and Brady Malchin. Back row, from left; Brendan Dyelle, Jordon Scarlett, Joseph Mathieson, Chris Henderson, Ryan Payne, Chad Hume and Clark Dimarco. photo by Jean Layman

Bill 62 advances to committee

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan has announced that his private member's Bill 62, An Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act in respect of the Niagara Escarpment, has been referred to the Administration of Justice Committee for public hearings and clause by clause consideration.

"I'm delighted that Bill 62 has progressed to the committee stage," Duignan said. "The passage of this Bill will have a direct and positive effect in the Halton North constituency by destroying any attempt to put a landfill site in the Acton Quarry."

Bill 62's intent is to prohibit all further waste management systems and waste disposal sites within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area, which has been declared by the United Nations as a World Biosphere Reserve. This



Noel Duignan

Act is expected to benefit

the many regions and areas that are governed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission, including Halton North, by preventing the establishment of landfill sites within the entire Niagara Escarpment Plan area.

Once Bill 62 has passed through the Administration of Justice Committee during the intercession between government sittings, it will be sent to the legislature for its third and final reading.

Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic

In recognition of the critical need for blood during the holiday season, Mayor Miller and members of Halton Hills Town Council decided in 1992 to cancel the New Year's Levee and redirected these funds in order to sponsor a blood donor clinic instead. Due to the success of this worthwhile venture, the Second Annual Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic will be held during the 1993 Holiday Season.

This Blood Donor Clinic will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 29 from 2-to-7 p.m. at the Sacre-Coeur Parish Hall on Guelph St. in Georgetown.



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