



Halton Junior Farmers at Acton Fall Fair

## Halton Junior Farmers to celebrate 85th anniversary

This year marks the 85<sup>th</sup> year of the Halton Junior Farmers.

To celebrate an Anniversary Celebration is being held on Nov. 25 at Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown. The evening will consist of a dinner followed by a slide show depicting Junior Farmer events and members from past and present, a silent auction, a showcase of JR talent

in the area and a dance.

Proceeds from the evening

will go towards Rose Cherry's Home in Milton, this year's provincial Junior Farmer charity.

A slide show and display of past Halton Junior Farmer memorabilia is being prepared for this evening. If you have any pictures, trophies, minute

books, club jackets, newspaper clippings or great memories that you would be willing to share with us for this event please contact Debbie Brander at the phone number below.

Due to the capacity of the hall there are only a limited number of tickets for the event. These may be obtained by contacting Debbie Brander at (905) 873-2143.

## Hornby residents question Town's industrial assessment

Several Hornby residents, including former Ontario Transportation Minister James Snow, can't believe three properties in the Steeles Avenue - Regional Road 2 area, are zoned for industrial uses, including truck depots and terminals and light manufacturing.

Snow questioned the zoning at a public meeting on Monday, called to discuss Town plans to rezone the properties for future development. The Town is concerned the existing zoning isn't compatible with the abutting prestige 401 industrial area, and will remove the industrial zoning while the future of Hornby is debated during detailed planning reviews.

Planning director Bruce MacLean said the three prop-

erties were zoned industrial in a late-1960s Esquesing Township bylaw, incorporated in the Town's bylaw, but he doesn't know why.

He offered to meet and work with Hornby residents who want to preserve the rural character of the area to decide the "most appropriate zoning that will fit the property" today and in the future. MacLean also promised to notify the Hornby Ratepayers Association of future meetings about the area.

Area farmer Ed Robertson said he's owned and farmed one of the properties in question for 36 years and never had any indication, until now, that it was zoned for industrial use, comments echoed by James Snow af-

ter the meeting.

"I was part owner of one 20-acre parcel where the poultry buildings are. We sold it in 1977, after it was so-called 'zoned industrial' and we knew nothing about it. So, there's something wrong," Snow said, adding the land should be zoned agricultural because "that's what it is and that's what it's always been."

Steeles Avenue resident Eric Cowell thanked the Town for looking at the area north of Steeles Avenue and recognizing development of the 401 industrial corridor "will, and already has, affected the community of Hornby."

## Taxes could jump 3 %

The average Acton homeowner would pay an additional \$21 in Town taxes next year if the preliminary operating budget suggested by staff was approved as is.

It includes taxes increases not exceeding 3 per cent and would result in a tax bill, for municipal purposes only, of \$738 for the 'average' homeowner with a property valued at \$185,000.

As the budget committee - all councillors and the mayor - held their first budget overview meeting on Tuesday, Town Administrator Steve Andrews cautioned they face a "very, very difficult" budget year.

"We're at the top of the economic cycle now. We're facing increased costs and upward pressures due to contract negotiations on the labour side," Andrews said as he listed additional increased costs.

Treasurer Ed DeSousa introduced a base budget system this year, showing each department's 2000 approved budget plus non-controllable expenditures, not to exceed a two per cent increase.

Anything above the base budget - spending for staffing, equipment or new projects - can't result in a tax increase of more than an additional one per cent for a maximum increase of 3 per cent.

Ward Two Councillor Kevin Kuiack said he "struggles" with starting with a tax increase of up to 3 per cent without seeing any numbers from the Region or school board. He said he "fears" they'll be up to a "ridiculous" 10 per cent tax hike before they're done.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette said while no one wants a tax increase, it's almost "time to pay the piper" after

several years of tax increases for Town purposes. He said those councillors who are re-elected will "still have time to trim" the operating and capital budget before they are approved February 28th.

In Halton, the politicians want a tax freeze - sort of.

Council's goal is a zero per cent tax hike, but it will also consider program and service improvements up to two per cent more. Policing costs, some of them provincially-mandated, must also still be factored into the Halton tax supported budget for 2001.

In his budget overview, Halton's acting commissioner of corporate services, David Birkett, listed 10 emerging 'pressures' on the budget, including ambulance improvements, Go Transit expansion and increased waste disposal costs, and said when they're added to existing demands, the "short term tax outlook is not encouraging."

Halton council is scheduled to approve the tax budget in February.

Milton Council asked staff to bring back a budget with no tax increase, but options for one and two per cent increases. Oakville and Burlington asked for budgets with no more than 3/5 per cent.

## Free breast exam held at Milton site

Milton District Hospital is inviting women to attend a breast self-examination workshop entitled "Mammacheck" on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. as part of Breast Health Awareness Month. This free workshop is sponsored by breast Cancer Support Services and Zonta Club of Burlington 1.

Those who attend will learn how to recognize the properties of normal breast tissue; recognize the common characteristics of breast lumps; locate lumps in a silicone breast model and describe the lump's characteristics; perform your own breast self-examination; and perform a thorough, visual inspection of your breasts. Seminar instructors have been trained by breast self-examination specialists.

Those interested in attending the Mammacheck seminar at Upstairs at Loblaws, 75 Nipissing Road, Milton from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, please register by calling

(905) 338-4379. If you are unable to attend, but wish more information on this topic, please call the Breast Cancer Support Services at (905) 634-2333.

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Dear Editor,

Once again another Acton Fall Fair has come to pass. The 2000 Acton Fall Fair parade was a success to the hard work and sacrifice of all those who helped to make it a day to be proud of.

This year's parade was bigger and better than last year's edition. I would like to extend my gratitude to those who helped to make it another memorable experience by donating their hard work and time to make my work easier.

I would also like to thank all those who participated in the parade with their floats, and overall enthusiasm and involvement that showed the pride and community spirit that made me proud to be a part of it.

I would also like to congratulate the winners on a job well done.

First place - The Acton Pen-

tecostal Church boys and girls, second place - The Acton Kinsmen, third place - The Acton Seniors.

Once again I wish to thank all those involved.

Michael J. Arnott  
Parade Committee

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Proceeds to The Acton Agricultural Society

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### VOTE FOR

### DORSON

### (DOBBIE)

### FRIZZELL

### COUNCILLOR WARD 1



- I have been a resident of Acton for the past 42 years.
- My wife and I raised our 5 children in Acton.
- I have been a Journeyman Power Lineman for 37 years with:  
Ontario Hydro Construction  
Acton Hydro  
Halton Hills Hydro
- I retired from Halton Hills Hydro in 1985 and worked with my son in the electrical field.
- In 1990 I was elected Hydro Commissioner for Halton Hills Hydro and have held that position for the past nine years to the present. I held the position of Hydro chairman for 3 terms. At this time I am serving on the Hydro restructuring committee.
- I was a volunteer fireman in Acton for 21 years, now a life member of the Ontario Firefighters Association.
- Several years I coached minor Hockey and Baseball. I worked with the Acton Figure Skating Club to help with any electrical wiring for the Ice Carnival at the old Acton Arena.
- I have been a Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 in Acton for 33 years.
- I feel I would have a strong voice for Acton and be able to represent responsibly the people of Ward 1 Halton Hills (Acton).