

Citizens will have say in Beaver Fuels proposal

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
Acton residents who are concerned with development plans at the Beaver Fuels property on Queen Street will be included in the final site plan process for the land but at least one area resident is worried that whatever he has to say won't make any difference.

"What I would like to know is what chance do we have defeating it at the site plan meetings if it's unsatisfactory? As far as I'm concerned it's a done deal; that's the way it sounds," said local home-

owner Bryan Hammond. "We don't need another donut shop or plaza for kids to hang around. It won't be safe for kids to walk on Meadvale if they allow cars to enter and exit off it. These are valid concerns and I think the issue should have been put on hold until they are dealt with."

The zoning change approved by Town Council will allow additional uses on the Beaver Fuels property including a restaurant, retail store and convenience store along with the existing gas bar and car wash. Ini-

tial plans call for a full-service car wash on the site.

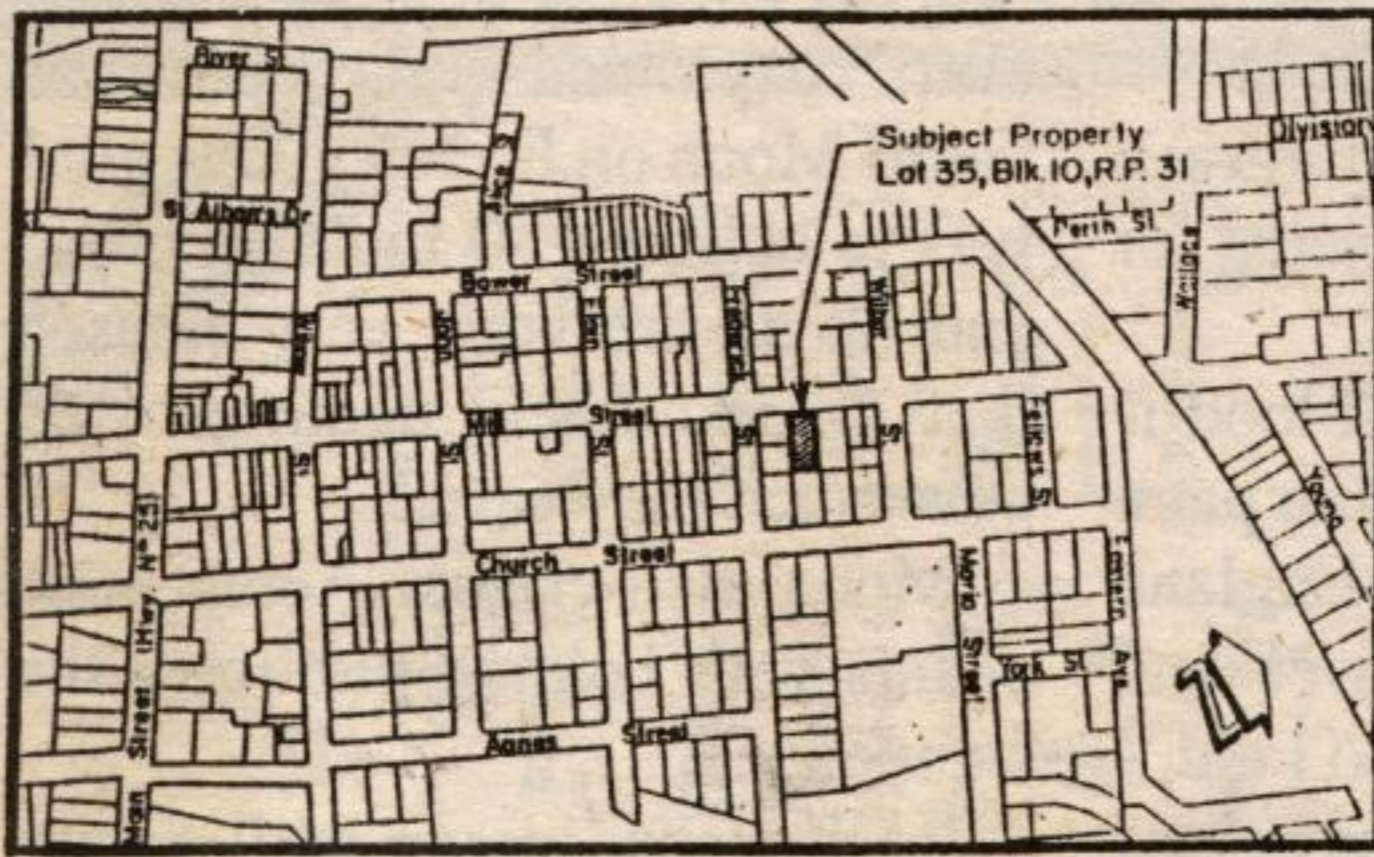
Area residents have 12 concerns with the proposal, including traffic congestion, noise, littering, and the possibility that a 24-hour operation could locate on the property.

Town planner Glenn Wellings feels that all the citizen concerns can be dealt with at site plan approval time. "Council has included a holding provision in the bylaw that will allow us to control development of the site. There is no plan submitted for the property yet. The owners are just protecting their future options," Wellings said Thursday.

