

Work to begin Monday on Menkes' 'Enclaves'

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Residents will soon notice a dramatic difference in the landscaping on Hwy. 7 near Norval as they enter and exit Georgetown.

Site preparation, including removal of trees and shrubs, will start on Monday (Jan. 7) to make way for Menkes Development Corporation's "The Enclaves of Upper Canada." The project is a 184-home development at the northeast corner of Guelph Street and McFarlane Drive in Halton Hills.

Halton Hills Council provided draft approval for the project on September 24. That approval was the final step in a multi-year review process that included feedback from the public, Town staff, Halton Region, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Ontario Ministries of Tourism, Culture & Sport; Environment; and Transportation.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said, "Halton Hills will benefit through upgrades to the Storm Water Management and Treatment Pond for the Armstrong Industrial Park. The developer is also contributing \$1,000 per residential lot to the Georgetown Arena Fund."

Menkes has committed to additional environmental initiatives for this project including:

- Adhering to the Town's 23-point Green Development Evaluation Checklist
- Enhancing Storm Water Management and Treatment by adding one pond on the property and upgrading one pond nearby
- Building a chain link fence on the back of the property to prevent residents from hiking down into sensitive areas of the Credit River Valley
- Meeting the Town's Urban Design Guidelines with extensive landscaping, tree preservation where possible and creation of a new public park and green space.

For more information about this project, visit www.haltonhills.ca/enclaves.

New chairs for Catholic board

The Halton Catholic District School Board has a new chair and vice-chair.

The provincially mandated annual vote by school boards for each position was conducted at the start of the most recent Catholic board meeting with a new first-time chair and another trustee becoming vice-chair for a second time.

Milton Trustee Diane Rabenda, the incumbent vice-chair of the board, went unchallenged and was acclaimed chair.

Burlington Trustee Arlene Iantomasi is once again vice-chair after being acclaimed. She also served as vice-chair from December 2010 to December 2011.



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