



TRYING IT OUT, Marilyn Andrews of Milton relaxes in a Victorian "gentleman's chair" she bought for \$275 at the Milton Antique Show-Sale in the Legion on the weekend. The chair dates back to 1890 and was restored by Rossi's Antiques of Woodstock.

Three trucks idle

Dumping restrictions headache

Finding a place to dump old building materials continues to be a problem for area haulers, who are not permitted to dispose of the industrial garbage in the regional dump at Georgetown.

The difficulty continues four months after Halton region banned building materials, tires, and other items in an effort to lengthen the lifespan of the regional landfill sites.

For Ted Tyler, whose Acton transport firm is responsible for hauling wood and other materials from Beaver Lumber Co. and Ontario Pallet in Milton, the restrictions have caused a few headaches.

Last week, three Tyler Transport trucks stood idle for two days, while he waited to find some place to dump wood materials he had hauled from Beaver Lumber Co.

According to Mr. Tyler, he arrived at the landfill site with his load of wood and was turned away, and told to take the garbage elsewhere. The problem was later

rectified, following telephone calls from Beaver Lumber Co. to the region.

Mr. Tyler was told by the region a "misunderstanding" had occurred, and that he could dispose of his three loads of wood at the garbage site.

According to region authorities, wood is permitted at the site and the only building material restriction is plaster board, bricks and other similar materials.

No alternative dump sites were listed by the region at the time of the resolution and that means local haulers must find their own dumping spot for the banned materials.

The restriction is likely to hit hard the small haulage firms, admitted Hubert Burke, a technical services engineer with the region, who added that larger firms could more readily find alternative spots for dumping.

Mr. Tyler stated he is concerned about the long term effects of the ban, since the region has offered no

alternative. "Garbage is becoming big business and very expensive for some companies," he said. As haulers travel further distances to unload garbage, the price will escalate, with the result that people will be encouraged to dump in the countryside and along the roadway.

"We have spent a lot of time educating people about the effects of polluting our countryside and now this is going to reverse the situation

again," Tyler said of the region's rule.

He blamed part of the current problem on the fact that there is only one regional dump to service the three towns of Milton, Acton and Georgetown.

"They should not have closed the Acton dump," he continued, adding that a creek seepage problem that led to the closure could have been rectified and the dump kept open.

Achilles Motors gets towing nod

Thursday, Halton Regional Police Commission awarded the medium towing contract in Acton to Achilles Motors of Queen Street.

The commission awarded the contract after talks with Achilles concerning price.

Achilles owner Les Pelidis earlier won the contract for light towing, but he did not put in a bid on the medium towing.

King Towing of Burlington has the contract for heavy towing throughout Halton Region.

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Seven months...

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instead of tackling the long term problem. We did some cosmetic surgery and applied a lot of band-aids," he said. Duignan indicated the planting of trees had been more impressive than he had first thought it would be.

Duignan noted a lot of good things had come about during the past several months, for some of which the Business Improvement Association (Miltowne Centre) could take no credit.

Among those good signs are the federal government's decision to build a new post office on Brown St., Wrentham Development's proposed plan to build an office building on Martin St. and the town's decision to level the former Sunoco building.

Duignan would like to see the old post office levelled and replaced with a modern office facility that could accommodate the Halton Region Conservation Authority as well as some town staffers and possibly other tenants.

He suggested the old post office was a Victorian relic that shouldn't be saved. "They are a dime a dozen. I'm sure the conservation authority will want to move into a new building. I really don't see the post office as a building that would be conducive to office use."

"Possibly the best decision we made was to realize that we as businessmen, with our own businesses to run, could conceive of ideas and develop a plan but could not execute it.

"That's why we have hired a student and Colin Best has done a fine job in carrying out the ideas we had conceived."

Events arranged by the Miltowne Centre group have attracted people to the town core and helped generate traffic.

"We have a good flow of traffic between the farmers' market and the flea market. Merchants are telling me that crowds are here on Saturday.

"We've done a few visual things and this has helped morale."

But Duignan acknowledges that the core area still lacks stores that will attract browsers. There are no imminent plans for major redevelopment in the core area.

"We've been shooting from the hip until now. I think the next chairman will have to spend a lot of time on studies and examining the way to go in the medium to long range.

"I really wish we had a retail businessmen's association to take care of the promotion end of things so that we could really concentrate on things of a long term nature."

Duignan sees the core area, the mill pond and the Kernighan property as key elements

in a development scheme.

"I can see it. It just has to come," he says.

While it hasn't been acted upon, one of the proposals for would have involved a row of boutiques leading off Main St., along Montgomery Lane over to the pond. Duignan says that has to come, but it will take time.

According to Duignan, some merchants will be improving the faces of the building by going ahead with some painting on a joint project and the BIA group hopes to have that massive bare wall on the hydro office

painted with some abstract design soon.

Both the town and Maplehurst have been terrific with their support, according to Duignan. Maplehurst inmates have helped plant trees, clean brush, sweep the street and they will be building a float to go in the Christmas parade.

"The town has been helpful and most tolerant in allowing the group and individual businesses some leeway in projects they wanted to undertake," Duignan explained. "The town staff has really helped out. They've really been terrific, just top notch."

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