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Heaton goes into hiding as company begins legal action

Rural rep runs from Blue Springs warning

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

A frustrated process server, working for Blue Springs Golf Club's lawyer, was unsuccessful in his attempt to give legal papers to a Halton Hills Councillor on Monday night.

The server was told to leave the Council Chambers by General Committee Chair, Councillor Norm Elliott, when he tried to serve Councillor Rob Heaton with some legal documents during the meeting.

When Heaton saw the man coming toward him he quickly pro-

tested that the man was disturbing the meeting and Councillor Elliott told the server, not knowing who he was or what he was doing, to leave Chambers.

Several minutes later Heaton slipped out of the Chambers and disappeared, leaving the server staking out the parking lot and several front entrances at the Civic Centre.

Although the process server would not show the documents to *The Tanner*, he did admit that they contained a warning to Heaton to apologize for some recent comments he made about the old Hide

House Group, or face a law suit.

At the May 8 Council meeting, Councillor Elliott questioned whether members of the Town's Environmental Advisory Committee received permission to do a site tour of the Golf Club in connection with its proposed plans to build 120 overnight accommoda-

tion units and three club houses.

Blue Springs' officials protested that official permission had not been given.

Heaton then questioned whether the three Acton Councillors needed a legal opinion concerning their ability to vote on the Blue Springs plan, since they had all signed an

earlier letter of support for the old Hide House when it was in financial trouble.

In a letter faxed to the Mayor on Monday, Blue Springs president Don Dawkins said that he hoped the Heaton incident would not harm the company's good relationship. See *HEATON*, Page 20

Tannery no worry to police, Town staff

Town staff have not decided if any notices of property standards violations will be issued against owners of the old Beardmore tannery.

Following a site tour on Thursday with police and fire officials, Town staff reported there were a few violations on the abandoned property, but they are being fixed.

"Basically, an abandoned structure must be boarded up and sealed until it is repaired or demolished," explained Town enforcement officer Ron Stein on Friday.

"The owners are making efforts. They have a full-time custodian who tries to keep the place boarded up."

The issue of safety at the site was raised by several Acton councillors, who reported that vandals had trashed the buildings and in one case, set a fire.

Stein said the owner, Maple Leaf Mills, which was recently purchased by McCain Foods, is cooperative and willing to work with the Town and other agencies to secure the site.

"There probably isn't even enough additional boarding up to be done for me to issue and order," Stein said.

"The only purpose for me to issue an order would be to ensure that they would continue to maintain the site until it is repaired or torn down. To me, it's a pretty good site, even though kids are getting in and causing problems."

Stein said the Town might wait until the owner is not maintaining the site before issuing any property standards violation notices.

Halton Police Detective Sergeant Roy Smith, who toured the site last week, downplayed problems with the property.

"We don't have a lot of problems there, but some people are making it an issue. I don't see it as a crying problem at the moment," Smith said.

"There's no question that there are problems with vandalism and trespassing but they are education and enforcement issues that we will deal with."



Boot it, Jen!

Acton Redmen Senior Girls' soccer player Jenny Goy races to the ball against a Milton Mustang opponent during the final high school regular season game on Thursday afternoon at Acton High. Milton won 2-0. (Doug Harrison photo)

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