

Bakery back

As of tomorrow (Thursday), Acton will once again have a downtown bakery: Melina Zenga, former lo-

cal bakery owner, will open J.C. Bakery on Mill Street East.

For now, Zenga will open the bakery each week from Thursday through Saturday.



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Longtime Acton resident Catherine McCristall greeted close to 200 family members and friends at her 90th birthday party on Sunday at the Legion. Here Catherine is joined by, from left, sons Martin and Brian (who flew in from British Columbia for the party) and daughter Kathleen. Catherine presently is living in Guelph, at Heritage House. (Paul Nolan photo)



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Butcher shop move gets support from friends, customers

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

Friends and customers of Al and Janet Cunneyworth, owners of Al and Al's Red Brand Meats, lent their support to the Cunneyworths' plans for a new butcher shop at a public meeting on Monday night.

Several Acton residents praised the Cunneyworths for their business abilities and their generous community spirit, and the couple's lawyer presented Councilors with a 500-name petition in favour of the proposal.

The Cunneyworths want an Official Plan amendment and zoning change to allow them to build a 2,500 square foot, two-storey butcher shop and apartment on their property on the west side of Main Street, north of Knox.

The Cunneyworths propose to demolish their existing garage to make way for the new building and customer parking spaces and to keep their current home on the property. Presently, the Cunneyworths operate their shop from a rented building on Mill Street.

Main Street resident Lori Ball told General Committee members that she "couldn't believe" that people might not support the plan to keep the business in Acton.

"I'm a neighbour and a customer, and I have no problem with the business being there," Ball said.

"The Cunneyworths are major supporters of our community and they support baseball and soccer teams," Ball said.

Joan Waldie, director of Food-Share, told the committee that the Cunneyworths do an "awful lot of good work" in town and that the proposal should be approved.

In his presentation, Town planner Alan Binks said there concerns from Town departments and other agencies that were asked to comment on the plan.

Binks said the planning department is concerned that the rear and side yard setbacks do not meet minimum requirements, that there is not sufficient amenity areas and not enough parking spaces.

"There are concerns from the building and recreation departments about the applicant's inability to meet minimum siting requirements including parking, landscaping, amenities and buffering in proposing to fit a detached home on the property plus a mixed-use commercial-residential building on what we consider to be a relatively small site," Binks said.

"Concerns have also been raised about the introduction of the second residential unit and the retail use in respect to the area compatibility and also with respect to the Acton core area viability."

Following standard policy at public meetings Councilors did not debate the proposal and staff made no final recommendation.

Staff will have a final report and recommendation for Council in about two weeks.

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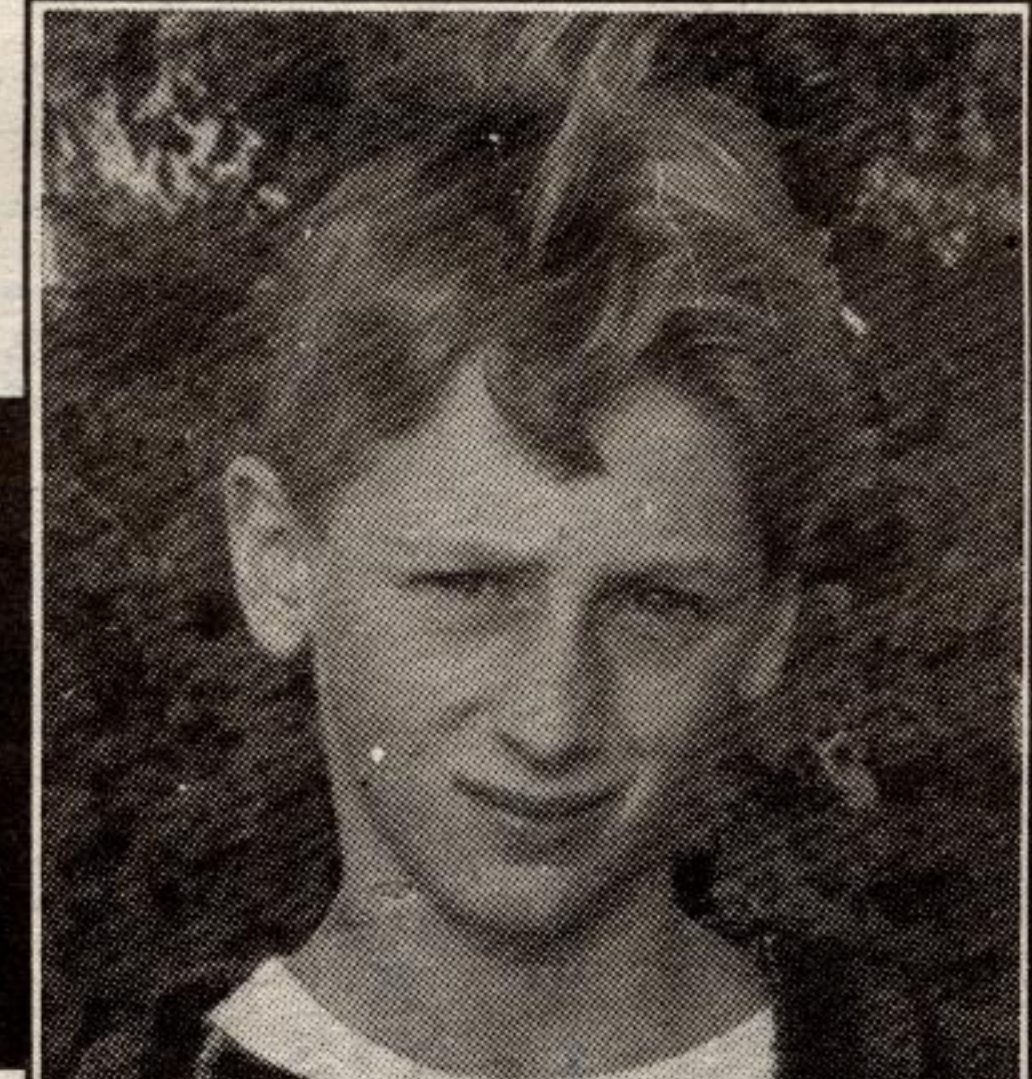
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