



FAIR TEAM! The Agricultural Society held its general meeting and election of officers at Knox church Saturday. Back row, from left, are directors John Miller, Hank Walsma, Debbie Harding, Charlie Plouffe, John Bouclair, Russ Murray, Jason Brown, Doug Fread and George Henderson. Front row: Ron White, second V.P.; Daniel Varanelli, secretary-treasurer; president Janis Fread; first V.P. Jim Warrington; Sherrill MacPherson, president of the home crafts. (Lori Frechette photo)

Fall Fair '95 planning begins

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The Acton Tanner

With one of the "best fairs ever" under its belt, members of the Acton Agricultural Society are already planning this year's Fall Fair.

Agricultural Society members met for their annual meeting on Saturday at Knox church to elect new directors, assess last year's fair and plot strategy.

Perhaps the best news of the day came from Society secretary-treasurer Daniel Varanelli, who noted the fair had doubled its net income in 1994 to \$11,922.

"We had a great fair in terms of various income categories," Varanelli told *The Tanner* during a break in the meeting.

"Admissions were up, we rented more concession space and the regular money-makers, like the beer tent and craft tent, were up.

"There were some fee increases this year, but at the same time we tried to be responsible in regard to those increases, which ultimately helped out with the bottom line."

Varanelli also noted that the Society did not submit a grant request to the Town this year because they were in such good shape financially.

Janis Fread, acclaimed for another term as president, announced that the Society has received funding from the Province to do a feasibility study on the arena.

The aging arena is used extensively by the Society during the fair for exhibits, dances, demonstrations and displays.

"The Town has indicated that once the new arena is built, the old one will be torn down," Fread explained.

"Our plan is to take over the existing arena and use it as a year-round business proposition that could make money."

The feasibility study will determine if there would be enough use to maintain the building for meetings, small trade shows and community events.

"This study will tell us if we could turn it into a money-maker.

As an arena the building is in bad shape and even for what we want to do, we don't know if we could afford to upgrade it," Fread said.

Another highlight of last year's fair was the parade, which had 62 entries. Parade chairman Jim Warrington, reported very few glitches and so many entries that some floats hadn't even begun the parade as others were finishing.

Society members elected eight directors to the 18-member board of directors at the meeting. John Bouclair, Robert McKee and Russ Murray were re-elected, along with newcomers Jim Pink, Kelly White, Mary Martin, Troy LaRoche and Doug Fread.

All of the executive were acclaimed to another term including Janis Fread as president, Jim Warrington and first vice-president and Ron White as second vice-president.

Society members also set the fair dates for this year — the 82nd edition of the Acton Fall Fair will be Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

Arena will get 'heat'

Heaters for the Acton arena finally were approved as Town councillors wrapped up debate on the \$4.5 million capital budget last week.

At the urging of Acton councillor Rick Bonnette, councillors approved \$6,000 to buy new heaters for either Acton arena or the Memorial Arena in Georgetown.

Although councillors were reluctant to spend the money on new heaters for the Acton arena because it will probably be used for just two more seasons, they did agree to buy six new gas-fired heaters, to be placed at the discretion of staff.

It is likely the electric heaters at Memorial Arena will be transferred to Acton and the new heaters installed at Memorial Arena.

Currently just three of 11 over-

head heaters in the spectator section are working at the Acton Arena and Bonnette said it was "ridiculous" not to have heat in a public building.

Bonnette said he was satisfied with the compromise deal.

"As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't matter where the heat comes from, as long as we get heat."

P.A. Day crafts

The Acton Public Library will be holding a (separate school) P.A. Day Valentine's Crafts workshop on Friday at 2 pm.

You can register your child (5-years and older) by calling the library at 853-0301.



INFORMATION

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

AND

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WARD 2/HIGHWAY NO. 25/NO. 25 SIDEROAD

