

Town Digest

Disposal concerns

Town Council wants a lot more information from staff before commenting on Green-Port Environmental Managers Ltd.'s application to the province for a provisional certificate to operate an industrial oil recycling facility on Todd Road in Georgetown.

A Notice of Motion from Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary to object to the application lost on a 6-5 vote – decided by the mayor – at a recent Council meeting.

Mayor Bonnette suggested they get a full staff report and digest the information provided that night by the proponent, before deciding the issue. Bonnette will also write the Minister of Environment asking for more time to comment on the application.

While the oil to be recovered from machines at the plant is described as non-PCB waste, it actually could contain PCBs up to 50-parts-per-million.

Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary, who said they owed it to citizens to slow down the process, filed a Notice of Motion objecting to granting of the provisional certificate.

He noted the final site plan had not been filed, and there was no time for staff or the Town Environmental Advisory Committee to comment.

Led by Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson, who said the Notice of Motion was a "bit reactionary," Council voted to defer it until a staff report is available.



HUB HAPPENS: Students, politicians, social workers and educators joined in a ceremonial sod turning for the new Acton Community Hub at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School on Monday. Construction of the \$450,000 facility, which will bring a variety of services under one roof in a building attached to the pool end of the school, should be complete by May. – Frances Niblock photo

Youngster bitten by dog

By Frances Niblock

A German Shepherd dog that bit a seven-year-old Acton newspaper girl on the arm remains a potential threat as it can still escape its Beardmore Crescent house, with the help of the owner's two-year-old daughter who can easily open a child-proofing device on the front door.

When the little girl opened the door on Friday afternoon, the dog, Mason, a 1.5-year-old Shepherd, bounded out of the house, past the owner's wife and up three houses to where Serena Yakuse was delivering papers on her The New Tanner route with her grandmother.

The dog ran past Serena's grandmother and latched onto the little girl's arm. She was wearing a winter coat, but the dog's teeth scratched her skin, causing it to bleed.

Serena's mother Cheryl Yakuse, who was in her car on the street, blew her horn to startle the dog, and as she got Serena into her car, the dog grabbed onto the grandmother's coat and then the mother's coat before finally running home.

"It terrified all three of us," grandmother Florence Yakuse said on Monday, adding the next day she could still see the dog's teeth coming at her, but "Serena is fine."

The family spent most of Friday afternoon at the hospital where Serena was x-rayed

and treated for scratches on her arm. The family called police who confirmed the dog had all required vaccinations.

Yakuse is not impressed that the family has not done more to prevent the dog from getting out of the house and none of them want to walk on that street.

Liz Bremmer, wife of the dog's owner, went to visit Serena and her family on Friday, offering apologies and hugs.

She said Mason is a friendly family dog who plays with her two children.

"He's a puppy and he stills runs and runs ...and because

she was running, he thought she was playing, maybe, but I didn't see, so I don't know," Bremmer said on Sunday.

"I feel really bad. It was so fast – Mason played around here for a second and I called him and he wouldn't come back ...I don't know exactly what happened, I think it was a grab," Bremmer said of Serena's injury.

Asked how she will stop Mason from getting out of the house again, Bremmer said "I am guarding that dog, and I even told my husband that I wouldn't want this to happen again, so if worse comes to worst, and we have to put him down, we will."

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retail buildings and a bank at the corner of Highway 7 and Tanners.

One of the conditions imposed by the Town restricts the size of stores selling clothing or accessories unless a market impact study is done.

Halton asked the Town to put a hold on the zoning approval that cannot be removed until confirmation that there is water and wastewater capacity available.

Water capacity equivalent to use of five single-family houses has been allocated to the property, but the equivalent of 12 houses is required. Staff said until a site plan is submitted, it can't be determined if there is adequate water for the development.

The plan requires Rinarin to landscape and buffer the site, it bans outdoor storage and sets parking requirements.

At Council on Monday, Mayor Rick Bonnette asked staff to investigate if four mature trees on the property could be saved.

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