

Proposed subdivision draws concern from two residents

Only two residents with concerns showed up at a recent public meeting on a proposed 13-home subdivision in Acton.

The subdivision plan, proposed by the Caranci family, involves seven detached homes and three semi-detached homes as well as some open space. The current home at 97 Bower St. will be demolished to provide a road into the large lot. In 1992, a 72-unit apartment building was proposed but that was changed in 1995 to the current plan. The latest change has been to reconfigure three of the homes to lessen the impact on the Bower St. homes.

The Ministry of the Environment has approved a work plan for cleanup of the site which has a long history being a dumping ground for waste materials.

Neighbouring resident David Harris, looking at the

plan, worried that part of his property would be used for the road access. Solicitor for the applicant, Bert Arnold, agreed to meet with him to address his concerns.

Another neighbour Don Ryder wanted a buffer strip between his house and the development. He was also concerned the homes will bring more traffic onto Bower St. which he called a speedway due to drivers attempting to avoid downtown Acton. Ryder suggested consideration be given to traffic lights on Bower Ave. at Frederick St.

The deadline for the public comment on this subdivision proposal is August 17. The planning department then will present a report with recommendations to council at a future meeting.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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Sunday, August 12

Leathertown Festival

promises a day of fun, food and frivolity

Acton's annual Leathertown Festival set for Sunday (August 12) will feature six continuous blocks of food, vendors and entertainment.

"It's our 10th anniversary and the mayor is going to be serving anniversary cake at the 11 a.m. opening ceremonies," said Val Slater, a member of the Leathertown Festival's advertising committee.

Slater said so far they have more than 110 vendors who will be selling a wide variety of items including crafts, clothing, tools, toys, jewelry, computer games, stained glass, sunglasses and Henna face and body painting.

The vendors will be selling their wares along the six streets surrounding Mill St. which will be closed during the festival to create a large pedestrian mall.

"This year's (organizing) committee consists of a lot of new people so we have a lot of new ideas, new sponsors and new vendors," said Slater.

She said there will be live entertainment all day on two outdoor stages. Acts include Static Lab and Billy Talent, Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Revue, The Beirido Brothers, Practically Hip and street strolling buskers.

There will also be Everest Rock Climbing, car smashing, Artisan's Corner, M&M's Froster Mobile, Classic Karate demonstrations, Pepsi Challenge, skateboarding and Nashville North line dancing.

"We have a whole area that's kid-focused—Kid's Action Central," said Slater. Kids can have their faces painted, take a pony ride, play in a bouncy castle, tackle the obstacle course or try their hand at the fish pond.

Cotton candy, burgers, corn on the cob and fudge will all be available at the festival which runs from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Admission and parking are free.

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Six (6) Glen Williams residents will be selected to serve on an eleven (11) member Steering Committee, including Ward 2 local and regional councillors, the Mayor, and a representative of Heritage Halton Hills. The first meeting of the Steering Committee will be scheduled for early September.

Letters expressing your interest in serving on the Steering Committee must be received in the Planning Department at the Town of Halton Hills by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7th, 2001.

Please submit expressions of interest to:

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