

Old arena gone, now they want our school playground

Dear Mr. Chudleigh, MPP:
Hi, I'm Jordan Kuenzig. Did you know the Halton District School Board is planning to take three acres of our playground and build houses? They say they must sell it to get more money from

the Ontario Government and the Minister of Education. It is wrong to take our playground to make more money though. We need out playground for baseball, soccer, ice skating rink and hockey practice.

I am a member of the Acton Tanners Minor Hockey League. I play hockey in the arena but I also need extra practice time. I use the outdoor rink at the school playground. If they sell that land for building houses that means our ice rink that we practice on will be gone too. Our old arena has been torn down. There is no other place to practice.

They should build houses somewhere else other than our school yard! We need exercise and space to run. We need a place to run free and get all of the stress from our bodies. We need our large playground!

P.S. Please help us with the problem!!!!!!
Jordan Kuenzig
Class 4/5 blt



PLAY PALS: Acton seniors and students shared their favourite games during the final intergenerational get together between the Grades 2 and 3 students at Robert Little school and local seniors. Marc de Lestard, Samantha Keats and Dorothy Rognvaldson prepare for a checkers challenge. — Frances Niblock photo

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Call Chudleigh, not trustee

Dear Editor:

Re: Selling Sports Fields
I am strongly opposed to the idea of selling the sports fields behind McKenzie-

Smith Bennett school. But the anger expressed by some towards the Halton District School Board is but an example of people 'Firing at the messenger.'

The Halton District School Board cannot raise money for education on its own. They rely primarily upon the grants provided by the Ontario Government. The fact that schools have bake sales in order to purchase science equipment and school boards have to sell soccer fields in order to have money to build new schools, illustrates the problems with the way that money is allocated for education.

Some school boards and school councils are beginning to say to Mike Harris, "Enough is Enough." There have been too many cuts to education programs and more

funds are needed. And money is available. One source of money could come from the millions and millions of dollars the Ontario government currently takes in from casinos. This money now goes into general revenues but could be used to invest in education and health.

So folks, if you want to save parkland in this town, don't call your local school board trustee. You should be directing your concerns to the real source of the problem. Call your local MPP, Mr. Ted Chudleigh at 878-1729. His government controls all aspects of the money available to schools and school boards. Let Mr. Chudleigh know how you feel about this issue.

Richard Boychuk,
Acton

Land is ours!

Following is a letter to The Halton District School Board, with the request to publish in The New Tanner.

Regarding your proposed sale of land located at the McKenzie, Smith Bennett School in Acton we would like to inform you that we adamantly oppose this recommendation.

This property is widely used by many members of this community for over 40 years, not just the school children. There are skaters and hockey players in winter, soccer and baseball teams in

summer and those who just want to take a walk through a park like setting. It's ours, we use it, we want to KEEP it!!!

We have initiated a PETITION, which will be distributed throughout the local businesses in Acton. We urge all members of this community to get out and sign this PETITION which we will be forwarding to Ethel Gardner, School Trustee within two weeks.

Yours truly,
Kathy Verbeek
Roz Edwards

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Teens and Alcohol

I AM often asked about teens and alcohol and what offences they are committing.

The main offence police deal with involving teens and alcohol falls under Section 30(8) of the Liquor Licence Act: persons under 19 years having liquor which means just having liquor in their possession. The next is also under Section (30)8: being under 19 years consuming liquor.

The fine for these offences when an offence notice is issued by an officer is \$105.00.

The next question is: How and where do they get the alcohol?

The answer is: Anywhere they can! One way is false identification, which is an offence under Section 31(2) with a fine of \$105.00, or they can take it from their parents liquor cabinet, have older siblings or friends obtain it for them, or just stand in front of the beer or liquor store and ask someone to buy it for them.

The person who supplies liquor to a person under 19 years or to a person who appears to be under 19 years are also charged under Section 30 Subsections 1 through 4 of the Liquor Control Act and there is no set fine for these offences. The person charged must appear before The Provincial Offences Court.

The maximum fine for an individual convicted under these offences is \$200,000. For a Corporation convicted under these sections, for example a bar, the maximum fine is \$500,000.

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