

**MUNICIPAL DIGEST**

**No opposition to proposed Mill Street bistro**

Plans for an up-market Bistro-type restaurant in a Mill Street home will be debated next month by Halton Hills Council.

Monday night General Committee members held a public meeting regarding Steve and Carol Brunelle's plans to convert their home at Mill and Wilbur Streets into a 30-seat restaurant. No one opposed the plan and one neighbour spoke in support.

Steve Brunelle elaborated on the plans following the public meeting. "My wife is a chef and is planning a unique menu for Acton which will include wholesome food, good value and something a little different."

Staff noted the plan does not include enough parking spaces to meet Town requirements but Brunelle insists there will be enough parking with his six proposed spaces and existing spaces on Mill and Wilbur Streets.

So far there's no name proposed for the restaurant, and no opening date.

**Mixed news for Acton seniors centre**

There was good news and bad news concerning the proposed Acton seniors centre at Monday night's General Committee meeting.

The good news was that Councillors agreed to hire an architect for \$40,000 to do the design work to convert the old Bower Avenue Fire Hall into a senior's centre.

The bad news is that because of at least 30 building code deficiencies, the seniors centre committee won't be able to meet at the building.

"The committee met there just once and it was exhilarating to be in the future seniors centre," said Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie. "There will be a lot of disappointed seniors in Acton because we can't continue to use it now but the very fact that we have hired an architect to start design work should make them feel better."

**Ministry under attack**

A Ministry of Environment staff member took a lot of heat from local citizens who jammed the

**BIA presents John Quinn**

John Quinn from Heritage Canada will be in Acton next week to speak about the beautification and revitalization of the downtown core.

The Acton Business Improvement Association is sponsoring the lecture, which will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 pm at Jack Tanner's Table. Downtown businesspeople and the general public are being encouraged to attend.

Communities across Canada are attempting to improve their downtown areas in an effort to lure the consumer away from shopping malls. The BIA has been active in keeping the streets of Acton clean and inviting, receiving help from businesses which have made improvements to the exteriors of their buildings.

Halton Hills Council chambers Monday night.

The ministry's water taking permit system at United Aggregate Limited's Acton quarry generated a lot of questions from rural Acton residents. They are worried that UAL's pumping of millions of gallons of water a day from the quarry could affect the quality and quantity of their well water in the future.

Doris Correia of R.R. 4 Acton urged Councillors to test all the wells. "We are worried that the quarry pumping could harm our water supply. If the Town doesn't test now there won't be any data to compare with down the road if there's a problem."

Ministry special projects coordinator Wes Lammers told Councillors that the Province is strengthening its water taking standards. "The UAL water taking permit is the tightest we have written and it could get tighter. We have a shortage of water in this area and need good water management," Lammers said. "Perhaps these people have reason to be concerned when they hear about the 1.8 million gallons of water UAL can pump from the quarry floor."



**VETS FOR A DAY:** Three McKenzie-Smith students who want to be animal doctors spent Friday at the Acton Veterinary Clinic with Dr. Brenda Taylor. Shown with Storm, an Eskimo Spitz with a broken leg are, Lesley Rudy, Michelle Withers, Misty Gordon and Dr. Taylor. (Frances Niblock photo)

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