Beaver spokesman Paul Britton appeared before Council Monday night to support the plans. In response to questioning from Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie, Britton said the issue of where on the site the buildings would be located is still of concern to local residents.

"The bylaw includes special provisions for fencing and buffering along the neighbour's yards. They would like us to shift the building farther away from their lot lines. But that would mean the parking would have to be at the rear of the building and we want to keep the busiest part as far away from the residents' yards as we can," Britton explained.

Council and staff are convinced the residents' concerns can be dealt with satisfactorily during the fine-tuning at the site plan process.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Ward 1, Mill Street East

Council for the town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 1358 to permit the conversion of an existing residence to a retail store to be operated by the Salvation Army.

Subject property is at 110 Mill Street East in Acton. The property is situated on the south side of Mill Street East between Frederick and Wilbur Streets, with the property being described as Lot 35, Block 10, Registered Plan 31, Town of Halton Hills (Acton). Further information is available in the Planning Department

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

TIME: 7 pm DATE: Monday, Nov. 2
Council Chamber, Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown

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Youth charged with assault

A 17-year-old Acton girl appears in Milton Youth Court Wednesday, Oct. 2, charged with assaulting her 9-year-old half-sister. Halton police report the alleged assault took place on June 15 at a Kingham Road home where the accused and victim lived. Police say the victim received bumps and bruises when she was thrown against a wall and grabbed by the shoulder. The victim's mother told police she reported the incident because the accused continued to harass the victim. Under the Young Offender's Act the accused and the victim can not be identified.

Sexual assault investigation

Halton police are investigating the alleged assault of a 15-year-old Acton girl on Saturday, Sept. 26 at her Acton home. Police said the victim told them she had been sexually assaulted by a 15-year-old male acquaintance.

British visitor cautioned

A frail and elderly visitor from Wales was cautioned but not charged by Halton police after setting off a security alarm at the olde Hide House on Friday. Police report when the man left the store the alarm sounded and he went back inside to wait for store security. The man then removed a \$30 leather wallet from his coat pocket and said "I forgot." Because of the man's apparent poor health and disorientated state no charges were laid.

Oh say can you see?

A pair of binoculars, worth \$100, were stolen from a rural Acton home sometime Wednesday. Police said the culprit slid open a kitchen window to get into the house. No damage was done and other valuables were left behind. Police have no suspects or witnesses.

Sign stolen from Acton business

A white plywood sign worth \$600 was stolen from an Acton business sometime Thursday evening. Police said the large sign was stolen from the front of Bin-Mar Sandblasting and Welding, on Highway 25 south. Police have no suspects or witnesses.

Fire fighters free trapped man

Acton firefighters had to free a Milton man trapped in his car following a single-vehicle accident on Highway 25 at Speyside Saturday night. Milton OPP report Darren Sharpe was trapped in his car when it rolled over. Sharpe is in Milton Hospital with head and ankle injuries. The investigation continues.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our goal was to collect 130 units of blood and we are all very, very pleased that Acton citizens again showed how much they care."

