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"USING COMMUNICATION TO BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES"

Safety network set to fold

Neighbourhood Watch desperate for funds, volunteers

> By Howard Mozel OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

If Oakville Neighbourhood Watch does not receive immediate support. says Chair Nicholas White, the organization will have no choice but to fold.

"It will be gone, extinct," he said. According to White, support is desperately needed both financially and from volunteers willing to serve on its board, as well as from residents ready to maintain a viable network of community-minded homeowners across town.

"We need more members who can contribute and more police support,"

Oakville Neighbourhood Watch also needs money to pay for its Web site and office staff, which issues the Crime Report to alert members. (There are currently 79 active zones in Oakville, each

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Flynn heads up justice and social committee

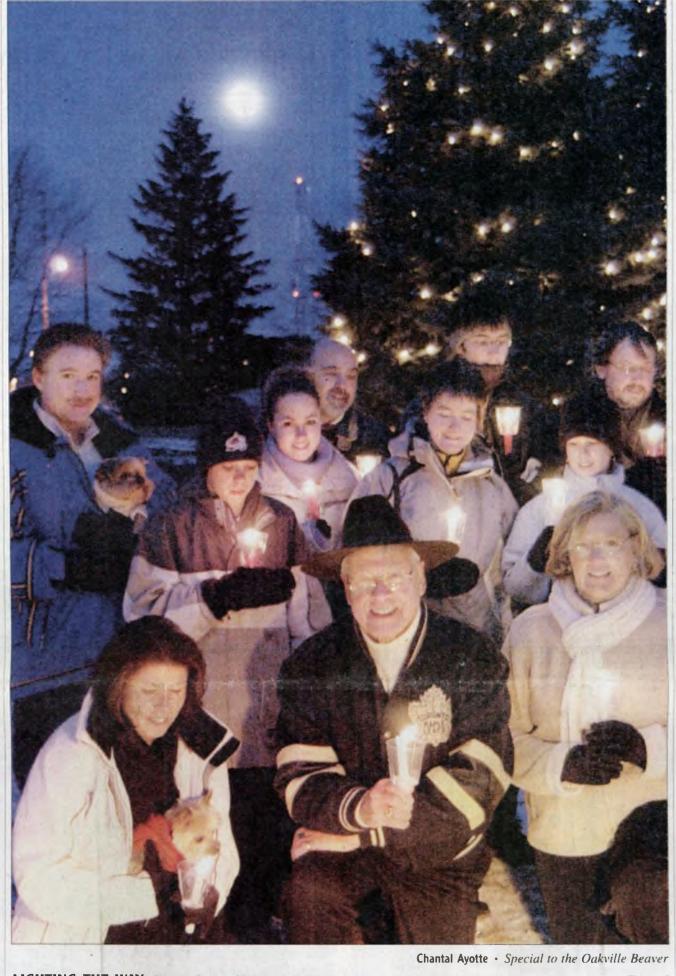
Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn has been elected Chair of he Standing Committee on Justice and Social Policy.

This key Legislative committee is empowered to study and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, organization or operation of the ministries and offices which are assigned to it, as well as the agencies, boards and commissions reporting to such ministries and offices.

The Chair sets the agenda for meetings, manages debate and casts the tiebreaking vote.

"I will be bringing the perspective of a person from Oakville to the management of this committee," said Flynn. "I want it to run efficiently, but also for its members to never lose sight of the people who

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LIGHTING THE WAY: Ian Anderson House, in keeping with hospice tradition worldwide, held its annual Tree of Lights ceremony Sunday evening. Each \$20 donation lit one bulb in memory of, or to honour, a loved one. About 120 people enjoyed Christmas carols and hot cider. Although the total is being tallied, it's hoped that the cost of one week's operation - \$8,400 - will be raised. On Nov. 17, the hospice marked the sixth anniversary of the admission of its first patient. Almost 500 residents have passed through the house during that time.

Trust us, says Council

Councillors won't reveal game plan against Shell House development

By Angela Blackburn OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

Bronte residents who packed Town Hall to standing room only Monday night to show their opposition to a developer's plan to put 1,000 apartments on the former Shell House land on Lake Ontario were asked to trust local councillors in heeding their wishes.

A status report was before the Town of Oakville's Planning and Development Council - much earlier than is usual when a development application is filed with the Town - because the developer. Palm Place Developments Inc. has appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) despite having an incomplete application.

The crowd on Monday heard that Palm Place Developments has an offer to purchase the 10-acre former Shell House land just east of the Burlington border from landowner New Province Homes. That's the same landowner that's seeing Metrus Developments via homebuilders National, Rosehaven and Aspenridge put 1,400 homes in Lakeshore Woods to the north of Lakeshore Road.

On July 18, Palm Place Developments filed a development application with the Town to put 1,000 condo-apartments on the property.

Two configurations were provided four, 25-storey apartment buildings or four buildings with eight towers (joined by one-storey links) of 12 to 15-storeys in height.

Residents in established areas and in the new Lakeshore Woods are furious about an obstructed lake view, loss of shoreline and trees and potential traffic congestion.

Resident Laurie McGinn, who has spearheaded opposition and formed the Bronte Village Residents' Association to specifically fight this development, spoke to thunderous applause Monday.

"We oppose this application as it is in

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Jill Kitchener · Special to the Oakville Beaver

Dan Smith, Scotty McColeman, Larry Pratt, Gary Shillington and Emell Mesic stand in a moment of silence behind the candles they lit in remembrance of the 14 women killed at l'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal 14 years ago.

CAW lights candles for 14 victims of Montreal massacre

By Kim Arnott SPECIAL TO THE BEAVER

It has been 14 years, but we still remember.

We still remember the crazed gunman who shot 14 engineering students in Montreal, simply because they were women.

We still remember the names of those women - names that we recite every year as we light white candles and mourn their early deaths.

We have our collective memory of the massacre at l'Ecole Polytechnique, and we have Dec. 6 as a national day of remembrance and action on violence against women.

Still, too little has been accomplished in the last 14 years to prevent violence against women, says Joanne Preston, executive director for SAVIS (Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Service) of Halton

"It's now 2003," she said at a candlelight vigil organized by the local branch of the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW 707) on Saturday. "In the last week and a half in Ontario, two women have been murdered by their current or estranged partners and one woman has survived being shot in the head by her husband."

In the years since the Montreal massacre, public awareness of violence

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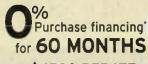
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