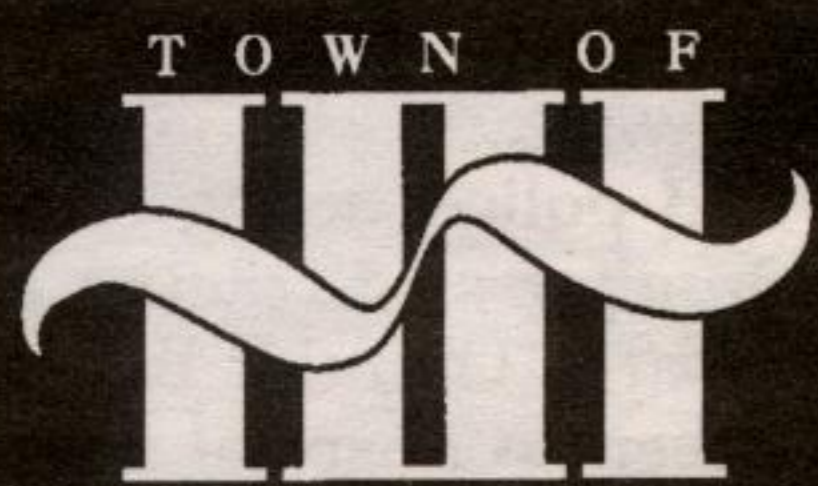


WAL-MART CORRECTION NOTICE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Sleeveless Chambray Border-Print Dress (item #344007215) shown on Page 10 of our flyer (ending May 2nd) is unavailable in both regular and Plus sizes.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Town of Halton Hills
Adult Entertainment Study

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to discuss proposed amendments to the Official Plan and the Town's Zoning By-laws that are intended to provide a policy and regulatory framework for identifying the appropriate locations for Adult Entertainment Establishments. Adult Entertainment Establishments include Adult Entertainment Parlours, Body Rub Parlours, Adult Video Stores and Adult Specialty Stores.

The proposed amendments direct Adult Entertainment Uses to the Acton and Georgetown Urban Areas in general and specifically:

- direct Adult Entertainment Parlours to only the Acton and Georgetown Industrial Areas subject to criteria including, but not limited to, the requirement for a rezoning and achieving certain setbacks from arterial roads and sensitive land uses such as residential development;
- direct Body Rub Parlours to only the Acton and Georgetown Industrial Areas subject to criteria including, but not limited to, achieving certain setbacks from arterial roads and sensitive land uses such as residential development;
- permit Adult video Stores in certain specified commercial areas and zones subject to separation distances to prevent an undue concentration of such uses; and,
- permit Adult Specialty Stores in most commercial areas and zones.

The Amendments are intended to implement the Town of Halton Hills Adult Entertainment Study on a municipal wide basis.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or if you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the Zoning By-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information regarding the Town of Halton Hills Adult Entertainment Study is available in the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

DATE/TIME: Monday, May 31, 2004, 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
FILE NO: A02/AD 52

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Town pulls Acton cab company's licence

Halton Hills council unanimously refused to issue North Halton Taxi a licence to operate, Monday night.

The denial was based on a string of violations and charges— 17 in total— leveled against the Acton cab company and its owners, Clair and Dorothy Dolson.

According to Debbie Edmonds, the town's Manager of Licensing, the charges included dispatching cabs driven by drivers without valid driver's licences and/or town-issued licences, without vehicle ownerships and insurance, vehicles unable to pass a safety inspection, failure to maintain records, using personal vehicles not licensed as taxi cabs, and dispatching cabs used for the delivery of alcohol without a licence issued by Alcohol and Gaming Commission.

Based on these charges, council refused to issue a taxi broker's licence to Clair Dolson operating as North Halton Taxi and a taxi owner's licence to Dorothy Dolson operating for North Halton Taxi.

This, however, does not leave the community of 9,000 without a service. The two Georgetown-based cab companies, EZ Taxi and McKab Taxi have stated they are willing to pick up Acton customers (see sidebar).

In their defence, North Halton Taxi manager Joanne Robichaud told council Monday night, the company took action— car repairs and meter repairs— once they learned of some of the violations.

Robichaud said contrary to gossip, "we (North Halton Taxi) have not been running (since their licence expired April 30)," adding that she has had to turn away about 150 to 200 calls since Friday.

