

Sidewalks are 'a go'

Sidewalks will be installed in the Acton Legion's new subdivision, despite an appeal by a majority of homeowners to not build them.

General Committee members have rejected a request by residents to not install the sidewalks.

Birchway Place homeowner Dennis Gubenco presented councillors with a 29-name petition asking that the sidewalks not be installed and that money be used for something else, possibly a walkway behind the homes.

Gubenco said the people who signed the petition prefer a rural atmosphere that does not include sidewalks. He said people want to be able to park two cars in driveways and don't want to have to shovel sidewalks in the winter.

Town staff noted that the street is not a cul-du-sac, but a crescent and Town standards call for sidewalks. Staff also note that there

is a proposal for a 48-unit seniors building in the subdivision and the sidewalks would be necessary for pedestrian safety.

Councillor Gerald Rennie noted that with only half of the homes occupied in the subdivision there may be an equal number of new owners who do want sidewalks.

Rennie also said that it was unlikely that the lawns would be laid before the sidewalks were installed and that the decision about the sidewalks could not be delayed until the last house was built.

Councillor Norm Elliott was surprised to see the petition.

"I'm deeply puzzled by the approach that I feel is totally wrong," Elliott said.

"The issue is safety and we hear from people wanting sidewalks all the time. I have a great concern that the point of view of the seniors is not here."

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Acton seniors will soon be getting together for the seventh annual "Picnic in the Park," slated for Tuesday, June 20 from 11 am to 3 pm at Prospect Park.

Hot dogs and drinks will be supplied by Acton IGA for just \$1. Afternoon tea and sweets will be provided by the Trinity Activity Group at the Acton Seniors' Recreation Centre.

Many activities are planned, including golf and a beanbag toss

baseball game!

The picnic is an opportunity to visit with old friends and to meet new ones. This event is sponsored by the ASSIC Seniors Activity Committee, in cooperation with Halton Police and the Acton Seniors' Recreation Centre.

The Seniors' Rec Centre (located at the Acton arena) will hold its official opening on June 17, from 2 to 4 pm. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 pm.

SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS

AT TERRA COTTA CONSERVATION AREA

1995 SPRING PROGRAMS

*TERRA COTTA RAILS TO TRAILS BIKE HIKE

Sunday, June 11, 1 to 4 pm
Cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child
Suitable for adults and youths (8 years and older),
Beginner level: Terra Cotta to Caledon

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*CANOE TRIP PLANNING

Sunday, June 18, 10 am to 4 pm
Cost: \$40 per person
Suitable for adults and children (10 years and up)

This full day course will teach you the logistics of planning your own canoe trips. The mind boggles at the choice of canoes, packs, tents and specialty foods available. Learn how to prepare a trip to fit your expectations. We will supply all the equipment (canoes, packs and gear) to enable you to practice packing, cooking, portaging and canoeing.



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.