

Plans for new Acton Medical Centre approved

By Frances Niblock

With no public debate, Town politicians paved the way for planning and zoning changes to allow the Acton Medical Centre to be built on a vacant parcel fronting on Church Street and bounded by Mill Street, Eastern Avenue and Fellows Street.

Dr Nather Alshakarji, who currently practises at the Acton Medical Centre on Mill Street, plans to build a two-storey, 16,706-square-foot medical centre for five doctors, a dentist, a pharmacy and café. Plans for a physician's residence were withdrawn.

At its August 13 meeting, Council is expected to ratify the Official Plan and Zoning amendments it approved on Monday to allow the proposal to proceed, subject to a number of conditions, including the owner entering into a site plan agreement with the Town, off-street parking calculations and

confirmation of adequate water supply. Planning staff said although a medical centre is not an allowed use with the existing Official Plan, it is compatible with existing commercial uses in the neighborhood and won't have a negative impact on residences in the area.

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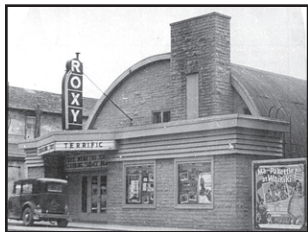
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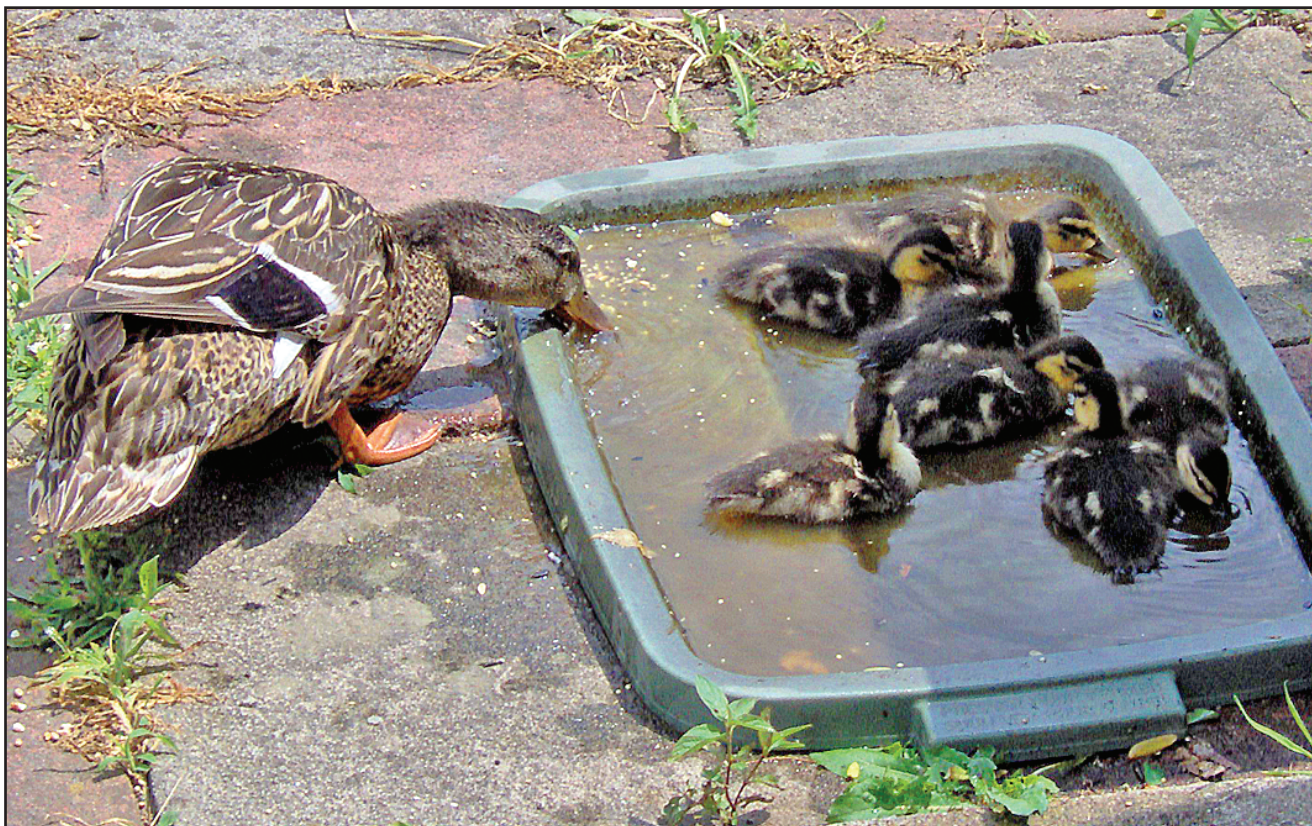
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LORD LUVADUCK: When Elizabeth Drive resident Jack Carpenter forgot to take a plastic lid into the house one night on the weekend he was delighted to find a family of Mallard ducks had taken it over by the next morning. Overnight rain made a neat pool for the ducklings while Momma Duck had a drinking fountain. *Jack Carpenter photo.*

Glen Lawson Rd. being repaired

Drivers using Glen Lawson Road between the Third and Fourth Lines will be able to thank Milton's MSO Construction Limited for a much smoother ride as the company has been awarded the surface treatment contract with the Town for this year, with two one-year options for a total contract of \$804,420.

Along with Glen Lawson Road, this

year's surface treatment projects include two areas on the Third Line, from Five Side Road to 10 Side Road, and from 10 Side Road to 15 Side Road.

In 2008, Acton projects include Fourth Line from Lot 25 to Highway 7, and Fifth Line from 22 Side Road to Highway 7.

In 2009, Acton projects include sev-

eral sections of Dublin Line, Third Line from Lasby Lane to 32 Side Road, and Fifth Line from Highway 7 to Bridlewood Boulevard.

Staff noted MSO Construction's bid meets or exceeds the Town's specifications and the company has done surface treatment work in Halton Hills for over 20 years.

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The lawyer representing the new owners of the Shoppers Drug Mart plaza want more time to respond to the Town's "use it or lose" policy when it comes to water allocations.

Since water for development is so scarce – Halton has instituted a freeze on development until additional water and waste water capacity is found – the Town is attempting to squeeze all the water it can from the existing sources, including recapturing unused water allocations from developers who haven't used what they been granted.

The Town identified three Acton developments with unused capacity and they were given 30 days to explain how they intended to move ahead and use their water allocation, or it would be reclaimed and redistributed to much-needed industrial/commercial development.

The Region has informed the Town that it is ready to issue draft approval to

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