



WANTON VANDALISM:

Vandals stole numerous signs, threw others into the creek and burned wooden ladder pieces at the Limehouse Conservation Area on the weekend. Officials estimate the damage will be in the thousands of dollars.

— Frances Niblock photos



Council defers vote on Fallbrook designation

Once again, Town Council has deferred approving a heritage designation for the Fallbrook Farm – a log cabin, mill and bridge near Ballinafad – this time, to allow further talks with the property owner, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) that wants no part of any heritage preservation or conservation work at the site that experts said is a rare example of the gradual evolution of settlement development in Ontario.

A rebranded group, the North Halton Celtic Historical Society, replaced the Friends of Fallbrook that had repeatedly failed to convince Council it had a viable business plan to restore, preserve and showcase the site in the Silver Creek Conservation area on 27 Side Road. The new group has done all that Council asked over the past months, including incorporating, expanding membership and developing a business plan including fundraising.

Society spokes-

person Anne McIntyre of Acton said she was “disappointed” with the unexpected deferral, but remains “optimistic” that the last remaining early industry farm complex will be saved, at no cost to taxpayers. She estimated it would take \$250,000 to restore the site and acknowledged the Society will need help with a Trillium Foundation grant application to cover half the cost.

Regional/Town Councillor Jane Fogal championed the new group and its professional business plan and said she’s “confident” the designation under the Ontario Heritage Act will occur. Fogal is not impressed with a “most astonishing resolution” from CVC indicating it won’t sell the Fallbrook site, doesn’t want to talk about preservation or conservation and wants a special Halton tax levy to pay for any costs associated with the Fallbrook site. “It’s a heritage site of significance,” Fogal said,

adding CVC might not want to deal with the issue, but “I’m not going away.”

Acton Councillor Jon Hurst was also “quite annoyed” with the tone of the CVC position, adding CVC should have used some of the rent money it collected for the house until 2001, for maintenance and repairs.

CVC member, Ward two Councillor Joan Robson, defended the CVC saying a member of the former Friends of Fallbrook, which evolved into the Society, had published “very inflammatory” comments about the CVC online and that had left a “bad taste” in some CVC members’ mouths. She said it will take some time, but she’s confident the issues with CVC can be resolved.

The deferral will provide time to try to persuade CVC to allow restoration and preservation of the site, and for Town staff to study the Society’s business plan.

Students clean up Black Creek again

This year’s clean-up extended from the culvert near Halton Hills Hydro to Fairy Lake. In addition to the usual plastic bottles, pop cans, plastic wrappers and strapping bands, items of concern included a bag of salt, a knife and numerous, broken, glass bottles. A complete list of the items, cleaned from Black Creek during the clean-up, is sent each year to our national body, The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, to provide information re: the pollutants that groups from across Canada are removing from streams, lakes, etc.

Approximately 85 Grade four/five students from Robert Little School cleaned garbage from the waters of Black Creek last Monday, the seventh clean-up in the last eight years.

The students were assisted by their teachers - Mr. Vandekemp, Mr. Cousineau, Mme Huc and Miss Thomson. The

following Acton H.S. students, co-ordinated by Miss Anceriz, volunteered their time to direct the students from Robert Little: Craig Barney, Dana Bowman, Kevin McNally and Jessica Sukmawen. Becky Kaye and Kim Sweezie, were present as Parent Volunteers to ensure that we had the supervision required.

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