

**Out of the ashes**

The Town and mayor will bring whatever "pressure" they can bring to bare to persuade the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) to allow the Georgetown Little Theatre to rebuild in Stewarttown after its building was razed by fire in March last year.

Ward 2 Councillor Kathy Gastle said she was "saddened" that CVC won't allow the theatre group to rebuild on its Stewarttown property because it's in the flood plain and said the decision was "somewhat unfair."

"We all know that the building was there in the 1800s and there are still buildings existing in what is classified as flood plain and I just wonder if Council, or yourself (Mayor Serjeantson), could put any pressure on the CVC to reconsider their decision," Gastle said recently.

Georgetown Little Theatre officials are currently working with the Town to find a suitable 1.5-acre parcel of land to build a new private studio/theatre, preferably in Georgetown South. Town councillors asked staff to meet with Little Theatre offi-

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cial to discuss current and future property requirements and report back to Council.

**Canine costs rise**

It'll cost you an extra 5 per cent - \$25- to renew your dog licence as of January 1, as the Town attempts to balance the canine control budget. While the Town has been working on an enhanced dog licensing program - with a user fee concept - for the past 18 months in a effort to make the canine control program pay for itself, the projected 2000 budget includes a net loss of approximately \$30,000 with the increased fee, \$50,000 without it.

Staff said the \$25 renewal fee - the first increase in nine years - is about average compared to neighbouring municipalities. The annual fee for a new licence, without a microchip, is \$30 and the lifetime fee is \$40 for a dog with a microchip for easy identification.

Ward 2 Councillor Kevin

Kuiack voted against the increase, noting there are approximately 1,000 unlicensed dogs in Halton Hills.

"We had difficulty enough getting the amount of dogs licensed this year for \$20, and I don't think we're going to get that many more if we up it five bucks more," Kuiack said recently

**No JK**

Funding concerns outweighed the acknowledged benefits of early childhood education as the Halton Dis-

**Correction**

The Acton IGA was inadvertently left off the list of those who contributed to the success of Acton Firefighters' Santa Claus parade in a letter in last week's New Tanner. They are a major donor to the annual parade and The New Tanner apologizes for the error

trict School Board voted 7-3 against reinstating Junior Kindergarten for 600 students this fall.

Some trustees were worried the existing \$6.4 million for early-learning programs would be redirected to JK, offered by Halton from 1994 to 1996 when the program was funded by the NDP government.

**Chairs re-elected**

Ethel Gardiner will chair the Halton District School Board for a third straight term after being elected by trustees last week. Gardiner defeated a Burlington trustee for the top job. The Halton Hills trustee, a former teacher a Robert Little school, was praised for her leadership skills, optimism, knowledge of regulations, political innovations, resiliency and gentle humor.

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James Sherlock was unanimously re-elected as chair of the Halton Catholic District School Board last week, as was vice-chair Ed Viana, both for the third consecutive year.

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**By Joyce Buchanan**  
Well time is running out. IWe just had our visit from Santa for the kids on Sunday and I do believe everyone went home happy and full of hot dogs, fries, pop and ice cream, to await Santa's return

on Saturday. Many thanks to all who helped.

We only have the New Year's Gala left to this century, but we begin the next one with the President's Levee on January 1 starting around 1 p.m. See you at the Branch.

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