

It's a small 'Rockwell' world

You know, the more years I work in this business, the smaller the world has become.

For the most part, that shrinking of the global mass can be directly attributed to the electronic media, more specifically, the Internet.

I've had images published in Gander, Newfoundland, all over Ontario within the Metroland chain and even in The Netherlands.

I've photographed events in Europe and sent images and stories back to my office making same-day deadlines. Each time, those images and stories were transferred via the Internet— something we tend to now take for granted.

But recently, I was amazed how distance perception can be distorted by that same media.

December 8, I wrote a column about my collection of Norman Rockwell Christmas Village Houses, each one featuring a scene from one of his many visual slices of everyday life that appeared on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post*.

I related how I'd been collecting the "Freedom" series of Norman Rockwell houses over the years, depicting the four freedom paintings Rockwell painted during the Second World War— Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Worship and Freedom of Speech.

I received an e-mail from Randy Clouse who wrote: "I found your article about your Christmas decorations. I feel the same way about the Rockwell village houses. I have looked in the windows many times just to see what the little folks are doing."

He told how he wanted to purchase some for his wife, and asked if I had any leads on where he might find them. As it turned out, I had dropped by Zellers in Georgetown that same day and saw them on sale— 30 per cent off.

I just naturally assumed Randy lived locally, so I replied and told him they were at Zellers and wished him luck buying them for his wife. I never gave it another thought.

The first week of January, I received another e-mail from Randy, this time telling me of his Rockwell Village-buying adventure.

Ted Brown



"My wife loves the Rockwell Village, but we have had a hard time finding new ones down here. I became aware through some Google searches of how many buildings there were we'd never seen..."

"Your e-mail response led to a contact with Nadine, an extremely helpful supervisor at your local Zellers. That, in turn, led to an overnight trip to Windsor, where my wife and I found four Zellers, another helpful manager, seven new Rockwell buildings, and many other purchases..."

By this time I realized Randy wasn't a local reader— I wrote back, and asked where he lived.

His response: "When I sent you the original e-mail I did not realize you were from Canada, so it did not seem important to say where I was from. I figured it out after I got your response."

"We live in Goshen, Indiana, just south of Michigan... We've been to Stratford maybe eight times, plus Toronto and Kitchener. I thought we would maybe come to Georgetown, but as things developed the trip to Windsor worked out fine..."

The world's become so small, we can lose track of where we are on this earth when it comes to sharing with others. But with this turn of events, my Rockwell village has taken on a new twist.

When I set up mine next year, I'll think of Randy and Pam Clouse of Goshen, Indiana, as they display their 23 Rockwell Village houses.

All this from a passing tip from me, and help from a manager in Zellers in Windsor, Ontario.

(Ted Brown can be reached at tbrown@independentfreepress.com)



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

WARD 1

Concerning Applications to Amend the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law

For lands located at 163 Church Street Lots 50 and Part of Lot 51, 52, and 53, Block 8

Lots 8 and 9, Block 21, Registered Plan 31 Town of Halton Hills (Acton)

Town of Halton Hills Files D09OPA06.004 & D14ZBA06.005 (Acton Medical Centre, 163 Church Street)

The General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendment applications to the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 1358, as amended. The proposed amendments apply to the property municipally known as 163 Church Street, Town of Halton Hills (Acton). The subject land is bounded by Mill Street, Eastern Avenue, Church Street, and Fellows Street. The site is currently vacant.

Below is a map showing the location of the subject property to which the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment would apply.

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment applications are to permit the development of a medical centre, with medical offices, dental offices, and limited commercial service uses on the subject site. The property is currently designated "Special Purpose Commercial Area" by the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan. The applicant is proposing to change the designation to "Core Commercial", which would allow the proposed uses.

The subject lands are zoned Industrial Light (M1) Zone by Zoning By-law 1358. The applicant is requesting to change the zoning for the subject property to a site-specific "General Commercial Special" (C1-1) Zone, to permit a medical centre.

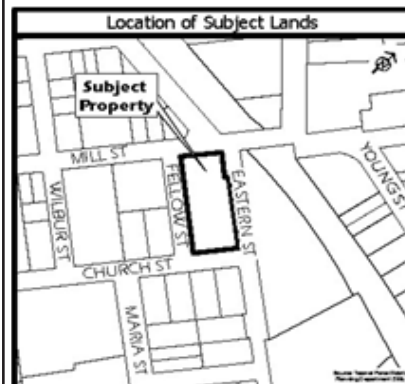
If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of this proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or if you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of this proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of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

If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law 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 and/or Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

NOTE: Any written comment/objection submitted to the Town of Halton Hills regarding this application(s) which is being processed under the Planning Act 1990, may be made public as part of the application process.

Further information is available in the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2 or contact the Planner assigned to the file, David VanderBerg at 905-873-2601, ext. 2214. A copy of the related Staff Report will be available on Friday January 20, 2007 on the Town's website at: http://www.haltonhills.ca/hap_news.asp

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.



DATE/TIME: MONDAY January 22, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
FILE NOS: D09OPA06.004 & D14ZBA06.005 (Acton Medical Centre, 163 Church Street)

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

THEATRE SUPERVISOR – CULTURAL CENTRE

Posting No. 200703

This position is responsible for managing a Cultural Centre, which includes a performing arts theatre and art gallery. This position will work with local performing and visual arts groups to promote and develop arts and culture in the community; maximize use of community arts and culture resources; provide complete oversight of centre operations in cooperation with Library Services located within the same building, oversee conservation planning; and be responsible for project management for assigned infrastructure work as part of the Department Administrative Team.

Responsibilities:

- Project management of capital projects, community events, service delivery improvement and business plans.
- Develop short and long term plans and policies for programs, services and operations based on current and future trends, changing community demographics and impact on community responsive services including recommendations for facility modifications and additions.
- Provide advice, guidance, consultation and administrative services to support new community group development and to work closely and assist existing arts groups with recreation service delivery and organizational development.
- Select, train and supervise full time and part time staff.
- Administrative functions associated with all aspects of operation of the facility including scheduling.
- Develop and administer contracts and service agreements with service providers.
- Prepare, administer and control the Capital and Operating budgets for the Centre.
- Develop marketing and communication plans to increase community awareness and participation, facility use and secure revenue from fees, partnerships, sponsorships and fund-raising.

Qualifications:

- University degree or equivalent in recreation, business or related field
- Minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible experience in recreation/administration and/or facility management at the Supervisory level including 3 years experience with performing arts and theatre operations.
- Knowledge of community cultural pursuits and activities is required.
- Superior communication skills, verbal and written.
- Proven Supervisory leadership and team building skills required.
- Experience in working effectively with community agencies, Council, community groups, the media and public.
- Strong understanding and knowledge of facility maintenance and operational issues pertaining to use of a public facility.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office 2000, Excel and Class.
- May be required to work evenings and weekends and be available after hours to deal with facility emergencies and operational and/or of facility use nature.
- Must provide own transportation

Salary Range:

The annual salary for this full time position is \$57,454 - \$68,398.

Qualified candidates may submit a detailed resume in confidence to the undersigned by **4:30 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2007**. Please quote Posting **No. 200703** on your resume.

Ms. Jacqueline Kerr
Manager of Human Resources
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills ON L7G 5G2
Fax: 905-873-1431
Email: humanresources@haltonhills.ca

We thank all those who apply, but advise that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25) and will be used to select a candidate. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Manager of Human Resources.

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