

Halton Place events can go on as planned

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She said cancellation of the dog agility trials "would have been a great disappointment" to participants in that event.

Krueger said Halton Place will work with its neighbours "to implement an event management plan" and will host an event information meeting for area residents and other interested community members today (Wednesday) from 8 to 9 p.m.

Neither Jack Pemberton nor Hilda Darcie, two of the five area residents who appealed the NEC permits, were surprised by the hearing officer's decision. The other three residents opposed to the permits were Ron Morin, Paul Dodson and Mike Shantz.

"We accept it," said Pemberton. "The biggest battle is ahead of us—the (Halton Place) three-year plan."

Darcie said by the second day of the hearing it was clear to her that Henry had already made up his mind.

"It didn't seem to matter what we said about the dog agility trials," said Darcie. "It's purely entertainment and has nothing to do with agriculture."

She viewed the hearing as fair in some ways, but not fair in others.

"We weren't allowed to even bring up what was on their (Halton Place) website," said Darcie.

She said in light of the fact the dog agility trials is a one-time event she is "not going to create a big scene about it."

"I have to accept it because that's the decision that was made."

In his decision, Henry said he agreed with Krueger, NEC planner David Johnston and Halton Place planner Glen Broll that the dog trials and Canadian Country Classic were "within the scope of animal husbandry and/or agricultural use."

Henry also said that while "high volumes of sound can be disconcerting to the neighbours," Halton Place has "committed to replacing the speaker horns with loud speakers beginning this year."

He said hopefully that will minimize annoyance to neighbours, but "in the end, this is a matter under the jurisdiction of the Town and its noise bylaw."



Ivan Osterman may not have won the pie-eating contest but he sure enjoyed the competition. (Below) Ben Burland of the Ben Show keeps his eyes on the ball during his performance.



Leathertown Festival

Despite damp weather Sunday, The Acton Leathertown Festival drew huge crowds to the downtown core to celebrate the best Acton has to offer. (Left) Aidan Waite, 2, hangs on during his pony ride while (below) several people opted to view Acton from a different vantage point atop a double-decker bus.

Photos by Jon Borgstrom



Diversity March



Among the more than 100 people taking part in Saturday's second annual Welcoming Diversity Day march in downtown Georgetown were, from left, Peer Outreach Support Services & Education (POSSE) Project founder Kimm Kent, Lindsay Hole of Georgetown and Kelly Curley of Georgetown whose Mohawk Indian name is Jijannah Dah.

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