

Council ponders heritage designation for old Barber paper mill on the Credit

Town staff will report on a request from Heritage Halton Hills for a heritage designation for some buildings at the Barber Mill, a nineteenth century paper making complex sitting vacant on the banks of the Credit River in Georgetown.

At the last Council meeting, Mark Rowe, chairman of Heritage Halton Hills, detailed why the designation should be supported under the Ontario Heritage Act.

He said the development is tied to restoration and the plans from owners, Everlast Restoration Inc., are "very sympathetic" to the 12-acre site that includes eight buildings, the oldest dating to 1864.

Everlast has submitted zoning and Official Plan applications to allow development of unique commercial shops, an art galley, spa and a 230-unit condo development on the site.

"The mill represents the paper-making industry that was instrumental in developing Georgetown," Rowe said, adding the project is eligible for

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a new federal grant program to protect industrial buildings.

In his report, Rowe said that neglect, squatters and weekend drinking parties have taken their toll on the property, along with a major fire last year that gutted one of the buildings.

Twin city?

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette will write his counterpart, the Bergermeister, in Holten, Netherlands, to see if there is any interest in twinning the two municipalities.

Last week, Council supported a request from two Georgetown residents to investigate the twinning with Holten, where two former Halton Hills residents are buried, along with 1,900 other veterans.

The idea of twinning, also known as mundialization, evolved after Japanese atomic bomb survivors resolved to make sure it could never happen

again. Twinning fosters cultural and educational exchanges.

Several councillors like the plan, including Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary who said Remembrance Day television coverage makes it clear the Netherlands have never forgotten the sacrifices Canadian soldiers made liberating that part of Europe.

"I think that this is a good way for us to keep the spirit alive and to remember the fact that so many of our young people...went to Europe and made the supreme sacrifice," O'Leary said.

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson said she attended a Remembrance Day service at a Holten veterans' cemetery while on a trip to Holland with the Georgetown Children's Choir.

"In wandering around that day, we came across a headstone of a young man from Acton - no one knew who he was, no one knew his family name or anything, but it was really moving to just find that (grave)," Johnson said,

supporting the twinning initiative.

Budget approved

Georgetown Councillor Ron Chatten stood alone in his opposition to final approval of this year's budget and its 5.8 per cent tax hike for a property assessed at \$250,000.

At Council last Tuesday, Chatten asked for a recorded vote, reiterating that a 5.8 per cent tax increase is too high, and asked for a budget debriefing, and a look at making the process more public.

Mayor Rick Bonnette, who chaired the budget committee, said he'd accept responsibility for changing the system the Town uses to account for its spending and revenue, including ways to bring councillors into the process earlier.

Bonnette said the \$6.9-million capital budget will be spent on roads, parks, repairs and maintenance of facilities, with 2 per cent of the increase dedicated to the pavement management plan.

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AQUA DUCKS: Top of slide: Leanna De Vaan, second from top Kate Feather; front left to right TJ Waldie, Jennifer Kroezen, and Jordan Dunn.- Submitted photo.

Ducks swim to medals at Etobicoke event

The Acton Aqua Ducks Red Squad competed at the Central Region Winter Team Champs held at Etobicoke recently. Only five Ducks headed east to better their times and grab some awards, rather than trying to place in the top three.

Some of the 19 contending clubs had over 30 swimmers and the top three was not realistic.

Jordan Dunn and Jennifer Kroezen charged out of the sky to claim three golds, three silvers and one bronze. TJ Waldie took over a second off his 100 breast time to capture

bronze and Leanna De Vaan and Kate Feather both swam three personal best times.

Results as follows:

Girls 12 & 13: Jennifer Kroezen- 50 free-Silver, 100 I.M.-Silver, 100 free-Bronze, 100 breast-7th, 50 breast-11th Kate Feather- 100 I.M.-11th, 50 free-13th, 100 free-13th.

12 & 13 boys: Jordan Dunn- 50 free-Gold, 50 back-Gold, 100 I.M.-Gold, 100 free-Silver, 100 back-4th

14 & over boys: TJ Waldie- 100 breast-Bronze, 50 breast-5th, 100 I.M.-5th, 50 back-11th, 100 free-12th

Kaitlyn Andrews mines two more gold medals

Kaitlyn Andrews continues to rack up medals in indoor track and field competitions.

Competing at the Ontario Track and Field Association's Indoor Juvenile-Senior

championships last weekend, at the University of Windsor, Kaitlyn won a gold medal with a toss of 11.47 metres in the Juvenile Shot Put. She was seeded second going into the competition.

Kaitlyn won her second gold in the Twenty Pound Weight Toss, a new event for this talented young Acton athlete. Her toss of 9.58 metres put her at the top of the class.

The championship marked the end of the indoor track and field competitions. Outdoor competition begins at the club level after the OFSAA competition in June.

KIDS' corner

Arts FACT:

WHICH ANCIENT INSTRUMENT, PLAYED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO IN SUMERIA AND EGYPT, IS STILL PLAYED IN AFRICA AND CENTRAL ASIA?

ANSWER: THE ARCHED HARP

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Kids' Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Music, for example
4. "Music" singer
7. Where planes take off and land
8. Put on clothes

CLUES DOWN

2. To arrange
3. Novel by Jane Austen
5. Sheltered or hidden places
6. Music, painting, dance, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. Sound 4. Madonna 7. Airport 8. Dress
2. Order 3. Emma 5. Nooks 6. Arts

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TIMELINE

- THE OPENING PERFORMANCE OF IGOR STRAVINSKY'S BALLET, "THE RITE OF SPRING," CAUSES A RIOT IN PARIS.
- RUSSIAN INVENTOR IGOR I. SIKORSKY DEBUTS HIS "RUSSKY VITYAZ" THE FIRST FOUR-ENGINE PLANE.
- REFORMER MARY HARRIS JONES WAS JAILED IN WEST VIRGINIA AND COLORADO FOR LEADING MINERS' STRIKES.

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new word scale

series of musical tones ascending or descending in order of pitch

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How they SAY it in...

English: SONG

Spanish: CANCIÓN

Italian: CANZONE

French: CHANSON

German: LIED

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Did You Know?

THE ORIGINAL DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND (THE SPELLING WAS SOON CHANGED TO "JAZZ"), A GROUP OF FIVE MUSICIANS FROM NEW ORLEANS, MADE THE EARLIEST JAZZ RECORDINGS IN 1917.

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get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: MAN WITH GUITAR

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SPRING SAFETY

FALLING INTO COLD WATER CAN RESULT IN HYPOTHERMIA. USE CAUTION WHEN NEAR RIVERS, LAKES AND STREAMS THIS SPRING.

Canadian Red Cross