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TRAVEL TIP OF THE WEEK: When travelling with children and staying at hotels, remember to tour the facility together, identifying emergency exits and areas that are off-limits to them. Also always exit and enter elevators with your young children, as the doors can close quickly and leave one stranded.

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Girl Guides alike worldwide, says African leader

BY KAREN WETMORE
The Acton Tanner

Jill Miller-Cranko from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe is attending the 29th World Guide Conference, which began last night (Tuesday) in Wolfville, N.S. Before heading to the conference, she spent a few days in Acton with her host, Helen Dubeau.

Dubeau is a Guide leader in Ospringle and it was this connection that led her international guest to her home.

Two representatives from every country in the world with Girl Guides (approximately 135) are invited to attend the conference. Miller-Cranko is her country's sole non-voting delegate and will attend the eight-day conference with Zimbabwe's chief commissioner and international commissioner.

The world conference is not a time for singing songs around a campfire.

"I've seen the agenda and it's really a business conference," said Miller-Cranko on Sunday.

Part of the business to be discussed is the building of a fifth world Guide centre with a location in Africa. With 30,000 children in Zimbabwe alone involved in Guiding, Africa seems like a logical choice for a centre.

Miller-Cranko began her interest in Guides as a child in England and has been with the organization as an adult for 25 years. She holds the title of national camp advisor, training other leaders on "anything and everything."

"Once a Guide, always a Guide," she said. "I think it's a worthwhile organization with ideals that I believe in."

Guides in Zimbabwe do the same activities as Guides in Canada, with obvious exceptions due to climate and landscape. Each Guide camp will have a male guard, mainly to keep out "curious strangers" rather than wild animals, said Miller-Cranko.

"But baboons and monkeys are a nuisance, always getting into the food!"

Campers have also arrived by bus to their campsite only to find it occupied by territorial rhinos.

"We definitely have different types of adventures in camps," she laughed.

Zimbabwe is a land-locked country about half the size of Ontario located in the southern part of Africa, with a population of 10 million.

During her visit to Acton, Miller-Cranko said she enjoyed the climate and the rain, since Zimbabwe is now experiencing its winter drought.



TOGETHER IN GUIDING: Jill Miller-Cranko of Zimbabwe, left, found a fellow Guide leader, Helen Dubeau of Acton, to host her visit before attending the 29th World Guide Conference in Nova Scotia this week.

Drag strip property owner has a year to register lots

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

The owner of the abandoned drag strip property east of Acton will get one year, not three, to be ready to register 41 lots on the property.

Town Council said "no" to the three-year request and will recommend to Halton Region that the owner, a numbered Ontario company, also get an emergency three-month extension on draft plan approval for 11 lots - Phase 1 of the rural estate subdivi-

sion proposed between the Fifth and Sixth Lines, north of Hwy. 7.

Bill Young, the landowner's agent, said they will register 11 Phase 1 lots within the next three months but a lack of demand for rural estate homes may mean they will be back in a year's time asking for another extension for the balance.

Noting that there had been a proposed development on the property for at least 11 years, Acton Councillor

Gerald Rennie questioned if the land would ever be developed.

"The onus is on the developer to show some kind of definite indication something is going to move on the property within one year, and if something has been done, they could come back for another extension," he said.

Halton Region, which recently banned all new rural estate subdivisions, will not register the lots until the developer shows proof there is an adequate water supply. Young said that is one of the reasons they need more time.

Town Planning director Bruce MacLean advised councillors that the Planning Act allows them to make a recommendation to the Region whether to continue with the draft approval and grant an extension or terminate it.

MacLean also noted that if the extension was not granted, the applicant could take the issue to the Ontario Municipal Board and that granting the extension did not cost the Town any money.

Following the decision Young said he appreciates councillors want to see a genuine effort to get something in place. Phase 1 registration, he said, will take place within the three month extension.

"Hopefully by then market conditions will be such that we will be able to bring everything else on-line within the next following years," Young said, noting it would be impossible for his client to meet all required conditions to register the lots before the existing draft plan expires at the end of the month.

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