

**NET PROCEEDS!** Finn Poulstrup, president of the Georgetown Jr. A Raiders accepts a cheque for \$6,000 from Del Beaumont, 1st Vice President of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage at Johnson and Associates, Thursday. Hockey Heritage's donation will allow the Raiders to buy ice time from the Town of Halton Hills. Poulstrup expressed his appreciation to Hockey Heritage for their help. From left: Steve Leach, secretary, Ron Starret, Treasurer, Poulstrup, Beaumont, Shel Lawr, 2nd Vice President, and Bob Tost, Director. (Jamie Harrison photo)

## Georgetown Pool to remain open during negotiations

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

**The Georgetown Gemini**  
The Halton Board of Education will not close the Georgetown Indoor Pool as long as negotiations with the Town of Halton Hills continue to determine who will pay future maintenance costs.

As part of its budget belt-tightening, the Board eliminated funding for the seven pools that it operates in schools in three Halton municipalities and announced that the pools would close September 1.

A series of eight Board-Town meetings are scheduled in the coming months to try to settle the issue of who will pay pool operating costs.

The Town has the power to bring an injunction against the Board if it proceeds to close the pools because the Board has a legal contract to operate the pool. That con-

tract said that the Board would pay the maintenance costs for "the life of the pools," and the Board claims that time is up.

Although the Board wants the Town to share pool operating costs, those costs have not been determined, although the Town's information is that it would cost Halton Hills in excess of \$200,000 – about a three per cent tax increase – to do their share.

On Friday, the Town's Manager of Facilities, Paul Stover, declined to comment on the talks because the Board had asked for a gag order during negotiations.

"We are hoping to reach a settlement," Stover said, explaining that the negotiations would continue during the next two months with a staff report to Town councillors scheduled for November 11.

## LACAC to visit Norval cemetery

Members of Heritage Halton Hills (the former Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, or LACAC) will take a walking tour of the Pioneer cemetery in Norval on Saturday afternoon.

Members of the committee want to get a better idea of MP Julian Reed's latest plans to build five houses on the property he owns that was formerly the McNabb cemetery.

Heritage Halton Hills chair Gail Rutherford said the committee is concerned that there may be bodies buried on the site and they might be uncovered during excavation for

the new houses.

"We requested that Reed do a study to identify if there are grave shafts and he did do that on part of the property, but we're concerned with a larger extent of it," Rutherford said.

Although Reed claimed that there are no bodies buried on certain parts of the property, some Norval residents have told Heritage committee members that grave stones marking burial spots were removed and vandalized so there may be no markings on some graves.

