

## McKee would make Acton a 'town' again

Alex McKee, Family Coalition Party candidate for Halton North, said last Wednesday that, if elected, he will work to phase out regional government. This move would include the dissolution of the mu-

nicipality of Halton Hills.

In outlining his plan, McKee referred to a recent survey conducted by a private telecommunications firm sponsored by the McKee campaign.

"It is perfectly clear that the citizens of Acton and Georgetown have never bought into the idea of Halton Hills," explained McKee.

"There is more than geography that distances Acton from Georgetown. There are decades of customs and traditions which remain."

McKee also said that "Acton should have its own government and be allowed to restore itself to its fine character as a healthy, rural Ontario community, led by responsible local citizens."

### Correction

Contrary to a story in last week's *Tanner*, Alec Kitson of Acton Precision Millwrights has not joined the millwright's union.

ARM did sign a temporary agreement with the union to protect the union status of a short-term employee.



**CHEERS!** McKenzie-Smith held a volunteer appreciation luncheon for parents on Thursday. From left: Joanne Stevenson, Marty Raymond, Pat Jones and Katharine Root. (Doug Harrison photo)



**THANKS!** Parent volunteers enjoyed McKenzie-Smith's appreciation luncheon on Thursday. From left: Chris Douglas, Gil Douglas, Neil Spencer and teacher Libby Keller. (Doug Harrison photo)

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## 'Chip man' says he's harassed

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Acton Tanner

Town Councillors continue to grapple with the operators of two french fry trucks in the Georgetown area, one of which is operated by Acton resident Claude Morissette.

Several months ago, acting on a complaint, Town staff issued both operators with notices of violations because they had constructed enclosures and roofs on their trucks that were licensed as mobile refreshment stands. Both trucks are parked on private property.

Council gave both operators until April 1 to take down the structures and both appealed to Council to be able to retain the enclosures.

Staff also provided Council with a list of 13 violations that they found when inspecting the trucks including no valid licence plates,

no insurance, and alterations that would prevent them from being driven on the highway.

Staff said that the chip trucks are no longer refreshment vehicles but are more like snack bars, which face tougher regulations.

On Monday night at Council Claude Morissette accused councillors of harassing him.

"I thought that the Town was trying to help small businesses, not harass small businesses," Morissette said as he complained about the Town's restrictions.

Peter Skira, appearing for Morissette and the owner of a chip truck in Ashgrove, called the Town's handling of the issue "quite insulting and mean-spirited" and argued that the Highway Traffic Act does not apply to the chip trucks because of definitions in the Town's own by-law.

When several Councillors sug-

gested that no further action should be taken against the chip truck owners, Acton councillor Norm Elliott stressed that the trucks don't meet the by-laws.

"I'm getting a little tired of hearing the Town criticized for being too quick to enforce a by-law. If members of Council think this is harassment, let them bring forward the solution to this problem instead of saying close your eyes to the infractions," Elliott said.

Elliott argued that Town staff and the operators had to get together to try and resolve the issues, but Council voted against his suggestion of another deferral.

General Committee members voted to direct staff to continue enforcement of the notices of violation and Councillor Al Cook said he would file a Notice of Motion for a future meeting to amend the policy concerning chip trucks.

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