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Group homes ...

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Halton. "Form follows function. You have a group home set up and you get the social services and infrastructure in place and you get more group homes," Somerville said, adding it's a very sensitive issue.

Sensitive as it may be, it's an issue that concerns the board of directors of the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area).

When briefed on the ad hoc group home committee by Somerville (Council's rep, on the Acton BIA) the board of directors said Acton has reached a saturation point for group homes and is concerned about the "influx of more social agencies into our

downtown core."

BIA board chair, Brenda Watson said some downtown merchants have expressed concerns with more social agencies locating in the core and the community is also questioning why Acton has so many group homes.

"We'd like to be considered a kind and caring community for sure - but do you want to become the kind of caring community, that that's all you see when you drive through is people who need to be cared for?" You don't want to offend anybody, but at the same time you have to kind of look out for the other people that live in the community," Watson said.

Bill Hughes, who with his

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BELL RINGER: Across Canada, church bells rang out at noon on Sunday to mark the 100th anniversary of the National chapter of the IODE. Lakeside IODE Regent, Helen Jocque, did the honours (and got a workout,) ringing the tower bell at Churchill Community Church. - Frances Niblock photo

wife operate York House, a domiciliary care hostel, doesn't think Acton has more group homes than other communities.

"When Village Manor closed, there went 40 to 45 people. We brought two of them here, but there are fewer group homes now, than there have been in the past," Hughes said.

POLICE BEAT

No burn permit

Smoke reported by a motorist on Highway 25 at 10:40 Friday morning turned out to be from a garbage fire at the Speyside general store. The owner was burning rubbish in a 45-gallon barrel - without a burn permit. Firefighters asked the owner to extinguish the fire and gave told him about the process for getting a burn permit.

Scout camp fire

No damage was reported from a smoldering fire found in a steel garage at the Blue Springs Scout Camp on the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya. Acton firefighters received the call at 12:27 a.m. on Saturday and found the fire in the storage level of the garage.

Gord Chapman is in hospital

Acton lawyer Gord Chapman is in Hamilton General Hospital recovering from encephalitis.

Marg Chapman says there is no indication how her husband contracted the illness which put him in hospital two weeks ago.

The relatively rare illness has not caused any deafness or paralysis but he is still too weak to walk.

"They're optimistic for a full recovery," Mrs. Chapman says. "He's on the mend, but it's going to be a long haul."

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CONSTABLE RIDDLE'S CORNER

With Village Constable Bill Riddle



This week's column prepared by Constable Mallinson

A few pointers if involved in a motor vehicle collision

There is usually an increase in motor vehicle collisions during the winter season due to inclement weather and road conditions. We, as members of the police service, note that many motorists can be confused during these unfortunate times and are reminding the public of the following pointers if involved in a motor vehicle collision:

- If the accident is minor in nature and no one is hurt, remove the cars from the roadway for your safety, to prevent further collisions and to allow other traffic to get by.
- If the total damage to all vehicles involved is less than \$1,000 and no one is injured then the accident is considered non-reportable. This means that the police don't have to be called. However, you still have to exchange information with other drivers or anyone whose property has been damaged.
- The information exchanged with other drivers or property owners is the driver's name, address and driver's licence number, the name and address of the vehicle owner, the licence plate number and the insurance company and policy number.
- If anyone is hurt (even a minor injury) or the total damage is over \$1,000 then the accident must be reported to the police.
- If at the accident scene you are frightened by the other driver (road rage) and are concerned for your safety, drive directly to the police station or call 911 immediately.
- If you think the other driver is impaired, or you witness an accident and you think the driver is impaired, call police right away and try to stay on the line.

Always remember, if you are unsure or are in doubt, call police and report the circumstances of the accident.

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Help us turn the clock back, to discover what it was like to live here in 1960. The Acton High School Reunion Committee has a whole weekend (June 24&25) packed full of events, to welcome students who attended the school between 1954 and 1977 and the Acton BIA has jumped on the bandwagon too! We've picked the year 1960 to commemorate, so the downtown will be transported back 40 years for our Pedestrian Market on June 24th. Right after the parade at noon, three blocks in downtown Acton will remain closed to traffic for sidewalk sales, displays, entertainment and a walk down memory lane.

Do you have any photos from 1960 that the BIA could borrow, information about what you could buy downtown and how much it cost in 1960, special hang outs that were a favourite with teens and stories of the 60's will help us turn back the clock for this one day! Drop off your stories, photos (which will be returned) and reminisces in the BIA post box next to the Bank of Nova Scotia, drop them off at the BIA office, 170 York St. Acton, or mail them to the Acton BIA. We're going back to the future!

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