

Brock Street duplex narrowly approved

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

All three Acton councillors voted against zoning plan changes that would allow an existing duplex on Brock Street but they could not sway a majority of General Committee members who approved the proposal Monday night.

Councillors were told the Tremills family purchased the house at 39 Brock Street in 1989 after being wrongly told by their lawyer that it was zoned for two units. The family planned to retire in one unit and rent the other.

The zoning problem was not

uncovered until local residents complained about the poor condition of the property and a subsequent check found the zoning only allowed a single family home.

The Tremills then applied for the zoning change which was opposed by local neighbours and supported by Town staff.

After being told that the Law Society is monitoring the case because of the initial lawyer's error, the Tremills's new lawyer asked councillors to approve the duplex zoning because there are other duplexes on the street.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie argued it is not Council's job to fix other people's mistakes and said he did not like being put in a Catch 22 situation of being forced to approve something area neighbours don't want to face having the relatively small planning matter sent to the Ontario Municipal Board for what could be a costly hearing.

A tie vote to approve the zoning change passed by a 7-6 vote at General Committee when the tie was broken by the committee chairperson. The issue will be on the Council agenda Monday.

Safety a concern on Rural Routes

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A rural Acton man is worried that someone may die needlessly because emergency services won't be able to find their rural home, fast enough to save them.

John Northcote's fear is shared by some Halton Hills politicians who asked staff to report on possible safety concerns because of the lack of house numbering on 23 private roads in Halton Hills.

"Finding addresses in the country is always a problem," Northcote explained in an interview Thursday. "If you call for police and say you live on the Town Line and in what concession.

"A couple of years ago the Town came up with a grid system to assign numbers so every house and business would have a unique number in the rural area. If I phone 911 I give my five-digit property number and they supposedly will be able to find me faster than if I

said I lived on Town Line. If you live on a private road, say an access into new homes on a severed lot, the Town doesn't assume that access road. That means they don't plough and won't assign a property number."

Northcote believes the Town won't assign numbers because it might be seen as a first step to assuming control of the Road, and he doesn't like that. "The Town is crazy. If they are worried about the cost of assuming control they should be worried about liability if someone dies or a house burns down because the fire department can't find it."

Northcote, chairman of the North Halton Community Consultation Committee said the issue first came up among new committee members.

"Six people came to a meeting and were concerned that they had been robbed and police couldn't

describe to police where they lived because they were new to the area. We asked why they didn't use their rural number and were told they couldn't get them. We all pay taxes and deserve the same safety features. It seems to me we need to know what the emergency numbering system is for."

Council wants staff to report on the concerns raised in Northcote's letter and officially involve the Fire Chief and Town engineer in the issue.

You won't want to miss the Dec. 2 meeting!

Continued from Page 1 who are worried what reassessment will mean to them.

"A lot of industries in Acton and Georgetown will really get hit hard right between the eyes. I had one person from Acton call me and say his taxes will jump 49 per cent on one industrial property. I will fight this tax reform to the bitter end."

At least 12 delegations are registered to speak to the issue at the Wednesday, Dec. 2 meeting. "It looks like that meeting is probably going to be the most raucous Council meeting of this term," Bonnette said.

"A lot of the industrial and in-house campaigns are just starting so we don't have any pledge results from them yet. They make up a large portion of the campaign so we really need to wait to get some pledges in before we talk numbers."

If you'd like to contribute to this year's campaign to raise money for the United Way's 23-member agencies, send a cheque to: Box 286, 11622 Trafalgar Road, Halton Hills, Ont., L7G 45K.

Please keep those pledges coming

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"So many of our residents work outside of town and we are just starting to get the money they have donated through payroll deduction but designated to come back here."

"Payroll deductions are higher than last year but we don't know what effect the recession will have," Hayward explained.

MANY THANKS



To all those who canvassed and to all the stores who participated. To Gord Dawe Real Estate for the use of his window for a week. To the Reverends Cribar and Vaclavik for the joint service. To Dr. G. Elliot for all the Last Posts and Reveilles he played and to the Acton Citizens Band. To Robert Little School Choir who came and sang for us. To all the people who paraded and to the people of Acton who attended the services.

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NEWS SHORTS

Smash and grab

Halton Police are looking for a 1989-90 black Jeep in connection with the smash and grab theft of \$15,000 worth of cigarettes from the A&B Foodland on Mill St. The Cherokee, with two white male occupants, may have damage to the driver's side.

The Foodland alarm triggered at 11:30 pm Monday evening when the suspects pried open the front door and took 300 cartons of cigarettes.

Police say they almost got them when the Jeep was spotted Eastbound on the 401 at Hwy. 25. A short pursuit by Milton OPP was called off "in less than a minute because of bad weather."

Rural rip-offs

Thieves had a busy weekend on or near Acton's Dublin Line stealing \$12,500 worth of electronics equipment and construction materials from two homes.

Overnight Saturday, police believe three or four suspects helped themselves to \$7,500 worth of building materials and equipment at a house under construction on Trillium Terrace at Blue Springs Golf Club.

Police report the culprits entered through an unsecured front door of the partially-built house and removed a glass fireplace, two casement windows, a power generator, gas can and roofing materials. The house belongs to a family who are living in Milton until their house is complete.

Sometime Friday afternoon thieves broke into a home on Dublin Line north of Highway 7 and helped themselves to \$4,000 worth of goods.

Police report the suspects kicked or pushed in a rear door with a cheap lock and, once inside, gathered up jewelry boxes, fine china, a colour TV, stereo equipment and 18 bottles of liquor.

A flashlight and cardboard box left at the scene by the thieves is being tested for fingerprints. Footprints in the snow led police to believe one of the suspects is a woman.

Police have no suspects or witnesses in either incident.

Acton Mother Assaulted

A young offender from Acton is being held with out bail after being charged with assaulting his mother in a fight over skipping school.

Police report the accused and his mother got into an argument Thursday night when the suspect, who was grounded for skipping, tried to go out. The accused punched his mother in the neck when she tried to stop him from leaving.

Police arrested the youth a short while later on Mill Street. He appears for a bail hearing Thursday, Nov. 19 in Milton Youth Court.

Hit and run

Police have no suspects or witnesses in a hit and run on Elizabeth Drive overnight Friday. A woman told police she left her car parked on the street and found that someone had done \$500 damage to the front bumper of her 1989 Ford.

Perma Stone burgled

Thieves took a cash box and \$80 during a break in at the Perma Stone building on Commerce Court overnight last Tuesday. Police report the suspects kicked in a rear bay door and found the cash in an office.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"This woman told me she had seen a little girl with a letter at last year's parade but there was no one to take it from her. The postal union got right into the Christmas spirit and will have a vehicle in this year's parade."

Bill Spievogal on Saturday's Santa Claus parade, Front Page

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