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**WASHROOM FIRE:** Captain Doug Andrews of the Halton Hills Fire Department inspects what is left of a paper towel, which caught fire in a lower level boys' washroom at Acton High last Wednesday. The fire is believed to have caused \$2,000 damage. See story on Page 4. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Mill expansion plans approved

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

Calling it a "reasonable compromise," Town councillors have approved Halton Flour Mill Inc.'s expansion plans at its Mill Street facility.

Councillors also rejected a mill proposal to rezone its site in the Mill Street-Church Street neighbourhood as industrial.

Currently the north portion of the site is zoned industrial and the southern part is residential. The mill is able to operate as a non-conforming use as it was there before the Official Plan was approved.

The rezoning and Official Plan amendment approved by general committee members on Monday night, which still needs Council approval, will allow the mill to convert a Church Street home into offices and build two additional silos, a weigh scale and expand the mill building.

Some mill neighbours have repeatedly complained that the mill operation should not be allowed to expand in a residential area and have raised concerns with noise, very late and very early deliveries and increased unsafe truck traffic.

Mill general manager Bruce McIntyre promised to deal quickly with neighbours' concerns, and even gave out his home phone number, inviting anyone with problems to call him at any time.

McIntyre said the mill had addressed each concern raised by the neighbours, adding there had been no new complaints since March.

"There are a very small number of neighbours who will not be satisfied with any compromise, or any co-operation. They simply want us to shut down," he said.

Mill owner Brian Dolotowicz, armed with federal, provincial and

Town citations and awards of merit, warned that if the expansion was not approved, the noise and level of truck traffic would worsen and weekend deliveries would be necessary.

"There won't be any winners by denying this, but I will tell you who the losers will be," he said.

"The Town will lose dollars because there won't be a (taxable) increase in floor space. In the long term those neighbours in opposition to our plan will lose because the trucks will be there 24 hours a day, Saturdays and Sundays."

But mill neighbour Dr. Margaret Fisher Brillinger disagreed, saying the building is already "too large, unsightly and noisy" with high traffic flows that are incompatible with the neighbourhood.

Brillinger said she was disturbed by the attitude and tactics of mill officials who "threatened" to increase traffic if they didn't get what they wanted.

"Enough is enough. The property is at its limit now. Don't let further expansion happen," Brillinger urged councillors.

Town Planning Director Bruce MacLean said that staff's recommendation not to allow the rezoning reconfirms the long-range plan for the area to be a residential neighbourhood.

"We believe through the introduction of a special by-law you can gain more control on the property than you have now," MacLean explained. "That, coupled with good site management and Council's ability to impose site plan control, are further elements we believe are beneficial to the community at large. The end product strengthens the neighbourhood."

All three Acton councillors supported the mill's expansion plans, which are expected to be approved.

## Acton man dies in car crash

A two-vehicle car accident has taken the life of Acton resident Leonard Brownlow, 43, of Birchway Place.

The accident took place last Monday shortly after 7 pm. Police say they believe Brownlow had been travelling east on No. 5 Sideroad, one kilometre west of Hwy. 25 in Milton. His car and a 1990 Ford Aerostar van travelling

westbound collided head on.

The drivers of both vehicles were each trapped in their cars. The Milton Fire Department arrived and freed each driver from his vehicle. There were no other passengers.

Brownlow was pronounced dead at the scene by the coroner. The other driver, Frank Warris, 69, was taken to Milton District

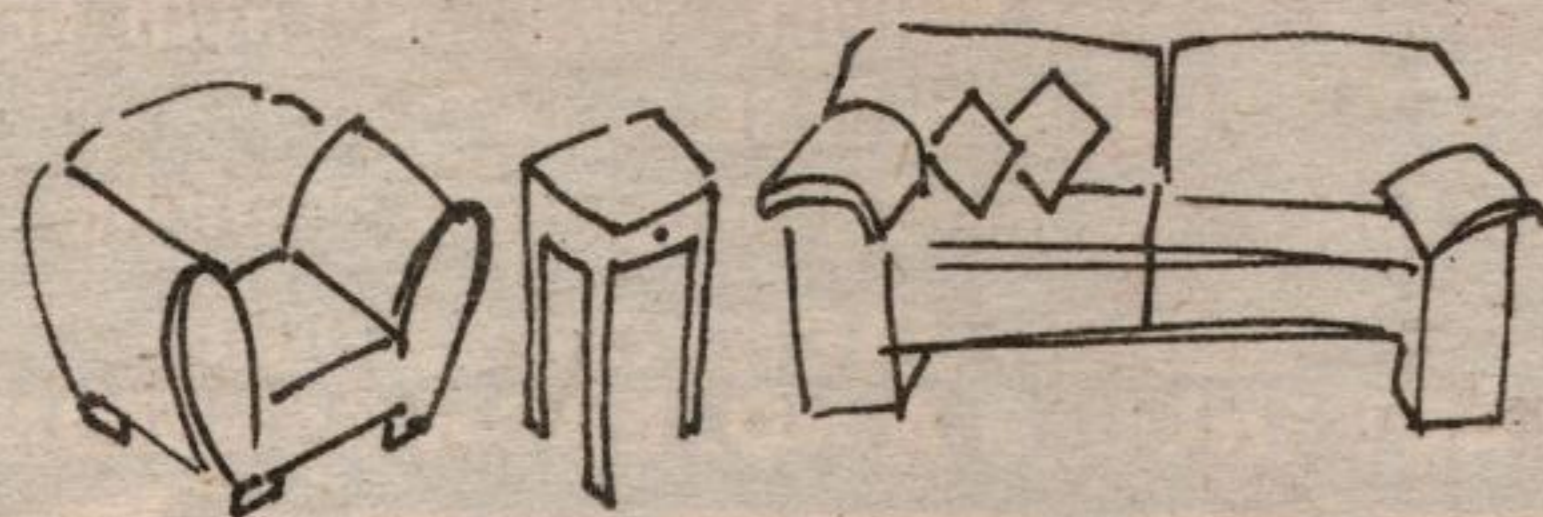
Hospital. He was later transferred to Hamilton General Hospital with serious injuries.

The Halton Regional Police Service public safety unit is continuing the investigation into the collision. Anyone witnessing this accident is asked to contact the investigators at (905) 825-4777, extension 4714 or Crime Stoppers at (905) 825-4777.

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