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Councillors predict disaster

BY TIM MORGETROYD

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Acton could become another Hagersville, the Ontario town where a mountain of tires burned for weeks, warned the mayor and all three Acton councillors as they blasted the provincial government Monday.

"There is a potential for disaster," Russ Miller told Council as the thousands of tires stored on the old Ajax property, near the corner of Young Street and Highway 7, were debated at Council.

"This is irresponsibility on the part of the provincial government. I'm mad. I'm damn mad. Action must be taken. It could be another Hagersville."

The mayor blamed the Ontario government for not dealing with the problem or giving Council authority to do something about it.

"If they don't have the courage to deal with a problem that's too hot, give it to us. We have the guts to deal with it if they don't."

Halton Hills fire chief Bill Cunningham said he ordered the

owner to install sprinklers in his building or remove the tires, so the tires were unloaded outside the building. He estimated five to six thousand tires could be at the site now but the numbers fluctuate because Third World nations are buying the tires.

"If there are 5,000 tires imagine the fire that could cause, and what it could do to the environment," said Coun. Norm Elliott, adding this shouldn't be allowed to happen in an urban area, but the Prov-

ince hasn't learned its lesson.

Coun. Rick Bonnette shared the mayor's fear Acton could be a Hagersville in the making, and said he had been raising the issue for months.

Coun. Gerald Rennie declared nothing is preventing vandalism at the site, and insisted Queen's Park be pressured to take action now "and not months down the road."

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Hide House plan OK'd

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The biggest hurdle blocking the reopening of the olde Hide House was cleared this week as the company's major creditor, the CIBC, cast its long-awaited make-or-break vote.

"We managed to get the bank's acceptance of our proposal," Hide House president Steve Dawkins said Monday. "I'm confident and

it's looking real good. We are now racing to get the final legal process work done to get the formal proposal in the mail this week, so that our unsecured creditors can review it and vote on it."

A vote by a majority of the remaining creditors holding no collateral is all that now stands between the olde Hide House being back in business.

"I'm very confident that all the stake-holders will deem it in their best interest to support the plan. The bank's support is a major and necessary condition toward reopening," said Dawkins, adding that with the bank's crucial vote of confidence now behind him he can express more than the old "cautious optimism."

"I'm very confident that this plan will be approved and the company will indeed move forward," he predicted.

Dawkins explained the voting procedure allows the unsecured creditors to mail or fax their vote to the formal creditors' meeting now set for Aug. 27, when the big vote will be cast by all unsecured creditors.

If Dawkins wins a majority of creditors who represent 66 per cent of the unsecured debt, he has said the Hide House should reopen in early September.



FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER: Cathy Gerrow, right, president of the Acton unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, accepts a \$26,500 cheque from Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament treasurer Marg Hoare on Thursday. (Doug Harrison photo)



CLOWNING AROUND: Harry the Hobo entertained children at the second annual Leathertown Festival on Sunday, and found time to pose with cousins Heather MacKenzie, 8, and Morgan Evans, 8. Harry's real name is Wilfred Gardner. (Tim Morgetroyd photo)

Council approves housing

Local businessman Fred Dawkins' plan to build a minimum of 127 new homes in north Acton and Town planners' insistence he limit the number to a maximum of 87 has ended with Council approving a compromise urged by Dawkins.

"The entire matter of allocation is one which requires serious compromise," Dawkins informed Monday's Council, "and we are prepared to accept the compromise outlined in this report."

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