

# The North Halton Compass

Reach then a soaring quill, that I may write  
As with a Jacob's staff to take a height  
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"God made the country, and man made the town."

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# Brass Tacks - Editorial

That ain't no way to treat a lady.

The Acton Fall Fair, an 85 year-old institution, has relied on the old arena at Prospect Park to house its home crafts, exhibits and vendors for years. Armed with an engineer's report, The Town of Halton Hills seems intent on pulling it down.

Halton Hills has placed the burden of saving the old arena squarely on the shoulders of the Acton Agricultural Society. Either the Fair Board comes up with a business plan and enough money to justify the renovation of the building, or out comes the tender and down goes the old arena.

However, is it not part of the town council and its staff's duties to ensure that there are adequate facilities to accommodate all community activities? Is it the mandate of town staff to decide which community events will be facilitated and which will not? Is the Acton Fair no longer an acceptable community event?

It's puzzling that the ag society - a group of volunteers that have enough on their plates running the fair year to year - is now expected to provide the vision and funding



for a town-owned facility. Is this the Town of Halton Hills' version of downloading?

Recently, council had to override the planning department concerning a business expansion in Acton's east end. Apparently, the planning department's opposition revolved around the placement of flower boxes.

Halton Hills council may be wise to take steps to ensure that its vision and that of its staff matches that of the community it supposedly serves - before the future of a grand old dame is damaged any further.

After 85 years, she's earned at least that much respect.

## Clearing the Table

We are experiencing some difficulty with the rural delivery of the Compass through the Georgetown and Acton Post Offices. Please bear with us as we rectify the situation. If you have missed an issue of the Compass, please contact me at 519-856-2424. Back issues are available.

## Blue Springs Soapbox - Compass Correspondence

While reading The North Halton Compass - particularly the May 29th edition, I happened to read an article "Tribute to Bob Johns" by Cindy Lunau - Nassagaweya.

In this article it was written that Mr. Johns and Mr. Charlie Barnes founded the 1st Eden Mills Boy Scout Troop. Nothing against the late Mr. Johns or Mr. Barnes, but they may have started it up again after some years of there being no troop in Eden Mills, but they definitely did not found the 1st Troop.

My father Tom Bould, still living in Eden Mills, was the 1st Scout Master of the 1st Eden Mills Scout Troop started in 1959. His father the late Jack Bould was his assistant - my grandfather. Due to commitments at work, Tom was unable to continue as Scout Master, so in approximately 1961, Jack became Scout Master, with his other son, my uncle Bob Bould as his assistant.

Many boys in Eden Mills and surrounding area

learned a great deal about scouts, thanks to Scouter Jack. Many other are also responsible for a great Boy Scout movement in Eden Mills. They are the late Harold Tomlinson and the late John Ramsey with Scouts and the late Lorna Tomlinson, the late Betty Marshall and Joan Chamberlain with Cubs.

These people gave their time freely and were all very dedicated to the Scouting Movement and they should not be forgotten.

I am sure Mr. Johns and Mr. Barnes worked hard for Scouting also, but this is some of the history of the 1st Eden Mills Boy Scout Troop.

Thanks, I enjoyed reading your paper.

Judy (Bould) Campbell  
Kitchener, Ontario

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Thank you for taking the time to write your letter clarifying the history of Scouting in Eden Mills.

The June article on Bill and Lyle Stokes was well deserved. We have known both for many years, and chuckled when we read about dinners being postponed when the beepers went off. Many a New Years' Eve party was interrupted just before the stroke of midnight when Bill and Lyle dashed off to yet another crisis. The only time I can recall them taking their beepers off was when they each were married.

These brothers (and Doug, too) are always the first to lend a hand when it is needed, without asking, and do not leave until the task is complete.

It is a privilege that we can call them our good friends, and I'd like to say congratulations to them both.

Lorna and Lorne Wilson  
R.R. #3  
Georgetown, Ontario

We would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Friends of Eden Mills and their supporters for standing firm in their beliefs through everything they have endured. They acted with courage and dignity against severe criticism and harassment throughout the whole process of the Bowstring Bridge.

It will be interesting to see if the new Amalgamation Council of Guelph-Eramosa will take a more positive approach towards the residents of Eden Mills, and deal with us fairly and honestly.

Unfortunately, the politics of this situation has caused a division of the residents of Eden Mills.

We look forward to working together as part of a caring community on the beautification and traffic calming issues.

George and Susan Bruce  
Eden Mills, Ontario

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