

Milton Council Briefs

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posed home on the Christoforou property (Second Line Nassagaweya) was withdrawn. October 25, the OMB heard an appeal (decision unknown at press time) for a severance by the Barchuks on Nassagaweya Puslinch Town Line. On November 8, the OMB will hear an appeal for a severance by the Angelo Gardin on Fourth Line Nassagaweya. An appeal for a Lifestyle subdivision in neighboring Puslinch (north of 20 Sideroad) was dismissed by the OMB, but is under appeal to Courts, the final review (seldom used) available.

As Councillors, we are often asked about potential severance of rural lots. These are not permitted under either the Milton or the Region of Halton Official Plan. They are considered only under a very restricted policy of Farm Retirement Lots. If you wish to address your specific question, you are encouraged to call the Department of Planning at Town Hall.

CHURCHILL ESTATES: The opening for a path connecting Churchill Estates with the Brookville Park has now been cleared and should be accessible by the beginning of November. It will remove the need for children to use Guelph line to access both the park and the school from this area. The plan for the Stone Gate entrance

way to Churchill Estates has been approved, and with weather permitting will be installed before the end of the year.

CAMPBELLVILLE PARKING: Under an agreement with the landowner, the Parking lot next to the bank in Campbellville will be paved by the Town for use as public parking.

DEER HUNT: The Archery Season is now open, continuing through December 31, except for the five days of the Shotgun and Muzzle-loader season, November 5-9.

TRAILS MASTER PLAN: This report outlining guidelines and principles for establishing trails was accepted by Council, including a provision for a Trails Advisory Committee. A full copy of the report is available through Ken McAlpine in Community Services. Council also approved the Central Business District Streetscape Study. **REPRESENTATIVES:** Barry Lee 519-824-0679 or 1-888-317-2292, Ken Keates 519-856-2432 or 1-888-645-8669, kkeates@sentex.net, or Cindy Lunau cindy@in.on.ca 519-853-3772 (local call from Milton). Town Hall: 905-878-7211, or 1-800-418-5494 www.town.milton.on.ca. The Region can be reached at 1-866-442-5866 (1-866-4HALTON) or 905-825-6000.

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varieties, including two unnamed experimental varieties that are showing good promise. Packing and cold storage facilities have been constructed to help the operation remain competitive.

"We're trying to adopt methods that will save us money but be environmentally sensitive," explained Mr. Fisher, pointing out as an example, the six acre lake on the property which uses trickle down irrigation to the base of each tree ensuring little to no water wastage.

University of Guelph's Wayne Caldwell summed up the issues fac-

Halton's farm tour

ing the agricultural industry in a short presentation before dinner. Issues include a conflict between agriculture and tourism, a demand for golf courses, major highways, severance lot owners complaining about agriculture, rural estate subdivisions, road traffic and less residential agricultural ownership. He reminded the councillors that they have a duty to balance the protection of agricultural land while allowing for diversity.

"You need to think of agriculture as an industry," he explained. "And as an industry, it will have an impact on the municipality and that impact may not always be

pleasant. You need to recognize the importance of visioning and establish a vision for rural, not urban. You must consider the long term implications of planning decisions and don't shirk the responsibilities. Make the tougher decisions."

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline brought the tour to a close. "This tour is essential to us as councillors and staff, to understand the agricultural industry in what is 60 percent of our land base. Everything we can learn about preserving agricultural land and our farmers is important. We consider agriculture and the heritage of agriculture to be fundamental."

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lucky individuals who never gamble and end up winning thousands, even millions. So I placed a \$5 bet and - I lost ... twice.

As Mr. Hornick said "You may beat a race, but you can't beat the races."

Though many people venture into the Slots where there are over 750 machines equalling 750 chances to win, I - being the horse lover that I am - was more interested in seeing the athletes.

I was lucky enough to be permitted allowance into the barn to take a look at the standardbreds. And I must say, despite my companion's odor complaints, I think the Mohawk barn, filled with over 100 horses, is the cleanest barn I have ever stepped foot in.

Another wonderful surprise was the care given to each and every horse.

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