



Ducking out

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Carrie Roberts, 10, takes a close look at these handmade wooden ducks created by Paul and Maria Martin of Milton. The ducks were among the offerings at the third annual Spring Craft Sale held over the weekend at Boyne Community Centre.

Brooks opposes new parking lot at pond

By **ROB KELLY**
The Champion

The park flanking the picturesque downtown Campbellville Pond will be largely sacrificed to build a parking lot smaller than the one currently in use, Ward 3 councillor Gerry Brooks warned at town council Monday night.

But Mr. Brooks was unable to solicit enough support to have the plan opposed by his fellow councillors.

Mr. Brooks had expressed concern over the issue the previous week at a committee meeting, but he hadn't pinned down just how much smaller he believed the park would become. Monday night he said it would be reduced in size by "two thirds."

Only councillors Colin Best and Rick Day joined Mr. Brooks in opposing ratification of the plan to change the face of the downtown park.

Mr. Brooks said the initiative means "getting rid of one of the few parks they have" in the Campbellville area. "It gets a great deal of use and there will be very little parkland left."

After the meeting, a disappointed Mr. Brooks reiterated his belief that, based on current outlines, "two thirds of the existing park will be lost. The parking lot will be more than doubled in size."

Mr. Brooks said people in Campbellville aren't really aware of the situation, and would be more upset about it if they were.

The councillor has also questioned the usefulness of the plan given that it's possible to park more than 20 cars on the current dirt lot that will form the basis for a revamped parking area, while the refurbished lot will only hold 15 vehicles.

Milton is contributing \$38,000 to the project for actual building costs, and will also purchase the site from

the Halton Region Conservation Authority. The work is to be done as Guelph Line through the village is reconstructed this summer by Halton Region.

Fellow Ward 3 councillor Barry Lee, who the previous week broke a 4-4 tie at the committee level to back building the new lot, again supported the venture.

Mr. Lee made his points by querying John Mathews, Milton's public works director.

"We've had two or three open houses on this — have there been any problems raised about the parking lot?"

"There are no concerns that I'm aware of," Mr. Mathews replied.

Mr. Lee then asked whether it was true that the lot is being redesigned to make it easier to see traffic, and cut congestion in the area by changing access to the lot. "That's correct," Mr. Mathews replied.

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Dr. Scanlan also testified that it's not uncommon for victims to maintain relationships with their abusers, who are often authority figures.

Court heard Monday the woman stayed in contact with Mr. Hackett during her adult years and also went to him for advice when her marriage broke up.

"Why would you go to somebody you disliked intensely for advice?" asked Mr. Hackett's lawyer Brian Strutt.

Through a special telephone system for the deaf, the woman and Mr. Hackett communicated on several occasions between 1982 and 1988, court heard. Their conversations included her inviting him to her home for dinner.

The woman testified she kept in touch with Mr. Hackett to please her mother, who was always "bugging" her to see him.

"If she wasn't there bugging me to do it, I never called him," she said through an interpreter.

After reading a segment of a conversation from a printed copy generated by the telephone system, Mr. Strutt commented the woman was "very pleasant" on the phone with Mr. Hackett.

"You were also generally concerned about Mr. Hackett," added the defence lawyer.

But the woman argued she was being phoney — "putting on a front."

"I was thinking of other people, not myself," she responded.

"That's all this was — being nice. That's why I was laughing when I read it (a printed copy of their conversation)."

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