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Limits put on rabbits, pigeons Town adopts new pet bylaw

The Town of Halton Hills has placed limits on the number of pets per residence.

Council approved the new policy amendments to the Responsible Pet Owners Bylaw at its recent meeting.

According to the bylaw:

- No person shall keep more than three each of rabbits, ferrets, gerbils, Guinea pigs or other small animals. (Originally only two of each was proposed, but council felt that was too restrictive and amended it to three of each).
- · No person shall keep more than a combined total of two non-venomous snakes or lizards
- No persons shall keep more than four pigeons (another bylaw considering the harbouring of pigeons as a hobby was approved at the April 28 meeting)

 No person shall keep more than two domestic fowl

· No person shall harbour a horse, pony, mule, cow or steer, goat, swine, mink, fox, sheep or chinchilla except on land used for

agricultural purposes.

 The above restrictions do not apply to lands legally zoned to permit agricultural uses or to persons who keep animals under a releasable age.

The bylaw already restricts the number of dogs and cats per residence to three each and exotic animals not indigenous to

Canada are prohibited.

Ron Stein, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer said the changes have been prompted by complaints related to the number of mice, rabbits or fowl kept in urban areas or on rural properties where homes are close together. The complaints related to odour and noise, he said, adding that unless the town has these new regulations his department will be unable to resolve the complaints.

Stein said with the new bylaw in place, his department would not go on a door-todoor campaign to ensure residents are at the legal limit; instead the regulations will be enforced after a complaint is filed.

-By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Acton man nets \$114,000 6/49 win

An Acton man is \$114,650 richer thanks to a Lotto 6/49 win in the April 23 draw.

Nick Hossko (right) of Acton won the money with a ticket he purchased at Acton Discount Variety.

"I'm pretty happy with my windfall," said Hossko, who, with his wife Carolynn, has one son.

The 43-year-old mechanical engineer at Mold-Masters plans to pay off his debts and may take a trip.



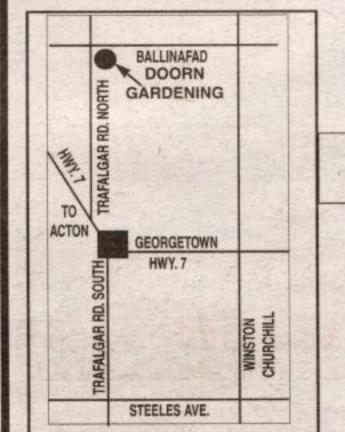
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