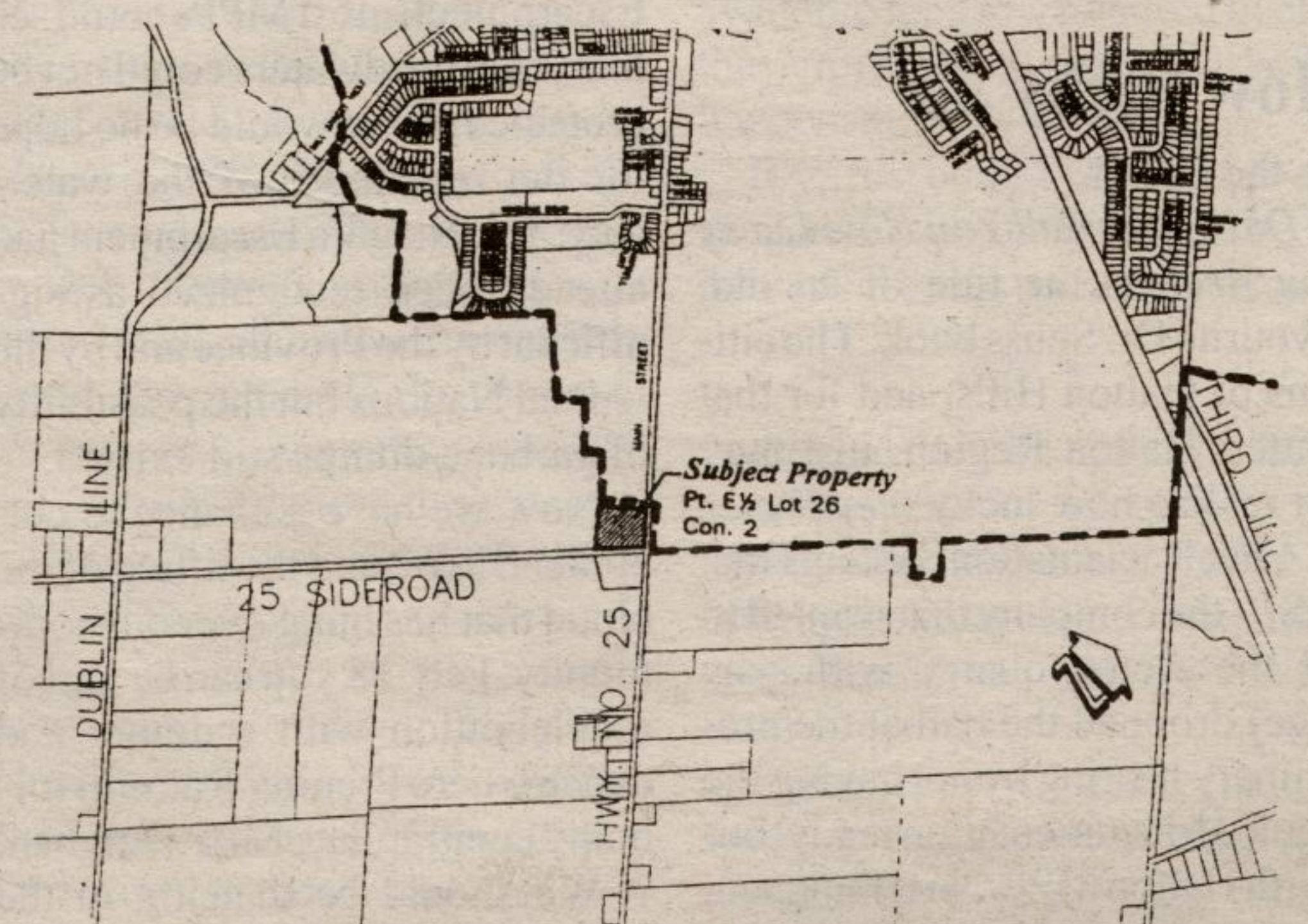
Council for the Town of Halton Hills, in cooperation with Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton, will examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Region of Halton Official Plan, Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit a donut/coffee shop and a gas bar with an associated kiosk/convenience outlet.

The subject property is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway No. 25 and No. 25 Sideroad (Regional Road No. 12), with the property being described as Part of East Half Lot 26, Concession 2, Town of Halton Hills (Esquering).

Further information can be obtained from the Region's Planning Department at 853-0501 (Acton Line) or the Town of Halton Hills' Planning Department at 873-2600.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

- TIME:** 7:00 pm
- DATE:** Mon., March 6, 1995
- LOCATION:** Council Chamber
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown
- FILE NOS.:** D09/MOROZ (Town File)
R.O.P.A. No. 20 (Regional File)



SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS AT TERRA COTTA CONSERVATION AREA

1995 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

THE BIRDS OF WINTER

Sunday, February 12, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child
Suitable for adults and children (8 years and older)



Accompany a staff member on a winter hike around the forested Conservation Area property. We'll check out the local winter bird population and discover some survival tactics used by these feathered friends to survive the bitter cold. Binoculars will be provided, if needed.

*AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SPORT OF CYCLING

Sunday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00 per person
Suitable for adults and youth (12 years and older)



Enjoy a day with a cycling pro and learn about the equipment needed to participate in this rapidly growing sport. Discover the right bike for you. Practice basic repair techniques and pick up a starter tool kit at bargain prices. Learn about local cycling routes. Appropriate clothing and repair equipment will be on display.

In 1995, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority is presenting a series of Sunday programs at Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The programs are either full day or half day events and most are suitable for both children and adults; appropriate age levels are listed in the program descriptions. A few programs are offered on both Saturday and Sunday. All programs start from the Visitor Centre in the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. For information or to register, call: (905) 877-9650 ext. 22
(*Programs require pre-registration)