"We have been keeping up with all the regulations that we have been asked to since I've spoken to (bylaw enforcement

officers)... to reach the standards of the town," said Robichaud.

Town Clerk Karen Landry said, "Yes, the company has rectified some of the matters but during the course of the time when they weren't in compliance with the law, we had difficulty getting them to comply as the evidence indicates."

Other firms to fill taxi void

Two Georgetown-based taxi cab companies will, in the words of Mayor Rick Bonnette "step up" to fill the void left by North Halton Taxi.

Both Rick Wood, owner of the EZ Taxi and Lisa LeBlanc, manager of McKab Taxi said Tuesday morning that North Halton Taxi's assertion that the Georgetown-based companies would not pick up Acton clients is false.

"We are a responsible Halton Hills taxi company. We serve all of Halton Hills," said LeBlanc.

Wood said his firm has also served Acton "the best we can" and will "be running full force in Acton by the end of the week."

LeBlanc added Acton fares may have to wait for cabs to travel from Georgetown.

Bonnette and Councillor Jon Hurst met with Wood and McKab Taxi owner John McKee yesterday afternoon to discuss the taxi situation in Acton.

"It was a positive meeting," said Bonnette. "It's good to know that we have two reputable taxi companies in town and that they're willing to serve Acton and the surrounding area, 24/7."

Robichaud pleaded with council not to deny the licence because a number of people in Acton— seniors, workers and students— rely on the cab company daily. She claimed Georgetown cab companies would not respond to Acton calls or station vehicles in the small community. However the Georgetown companies refuted both those claims yesterday (Tuesday).

Two Acton residents spoke in favour of North Halton Taxi, Louise Morrisette and Peter Quesnelle, and both said a taxi service was important to the people of Acton.

Karen King, who spoke to council last month about ensuring school boards do not use taxis to transport children, asked that the licence be denied and should it ever be re-issued that the North Halton "be watched very closely and be made accountable."

Councillor Bryan Lewis asked whether North Halton could get another licence.

Landry said the company is entitled to make another application, which will be reviewed and council could impose conditions if deemed appropriate.

"People who take a taxi automatically assume a driver is licensed, they automatically that it's insured, they automatically assume the taxi is safe," said Mayor Rick Bonnette, an Acton resident, who called the loss of an Acton-based taxi company a sad decision but one that must be made to ensure the safety of the people of the town. The mayor was confident that other companies will "step up" and to fill the void.

Acton Councillor Jon Hurst, a member of the Community Affairs Committee, which made the original decision to refuse the licences, said no one took pleasure in the decision. "We will never know what tragedy we may have averted," he said.

The decision needs to be officially confirmed at the next council meeting, May 17.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Police blotter

Officers assaulted trying to subdue death threat suspect

A Georgetown man is facing charges after violence erupted at a seasonal workers' residence on the Tenth Line Friday evening.

Police went to the home at approximately 9 p.m. after receiving a report of an out-of-control guest who was threatening to kill the occupants of the home while armed with a beer bottle.

When police arrived they were confronted by a Georgetown man who had assaulted a male resident of the home, and was now threatening to kill police officers.

Shortly after they arrived the man fled on foot into a wooded area.

For two hours police canine and tactical officers tracked the man who was finally located near a neighbouring home where he continued to be defiant toward police.

Police report he charged at the tactical officers in an aggressive manner and a tazer was used to subdue the man.

Charged with assault with a weapon, assault, three counts of uttering death threats, assault police, assault with intent to resist arrest and five counts of breach of probation is Daren Desrosiers, 30, of King St.

Halton Police have laid an additional charge against a man who was charged April 21 with impaired driving, having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a controlled substance at a Trafalgar Rd. business.

Police report at the time two Staffordshire Terriers were found in the

man's vehicle and one of the dogs had porcine quills embedded in his face.

Halton Hills Animal Control took the dogs to the Upper Credit Humane Society and a veterinarian determined the quills had been in the dog's face for some time.

Charged with causing unnecessary suffering to an animal is Ronald Kutynec, 43, of Sixth Line.

Police are investigating several thefts at a construction site on Steeles Ave. east of Fifth Line that occurred late Wednesday or early Thursday.

Police report three tool lockers were broken into at the site and tools were stolen from the lockers owned by Warwick Equipment (\$1,400 worth of items) and Wilhelm Concrete (\$6,500 worth of tools).

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