

## Limited parking washes out laundromat

By ROB KELLY

A commercial property landlord told town council's general committee it was discriminating against him by limiting his business options Monday night, an allegation which town planning director Bob Zsadanyi disputed strongly.

In the end Anthony Agozzino lost in his bid to get a big break on parking requirements, prompting him to fume at councillors, "I'm being rejected. I'm a taxpayer. I'm doing the best I can. Every time the door is shut on me."

Mr. Agozzino owns the property on which Fat Freddy's restaurant sits, along with two other commercial outlets. Fat Freddy's, a 5,000 sq. ft. restaurant, and one other unit are leased. One is vacant. Mr. Agozzino had a customer for the vacant unit who wished to create a 15-washer laundromat.

Mr. Agozzino's parking is not adequate under town bylaws. He has 27 spaces when current provisions call for 68 (49 for Fat Freddy's, 19 for other uses).

Essentially, Mr. Agozzino was there before the bylaw was passed, which means a restaurant such as Fat Freddy's is what is known as a "legal non-conforming use."

The landowner is also allowed to have a retail store of any description or a personal services shop, such as a hairdresser, in the complex.

Mr. Agozzino reasoned that once there had been a 15-chair barber shop in the complex, so why not a 15-machine laundromat? Mr. Zsadanyi didn't see it that way.

Mr. Agozzino "cannot provide parking," for such a venture, Mr. Zsadanyi said, pointing out that councillors are "more than well aware" of parking problems associated with Fat Freddy's.

"Council should not relax its position," Mr. Zsadanyi warned.

Mr. Agozzino said his 27 parking spaces are something "not too many people have in the downtown area," and added that he felt singled out. "They are depreciating my building."

"This is not singling out Mr. Agozzino," Mr. Zsadanyi replied. "If he feels that way, we're sorry. It's not the case at all."

"What should I do?" the landlord asked. "Tell me what to do with that building. Should I knock it down to make parking for someone else?"

Mr. Zsadanyi said the retail store classification is Milton's widest as far as approved uses, and that if Mr. Agozzino can't get a retail store tenant, "then he's in real trouble."



Photo by JOHN WARREN

## March of remembrance

A second Remembrance Day service was held in Milton Saturday at 11 a.m. The first was last Sunday at the Victoria Park cenotaph. Saturday's service took place at the Evergreen Cemetery cenotaph. It's traditional to hold a larger public event, followed by a service on November 11. Saturday evening the local legion branch held its annual dinner at the legion hall.

## Spouses cut from town's expense accounts

By ROB KELLY

Amid little fanfare Milton council's general committee approved new spending procedures for politicians and staff attending municipal conferences Monday night, cutting off family members from town expense accounts.

Previously, and with considerable controversy of late, councillors and staff members could bring their spouses along to conferences at Milton taxpayers' expense. That will change when council adopts the new spending rules formally next week.

During the summer, Ward 3 councillor Bruce Attenborough balked at some council expenses, such as travel claims for spouses. Mr. Attenborough, and fellow Ward 3 councillor Bill Johnson, voted against ratification of expenses submitted on behalf of councillor's wives.

It touched off a public debate on the issue, particularly after Ward 2 councillor Brad Clements submitted expenses for his wife of approximately \$700 for the summertime Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in Vancouver.

Mr. Clements was acting completely within his rights given council's policy at the time, and was certainly not the only elected official from Milton travelling with his spouse to conferences.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, in what appeared to be a damage-control manoeuvre, defended the policy at the time, saying his wife was often indispensable on municipal business trips, allowing him to get more done at such conferences.

Mr. Attenborough was undeterred, however, saying such a policy was not commonplace and would be laughed off the agenda in Oakville, where he served as a councillor for eight years.

Approval in principle for the new travel policy came quickly Monday, with few comments save another defence of councillors' integrity under the old formula by Mr. Krantz.

"I don't think much will change," Mr. Krantz said. "I don't think anyone ever abused it."

Mr. Krantz appeared to take some exception to one rule in the new policy, which dictates that councillors will only be reimbursed for economy-class air fare. "I've never flown first class in my life."

The policy includes a \$50 daily allowance for meals.

## 4-H'ers are cream of Royal crop

Halton 4-H Club members have increased their winning record to four in seven as the Premier Club in the Scotiabank Hay's Classic at the Royal Winter Fair.

"The win was really exciting for us. Our main objective is to win the Premier Club award," explained Phyllis MacMaster, Halton's Agricultural Representative for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Canada's largest junior dairy show concluded Monday with Halton participants, including Miss CNE Queen of the Fairs, Kelly Stewart taking home ribbons.

Miss Stewart was top intermediate showman and also showed the Champion summer yearling Holstein. Leanne Bustard was first in the Jersey calf class and Marvin Ella's Jersey calf entry was reserve champion. Scott Bennett was fourth in the intermediate showman class and Tyler

Brander was fifth in the junior showmanship division.

The effort put into the club's display in the cattle barn paid off with a third prize finish, contributing to the total club points which boosted Halton to Premier Club status. Halton had previously taken that award home in 1985, 1986, 1988. While the Hay's Classic has been around since 1979, the Premier Club award wasn't introduced until 1984.

The first Hay's Classic was held at the Oakville farm of Thomas Edwin Hays. In 1985, Scotiabank became a major sponsor and it was that same year that the event moved to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

The event attracted the most entries ever this year with 283 participants registered, representing 4-H Club members from each province.

## Gardhouse named to Ag. Hall of Fame

A Milton resident was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Sunday.

Nominated by the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Reford Gardhouse was honoured for his outstanding service to agriculture at a Royal York Hotel dinner.

The hall of fame association said Mr. Gardhouse "stands as a symbol of Ontario's purebred livestock industry."

Mr. Gardhouse is the fourth generation of his family to breed Shorthorns and, in the process, has made Aberfeldy Farms known throughout the world.

His talents as a livestock judge were well known and he judged the Perth Show and Sale in Scotland twice, the Palermo Show in Argentina twice, the Chicago International four times and many other shows throughout North America.

For many years, he successfully exhibited Aberfeldy Shorthorns on the western and eastern show circuits, ending each year with the Chicago International and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Active in many organizations, Mr. Gardhouse has served as president of the Canadian Shorthorn Association, Ontario Shorthorn Club, Canadian National Livestock Record Board and Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, among others.

In recognition of his outstanding service to agriculture, Mr. Gardhouse was made an honorary life member of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists, received an O.A.C. Centennial Medal in 1974 and, in 1988, was the recipient of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Centennial Award.



MILTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 23rd 6:30 pm

Halton Hills Place - Steeles W.

Reports & Elections

Speaker - Hon. Otto Jelinek

"Goods & Services Tax"

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