

Road paved for Acton development

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It will only be a matter of time now before new houses are built in Acton.

At the Acton Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing Wednesday afternoon the board chair J.R. Mills approved the rezonings and draft plans of subdivisions for the developers involved in the two-year long hearing, except for the Freure commercial development which will be dealt with in April. The appeal of the industrial zoning bylaw on the Tyler industrial lands on Scene St. will also be

heard by the OMB in April.

Mills also indicated he would issue orders on official plan amendments passed by town council in 1993 paving the way for Acton to grow to 10,000 people. It will be up to the developers now to determine how quickly they want to build in Acton by meeting the conditions set out by the town.

Wednesday morning region lawyer Stan Floras informed the OMB the region received a water taking permit from the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE) last Tuesday evening.

Benson Leung, manager of special

studies for the region, said Thursday, the MOEE permit allows the region to pump an additional 250,000 gallons of water per day from the Prospect Park well. "The region can now grant draft approvals for up to a population of 10,000," said Leung.

Leung explained Acton's population could grow by about 1,500 before improvements will be necessary at the sewage treatment plant.

Regional council has already given region staff the go-ahead to tender out the detailed design of the improvements at the plant.

Leung said in the next couple of weeks

the region will be calling a meeting with all the Acton developers to discuss financing of the improvements at the plant, which are currently estimated at \$2.4 million.

Leung said the region will cover about \$500,000 of those costs, but the remainder will have to come from the developers.


Leung said the sewage treatment plant improvements can be tendered out as soon as January 1996, but that will depend on the amount of development activity in Acton. He estimated the improvements could be completed in one construction season.

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No time change

A proposal to start council meetings at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. met with a tie vote, and failed.

The earlier start time would have come into effect April 3 for a three month trial. It wasn't until after 11 p.m. that councillors got around to discussing the proposal, designed to have meetings conclude earlier. Councillor Ron Chatten pointed out that since the November election, all council meetings have continued past the 11 p.m. conclusion time. Staff was asked to report back on the issue.

Smith and Stone development

The town has agreed to forge ahead with a proposal to put 63 houses on the former site of Smith and Stone. A zoning change is needed to build the subdivision and the application will be circulated to agencies. A public meeting will also be held.

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Saluting our top citizen



Former Halton Hills mayor Russ Miller and wife Gerry accepted the Georgetown Citizen of the Year plaque from Georgetown Lion Mark Rush at the dinner in his honor, Tuesday night at the Lions Hall. In addition to the Lions Club presentation, Miller accepted recognition from the federal and provincial governments, Town of Halton Hills, Halton Region, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce and Hockey Heritage Council. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Bomb scare

A suspicious object found Friday morning at the Georgetown Professional Arts building on Sinclair Ave., was not a bomb — but a second object found in Burlington was.

Someone arrived at work just before 8 a.m. Friday at the medical building and found the glass doors at the entrance had been shattered and a "foreign looking" canister was on the floor, Halton Regional Police Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh said.

Police did not believe it to be a bomb, but wanted to be certain. However, the Peel emergency disposal vehicle had to be called in, because the Halton vehicle was checking out a bomb in Burlington. Two teens found the object beside a newspaper box in Burlington at 3:20 a.m. on Headon Forest Dr. An officer saw the boys carrying the bundle and when he checked it out, discovered it was a bomb with a timing device. The pipe bomb was detonated at 9:15 a.m., causing "a considerable explosion," Media Relations Officer Joe Martin said.

Welsh said no one attempted to enter the medical building in Georgetown and he doesn't know the value of the damage.



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