

Municipal Digest

Halton Hills gets a new computer system

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette reluctantly recommended that the Town spend \$10,000 to hire a university co-op student to help implement a new computer system.

Noting that part of the need for the new position stems from the Region's move to market value assessment Bonnette said, "This is the first ripple effect of the move to market value assessment. This will mean more work for our staff and except for that, I would not support it."

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott questioned the cost and was told that the going rate for a co-op student is \$450 a week, plus benefits, which will be \$10,000 for the January to April 1993 contract.

Winter street parking ban to be imposed

You won't be able to park your car on the street in front of your house this winter. Last night (Tuesday) Town Council banned overnight on-street parking from November 15 to April 15 between 2 am and 7 am, mainly to make it easier for snow removal operations. Although councillors and staff regularly get complaints from residents about the blanket three-hour maximum parking limit on all town streets, no change in that bylaw was suggested.

Public meeting for proposed restaurant

Acton residents will have their say about a proposed Mill Street restaurant at a public meeting slated for Monday, Nov. 16.

The proposal calls for an existing house on the northwest corner of Mill Street and Wilbur Street to be re-zoned and converted into a 30-seat lounge-type restaurant. Town staff says there have been no objections or comments from anyone but the Town's building department, which notes the proposed six parking spaces are not enough for the commercial parking standards, which call for 10 spaces, or the zoning bylaw that requires 11 1/2 spaces.

Drag strip property owners given extension

Owners of a former drag strip property, north of Highway 7 between the Fifth and Sixth Lines, have been given a six-month extension on the expiry date for their conditions of draft approval. The expiry date was Oct. 31 and the owners had asked for a one-year extension but Halton Hills staff recommend just six months more, as a one-year extension had already been granted at this time last year. The plans call for 53 estate residential lots and one open-space block, which is to be developed in three phases. The owners said they needed the draft approval extension to complete hydro-geological studies of the land.

Tourism key to revive our downtown core

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Tourism is the key to reviving Acton's downtown.

That is the consensus of the Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA), local merchants and Regional business development staff.

Since February, members of the BIA have been working on a plan to expand on the existing lucrative tourism business by enticing tourism-related stores to the Mill Street core.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie feels the source of real strength in the downtown is the tourist business.

"We can't forget that we have people living in Acton who need to be able to buy day-to-day items in town, but the local municipality can't support all the services we need. Variety stores and hardware stores are vital and necessary but they're not going to draw the tourist dollars to Acton. But look at stores like P & C Originals and

Clocks and Curios. That's the sort of thing we want to encourage," Rennie said in a recent interview.

"There are something like 300,000 tourists coming to the olde Hide House every year. We hope we can revitalize the downtown by attracting boutique-type businesses into the core that would give tourists more opportunities for making interesting purchases."

Rennie admits that to encourage the type of businesses needed in the downtown core, Acton must be ready for them.

"We haven't quite determined how to get them in there but we realize that we must be ready for them. We must market ourselves and let prospective merchants know what assets we have for them. We see the park and Fairy Lake as a real asset at one end of the town and the olde Hide House at the other. These are two assets that most towns don't have. We need to capitalize on them."



ALL IN THE FAMILY: Mother and daughter, Phylis and Tracy Gibson, were honoured at Wednesday's Acton High School Honours Awards evening. Phylis received The Acton High School Award for Information Processing and daughter Tracy received the Denny's Bus Lines Award for Grade 12 Accounting. (Frances Niblock photo)

A&B FOODLAND

Cut From "Fresh" Ontario Pork
Picnic Portion

Fresh
PORK ROAST
.78 lb. 1.72 kg.

From the Tropics

BANANAS
.29 lb. .64 kg.

284 ml.

Heinz
TOMATO SOUP
4 FOR .99

48 oz. Allen's

Pure
APPLE JUICE
.99

16-Roll Package

Majesta
BATHROOM TISSUE
3.99

341 ml. "FROZEN"

Picnic
ORANGE JUICE
.79

SAVE 50¢
4-litre Distilled or
CRYSTAL SPRINGS
Spring Water

99¢ with coupon, 1.49 without. Available at Foodland only.
Limit 1 per coupon, 1 coupon per customer
Expires: Oct. 17/92. A.C. NIELSEN 75600626 rl

SAVE \$1.00

4-litre Ultra, Ultra Enviro Refill, 8-litre Original

TIDE 4.99 With Coupon
Powdered laundry detergent

5.99 without coupon. Available at Foodland only.
Limit 1 per coupon, 1 coupon per customer
Expires: Oct. 17/92.

Subscribe to The Tanner!
Call 853-5100

HOURS:
853-0400 Mon. to Wed. & Sat., 8 to 6;
Thurs. & Fri., 8-9; Sun., 10-5
Prices Effective Oct. 14 to Oct. 17