

# Compromise possible in strip club issue

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the club from garnering too much attention based on appearance alone, said Mr. Starr. There is proposed to be no windows to the outside and no neon signs, he said. "It's a very low-key design. If you just look at the building itself there'd be no indication what it is."

Further to the location, the appellant reminded the board that adult industries such as this are supervised by numerous agencies, including the health department, police, LCBO and the public at large.

"We argue that not only is the site a good one but that our operator is a good one," Mr. Starr

said of the club owner who currently operates two strip bars on the same site in Guelph. "That club (in Guelph) runs remarkably free of problems that people assume are associated with the clubs."

The OMB decision may not be completely one-sided, pointed out the town director. A compromise of sorts is possible when the verdict is announced.

"It doesn't always go as per exactly the application. The board might agree with our parking comments, but not with the rest of it. So they may allow it there, but they'd (owner) have to find more parking or re-design things," he said.

Depending on the wording of the verdict handed down, there may also be an impact for another on-going debate with a local business.

Exxxotica, an adult movie rental business, is currently challenging the Town's definition of an adult entertainment parlour, which it considers the store to be. The Bronte Street store is in a commercially zoned area, and an adult entertainment parlour isn't a permitted use.

"It could have implications in the sense that it could be a precedent, but the board is dealing specifically with the Rock 'N Bull issue," commented Mr. Iovio. "By virtue of approving that, they're not approving anything else."



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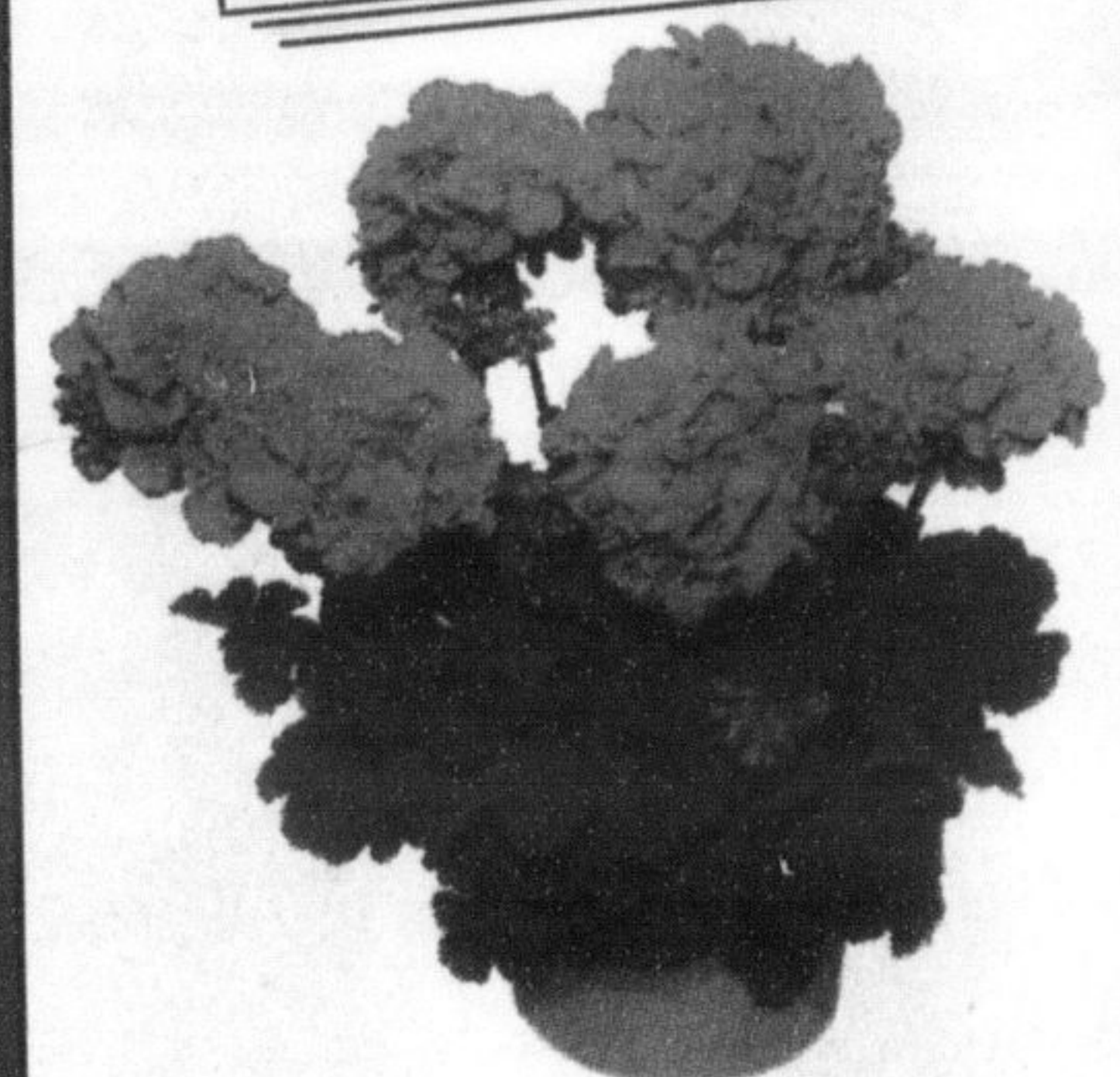


