

TOWN DIGEST

TOWN TO SELL SURPLUS LAND

The rainy day has come for Halton Hills for a slim majority of Town councillors, including all three Acton politicians.

Faced with a budget shortfall of at least \$2.1-million for the leisure centre and Alcott arena twinning, projects, Councillors voted 6-5 on Monday to sell all 10 or 11 acres of some Town land to the west of the Civic Centre.

By the same 6-5 vote, Councilors rejected an attempt by Councillor Moya Johnson to retain a 2.4-acre parcel fronting on Maple Avenue, for future municipal use.

Council wants six to eight prestigious homes built on that portion and medium density housing with the possibility of limited medical/office development on a northern parcel.

Noting that a previous Council in bought the land as an investment, Councillor Clark Somerville said it was time to break the piggybank.

Councillor Rick Bonnette said residents west of Highway 7 wouldn't accept a tax increase to pay for cost overruns for the two recreational facilities, adding it was "time to pay the piper."

Staff said the \$2.4-million funding shortfall could be partially financed by \$1.1-million from the sale of surplus land.

EYESORE CLEANUP?

Good news for Storey Drive residents living near a vacant, burned out house that has been boarded up since a fire more than two years ago.

Town staff reports the owner, who applied for a building permit in August, hopes to resolve issues with her insurance company before the end of the month and begin to rebuild.

Area residents petitioned

the Town asking for help in cleaning up the eyesore with dangers from broken glass and stagnant water. The Town charged with owner with non-compliance of a cleanup order and she's in court October 29.

TRASH TROUBLE

Garbage and waste thrown from passing cars is causing problems for area farmers whose machinery tires are being punctured as they move along the sides of the roads.

Ward two Councillor Bryan Lewis recently appealed for people to use the recycling facilities that are available in Georgetown and Milton.

"The ditches in the country aren't the place to be putting your garbage because there's far more to it than just dropping off (the garbage). There are some very sharp objects that are causing problems," Lewis said.

WARNING SIGNS?

In an effort to reduce truck traffic in Glen Williams, Town staff will study the feasibility and practicality of posting signs at the Wildwood/Confederation and Eighth Line/Wildwood intersections, warning the road is not suitable for trucks or heavy vehicles.

In asking for the signs, Councillor Joan Robson said she doesn't want a ban on trucks, but wants "regard" for concerned residents who want the trucks to use Highway 7, instead of Wildwood Road for a bypass.

Staff noted trucks can use Wildwood to get to other Regional Roads and cautioned a ban could just pass the problem onto another road.

Town council will also ask Halton police to clamp down with more traffic surveillance



FALL PLANTING: Susan Allen, left and Max McSween from the Acton Horticultural Society were selling Millennium bulbs at the Trunk Sale Saturday. Purchasing the great deal were Ann and Wayne Montgomery. —Angela Tyler photo

in Glen Williams on Confederation Street, north of Wildwood Road.

MULTICULTURAL INVITE

Halton Hills Council and residents received a personal invitation from Halton Police Chief Ean Algar to a multicultural festival later this month in Oakville.

At Town Council on Monday, the Chief, who is co-chair of the Carousal of Nations celebration, alluded to the World Trade Centre tragedy and said, now, more than ever, is a time "reach out and embrace the richness in our com-

munity."

The Carousal of Nations celebration is October 20 and 21 at various Oakville locations.

CONDOLENCES

A Town of Halton Hills condolence book for victims of the U.S.A. terrorist attacks will be displayed at the River Street library for Acton residents to sign.

The book, which has been in the Civic Centre lobby since the tragedy, is filled with heartfelt prayers and messages of hope. At presstime, it wasn't known when the book would be in Acton.

Harris transit plan pleases Halton Chair

Halton Region Chairman Joyce Savoline is pleased with Premier Harris's announcement to invest \$9-billion dollars in transit over the next 10 years.

"Halton Region Council has long supported the position that changes are required to the current transportation system to meet the needs of all communities and to facilitate the movement of goods and services across the GTA. Halton has a definite role to play in identifying and solving transportation needs and we will be active partners at the table with the province," said Chairman Savoline.

Ms. Savoline also indicated Halton supports the Province's decision to take responsibility for the GO Transit system. "The Premier in his announcement indicated the need for a partnership among the three levels of government. We have said for quite some time that the provincial and federal government should be involved in transportation as well as ourselves. It is a big picture, economic issue. Halton is prepared to play its role in the partnership."

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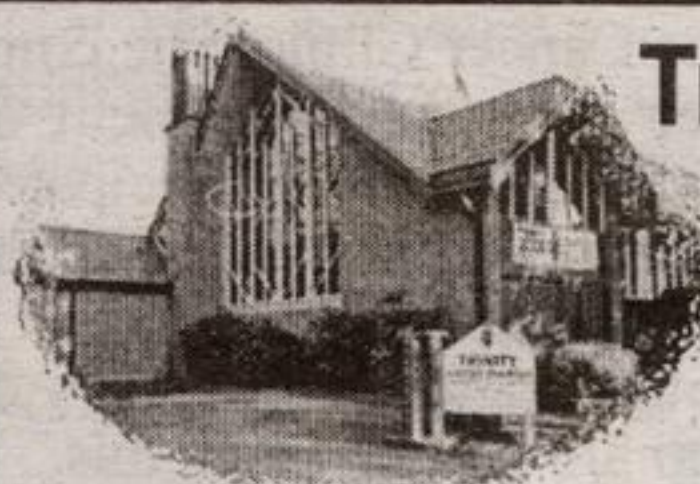
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October 7th, at 10 o'clock for Thanksgiving Sunday
and the return of our special guest
The Rev. Chuck Beaton
and at 10 a.m. on
Sunday, October, 14th with The Rev. Cathy Ellarby
Sunday, October, 21st with The Rev. Cathy Ellarby
Anniversary Sunday
Sunday, October 28th with The Rev. Dwight Engel

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Closed Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 8, 2001






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