

Town was heard at Queen's Park

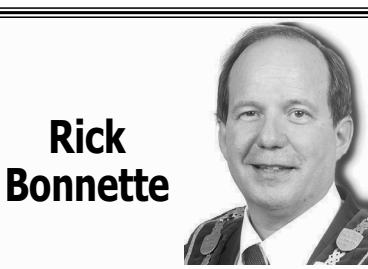
I have written before about the Provincial Sector Review Panel on the Ontario Hydro Utilities.

This was an all-party commission that recommended the 73 Hydro utilities be forced to sell/amalgamate to 8-12 utilities within two years. This would mean Halton Hills Hydro would be swallowed up and be part of a large distribution company with 400,000 customers equivalent to more than one million customers.

In the end they claim it would have saved the average home \$70 in 10 years' time. Poppycock!

By definition, a forced merger isn't based on a strong business case and will negatively impact the cost and reliability of service for customers by creating monopolies. I have been very vocal opposing this. I don't believe a shotgun wedding is the way to go.

Council sent a strong resolution opposing forced amalgamation. Well, we got good news from Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli stating he will not be supporting forced amalgamations. Folks, we were listened to at Queen's Park.



Rick Bonnette

Halton Hills was selected as the fifth best small city to live in Canada by Money Sense Magazine and 13th in all of Canada. We should feel good about this. All of the communities in Halton did excellent.

Last month I delivered Meals on Wheels with Links2Care. This is a marvellous service we have in Town.

I would like to thank volunteer Justin Parker who assisted me in delivering these much needed meals. I would like to also thank all of the volunteer drivers for delivering hearty meals to our seniors and our disabled adults.

For more information about this service, please call Brenda at 905-873-6502.

For the sixth year in a row, the Town, our residents, businesses, schools and other organizations collaborated to celebrate the global Earth Hour event, focusing on energy conservation.

Once again, I am proud of our community's achievements and our 5.23 per cent energy reduction. This is enough electricity to power approximately 2,840 homes for an hour!

Drop by the Civic Centre and visit the Mayor's art wall, currently showcasing local animal portrait artist John Tatham.

Congratulations to Tip Top Tailors on the recent grand opening in the Georgetown Market Place.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com or follow me on twitter at: @RickBonnette1

—Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills



NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

TOWN INITIATED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS AFFECTING THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN GEORGETOWN, ACTON AND MANSEWOOD

DATE: May 6, 2013
TIME: 7:15 P.M.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Dr.
Halton Hills

Halton Hills Council encourages you to attend a statutory public meeting to discuss draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments affecting the industrial areas in Georgetown, Acton and Mansewood.

Specifically these amendments apply to the Georgetown and Acton *General Employment Area*, and the Mansewood *Rural Industrial Area*.

Proposed Official Plan Amendments
The draft Official Plan Amendment is proposing to:

- Permit automotive outdoor storage uses (such as towing establishments and taxi service depots), and motor vehicle repair and auto body establishments on interior properties within the General Employment Area in Georgetown and Acton, and throughout the Rural Industrial Area in Mansewood.
- Permit outdoor storage uses on 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, and 317 Armstrong Avenue.
- Generally remove the requirement for a zoning by-law amendment when introducing permitted secondary uses (including uses such as commercial fitness centres, motor vehicle repair establishments, and restaurants) on industrial properties in Georgetown and Acton, depending on the location of the property within the employment areas in relation to non-employment areas.

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendments
To implement the proposed amendments to the Official Plan, revisions are also proposed to the Zoning By-law. The proposed revisions are as follows:

- Adding and/or amending definitions for Motor Vehicle Salvage Establishment and Motor Vehicle Storage Establishment;
- Introducing a new employment zone (Employment Two Zone) which would apply to the following properties:
 - * **In Georgetown** – industrial properties that abut Mountainview Road, Maple Avenue, River Drive and Guelph Street and the property at 93 Mountainview Road N;
 - * **In Acton** – industrial properties that abut Guelph Street, Perth Street and the property known as 36 Vimy Street (known as Superior Glove);
- Expand the permissions in the existing Employment One Zone to include new commercial fitness centres, commercial self storage facilities, motor vehicle body shops,

storage and repair establishments, and taxi service depot/dispatch establishments (applicable to properties that are located in the interior of the Georgetown and Acton Employment Areas).

- Permit industrial uses and a range of secondary uses in the new Employment Two Zone. Due to the visibility of these properties from arterial roads and residential zones, this zone is not proposed to permit outdoor storage uses, commercial self storage facilities, new motor vehicle body shops, storage or repair establishments, and transport terminals.
- Permit new commercial self storage facilities, motor vehicle body shops, motor vehicle repair garages, motor vehicle storage establishments and taxi service depots/dispatch establishments in the Mansewood Rural Employment Zone.
- Permit outdoor storage uses in the existing Employment One Zone, for the properties at 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315 and 317 Armstrong Avenue.

Following the statutory public meeting, Town staff will prepare a report to Council which will respond to oral and written comments received, and provide a final recommendation on passage of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

Copies of the staff reports and the draft Amendments are available for public review and comment in the Town of Halton Hills Planning, Development and Sustainability Department or on the Town's website <http://haltonhills.ca/initiatives/IndustrialAreaReview.php>.

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Please provide all comments by May 17, 2013.

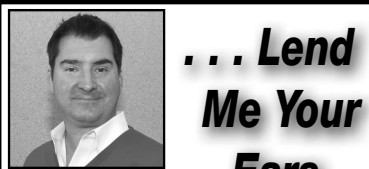
PLEASE NOTE
Notice of the statutory public meeting has been provided pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the statutory public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted:

- The person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- The person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills, Planning Development and Sustainability Department, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Ontario, L7G 5G2.

File: D08-IN- Industrial Area Review



By Cory Soal R.H.A.D.

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DENTURE HUMOUR

A very elderly patient of mine was unhappy with her new teeth. They "didn't fit" she complained. After examining the dentures, I told her that they appeared to be just fine. "In my mouth they're fine" she agreed. "But they don't fit in my glass for soaking!"

The very elderly lady I was preparing for surgery refused to let me remove her dentures. Concerned about the administration of the anesthetic, I clipped a note on her cart: "Patient confused. Unable to remove dentures." Later that day a nurse handed the note back to me. It read: "Patient has her own natural teeth. Who's confused?"

In the few years before her death at age 101; my aunt's dentures were causing her discomfort and the nurses often removed them. Now, at her funeral, my seven-year-old nephew, Nicholas, who used to accompany his mother when she visited our aunt, gazed down at his great aunt. "Mom", he whispered, "she looks different". My sister said, "That's because she has her teeth in." Nicholas threw his hands in the air. "Now they give them to her."

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