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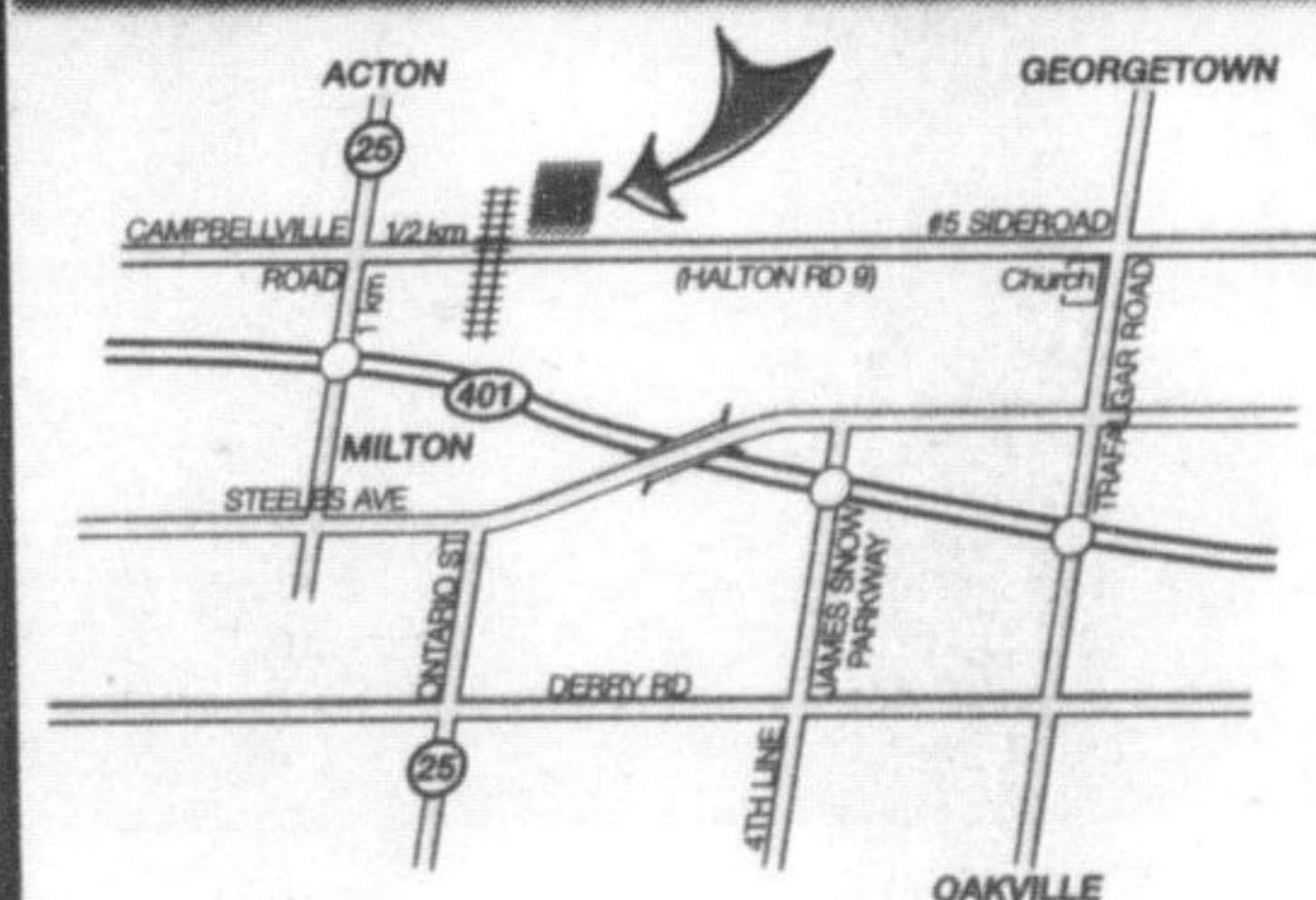
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