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Lack of serviced land a problem

To the editor:

RE: Town's development of ficer faces daunting challenge. The New Tanner Jan. 17, 2002.

Alan O'Neill is doing an excellent job of trying to entice industries to come to Halton Hills. Unfortunately, the town is keeping both his hands tied behind his back by not giving him serviced land to work with.

Development of the 401-Steeles Avenue corridor could double the tax base for Halton Hills, but the servicing contract is not proceeding. Other towns and cities in Ontario buy land, zone it for industrial use, service it with paved streets, municipal water, sanitary and storm sewers, and then resell it to users and developers. They generally finance it out of reserves, with the support of their communities.

Halton Hills has \$12 million in reserves and Halton Region \$96 million. Our councils last year approved \$875,000 and \$2.8 million respectively toward the \$7.285 million required to start the first phase of providing water and sewers for the westerly portion of the corridor. Now everybody is waiting for the other \$4 million



to be raised from some of the benefitting landowners. More reports are being generated, more public meetings will be held and no servicing contract is being signed.

The town and region have made their decision. They would rather have their reserves sit in the bank and collect 2% interest than put an extra \$4 million from reserves into services for the corridor with the potential of doubling the town's future tax base and getting the process started now.

While everybody waits,

good industrial prospective owners and tenants are finding homes elsewhere. A major industry recently took a very close look at the 401 corridor before choosing Brampton. The Brampton site is serviced. Magna considered the Acton site for a new hydroforming operation and chose Milton instead. Milton is serviced. Though the Acton site is "serviced," the municipal water source is well water shared with residents. Hydroforming is forming of metal sheets into shapes with

water pressure. If you were a prudent owner/investor, would you build a brand new hydroforming facility in a location where your operation is competing for water with your workers and their families? What if there were a dry spell or an aquifer problem? Not even the best public relations company would be able to help you. Never mind not being able to deliver critical, just-in-time items to a multi-plant operation.

So we'll have no services and spend the town's money on more reports and more meetings instead. That's OK, as long as our residential taxes from our lopsided tax base don't go up.

Sincerely,
Peter Scholz, Limehouse.

Old house held together by love, laughter and band-aids

To the editor:

Just a skip south of Acton—the old house on the Beardmore Tannery property sat.

It was an ugly grass green colour and covered with peeling stucco outside. There it

sat looking empty and forlorn!

My late husband and I had been searching frantically, without success, to find a house in which to move with our large brood. Who would care to rent a house to a couple with seven children? A co-worker of David's at the tannery suggested there was a vacant house close by.

Mr. Lorne Youngblut opened the locked door and showed us inside. "Would you ask your mother or sister to live in a house such as this?" I cried.

We scrubbed the place from top to bottom. The tannery men smoothed the walls, put carpet on the livingroom

and eventually a new kitchen floor down.

We papered and painted, made flower beds of Iris and Peonies and grew huge vegetable gardens.

We stuck together cohesively as a family!

Sometimes when it poured cats and dogs David would climb up and mend the old roof. (It didn't need fixing when the sun shone.)

For 16 wonderful years we lived there! I'm certain that all that held that "OLD House," together was love, laughter, and band-aids.

The house is gone now but everytime I pass its location a smile tickles my face!

Jessie Munro.

Dr. Landry explains why he left practice

Dear Editor:

To the patients of Dr. Moore.

I fell that I owe you an explanation for my recent abrupt departure. Unfortunately because of long hours of working and trying to organize a new office, our OHIP submissions were late, therefore, no deposit was made to our account.

To make a long story short, my renewal fees were late.

When this happens, it's a lengthy process to see patients again. At this point, I am unsure how long this process will take. I am sorry for any inconvenience or stress to our patients.

I would like to thank the staff and doctors at the clinic, in particular "Dr. Nather". It was a pleasure to have tried to help with your medical problems.

Sincerely, Dr. L. Landry

45 families helped by HHCSI Christmas program

Dear Editor:

Halton Hills Community Support and Information would like to express our thanks to all those who helped to make the holiday season special this past year for 45 families in our community.

During the months of November and December, members of our community generously donated many items to our Christmas Needs Program, including toys, clothing, knitting and money. Many local businesses and individuals made generous financial donations to our program. These donations are used to purchase items of clothing for financially limited families. Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to make a donation.

Several groups, churches, businesses and individuals

assisted with our program by providing hampers for families. They purchased clothing and toys and put the hampers together for families. We are very grateful for their continued support of this program.

Last year was a difficult one for many families and we had a significant increase in the number of families that applied to our program. We are pleased that the community responded to the increased demand in a very generous way! We are very fortunate to live in a community where people care for one another and are willing to share their resources in order to help others.

Sincerely, Cathy Gerrow,
Community Support
Coordinator
Halton Hills Community
Support and Information

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January is Alzheimer Awareness Month

Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive, irreversible disease of the brain which is not a normal or inevitable result of old age. It is one of many specific brain diseases that result in progressive loss of mental faculties such as memory, learning, attention or judgement.

Alzheimer's Disease occurs in 5%-10% of the general population over the age of 65 years, affecting persons of all social, economical and racial groups. Symptoms can include gradual memory loss, a decline in the ability to perform routine tasks, impairment of judgement, disorientation, personality change, behavioural change, loss of language skills and a decline in intellectual function.

The cause of Alzheimer's Disease is unknown and there is no cure. Some symptoms can be controlled through medical or physical means.

The total number of Acton Seniors can be expected to grow larger in the coming years and with that increase comes an awareness, of the need for such programs as the "Wandering Person Registry".

This is a collaborative, community program of the Alzheimer's Society of Halton-Wentworth, the Victorian Order of Nurses and your Halton Regional Police Service.

The registry is entirely voluntary and free of cost. Family members or institutions, here in Acton, may contact the Alzheimer's Services Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) at (905) 847-9559 or Toll Free at 1-800-387-7127.

The-VON will contact you and forward an information package, to register an individual with Alzheimer's Disease. The information will be entered on Police computer files to assist in the search for or identification of a lost or wandering person.

Please give the "Registry" serious consideration, to reduce the anxiety and risks of those who are lost, and those who are caring for them.

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