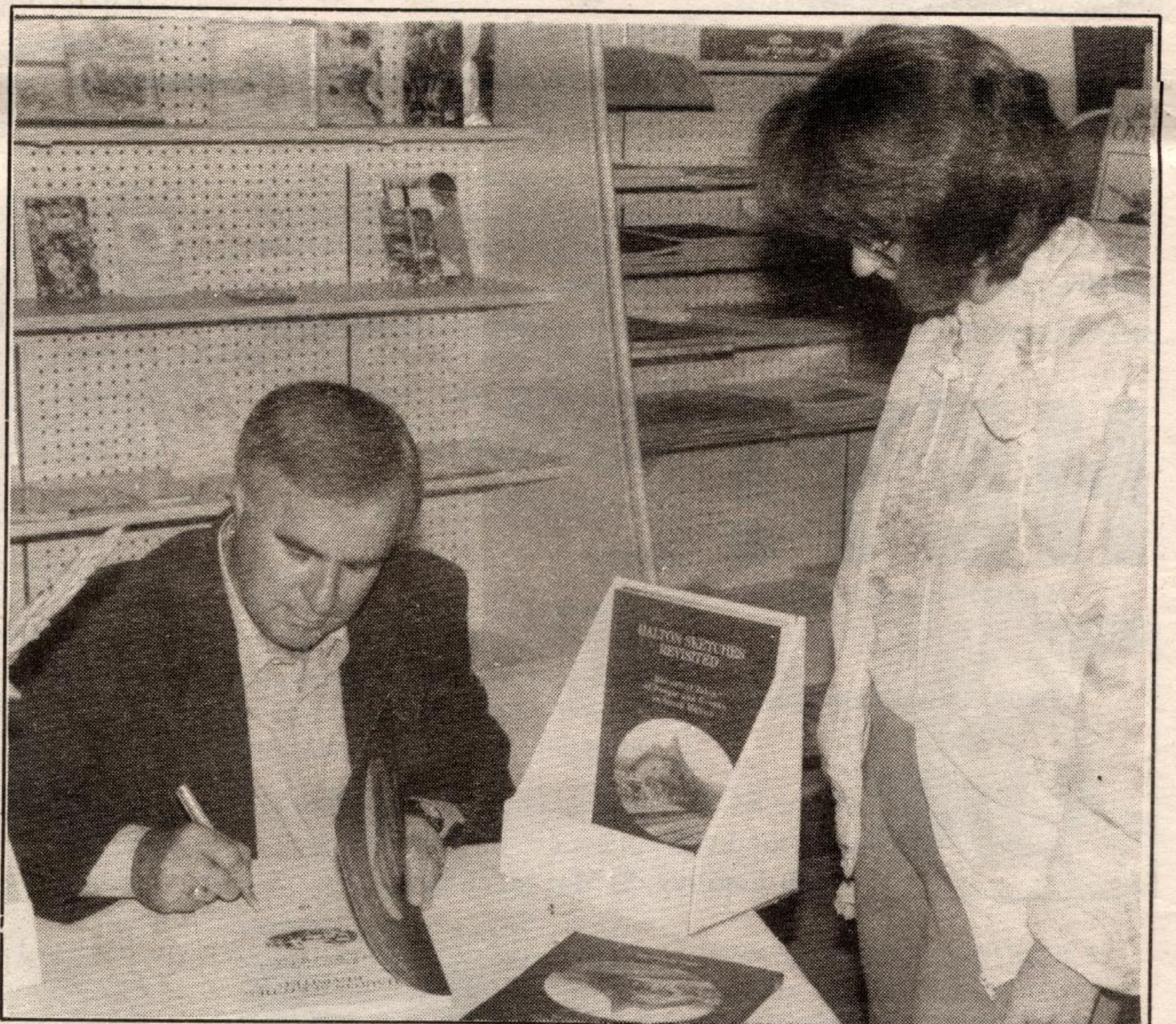
Rutherford said although the committee has already done one walk-about on the

property, Reed reduced his plan by one lot so the committee asked Reed to stake out the new plan and allow Heritage Halton Hills to tour the site again.

Reed applied to the Province to have the cemetery decommissioned and said all of the bodies had been moved to the Hillcrest cemetery in Norval.

"Our concern is that there are still bodies there and we would like somebody on-site to observe when the excavating is done, and if a grave is found that the work is stopped immediately," Rutherford said.

— Niblock



**ON THE DOTTED LINE:** Author John McDonald signs copies of his book, *Halton Sketches Revisited*, at Oxbow Books Saturday. A former town and regional councillor, he has chronicled the early history of what is now Halton Hills. (Jamie Harrison photo)

## New executive director for HSPC

The Board of Director's of the Halton Social Planning Council and Volunteer Centre announces the appointment of their new executive director, Dr. Joey Edwardh.

Dr. Edwardh studied at Syracuse University in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, where she earned her doctorate in Human Geography and a Certificate in Gerontology. Her career has been dedicated to work in the area of

social and health services, social research, policy analysis and community development in Canada and internationally.

Dr. Edwardh brings to the Halton community experience in a range of service, planning and advocacy organizations, which include grass roots community organizations, intermediate agencies of the voluntary sector, and the United Nations. She has written extensively on community devel-

opment, productive aging, social issues, and social implications of the privatization of health and social services. Volunteerism in a number of community agencies marks her commitment to her community.

The Council believes that Dr. Edwardh's unique skill profile will contribute not only to the future development of the Council but also to its initiatives in strengthening the social and economic fabric of Halton.

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