Geoff Moon, Acton Red Cross clinic convenor

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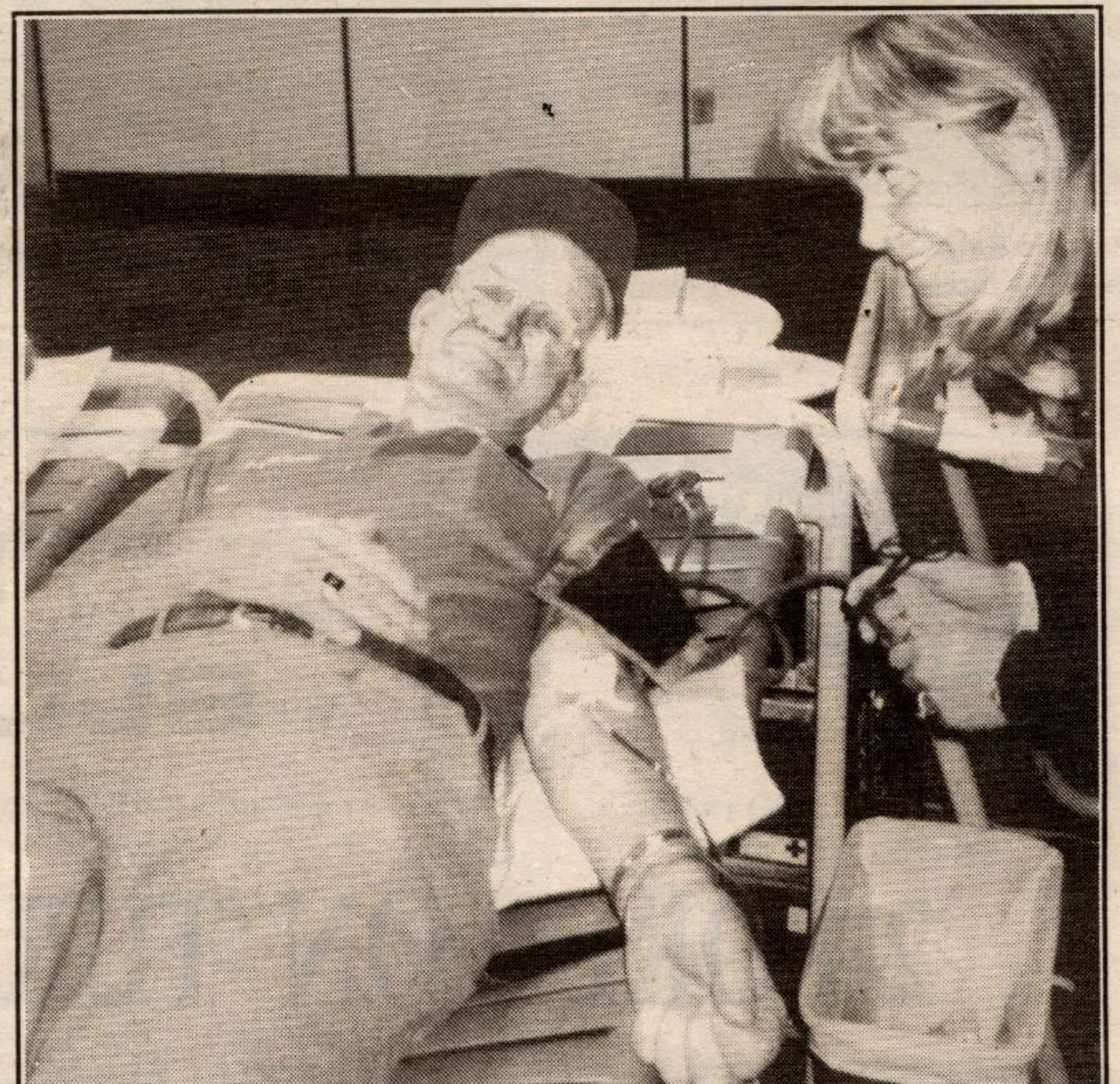
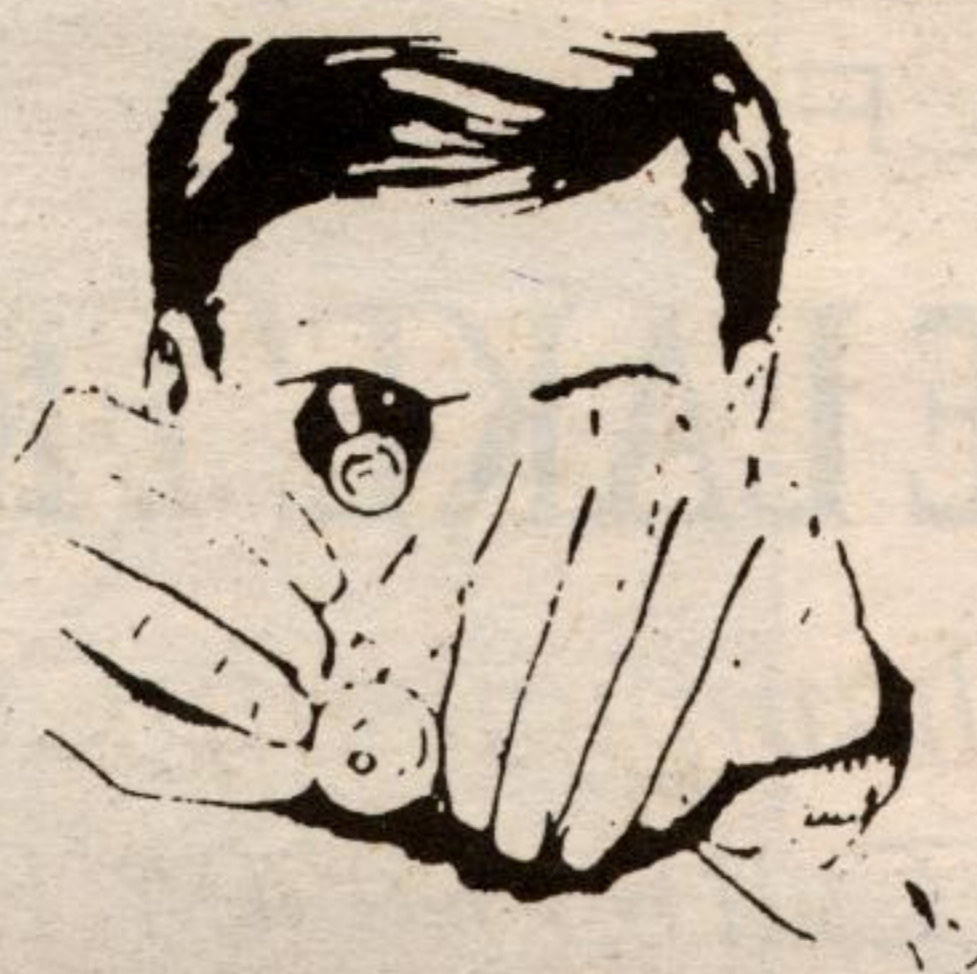
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GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE: George Hargrave makes his 102nd blood donation at last week's Red Cross clinic at the Acton Legion. Red Cross nurse Brenda Ferguson says George is an old pro. (Frances Niblock photo)