

Town wants restructuring clarification

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini Town councillors, indignant that they were not able to comment on the down-sizing of Regional Council, want clarification from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Al Leach on exactly what he meant when he said that council reform must have "triple majority support."

Subject to provincial approval, the downsizing of Halton Council to 20 from 24 members will result in Halton Hills losing two of its five

seats at the Regional table following the fall of 1997 municipal election.

In a letter to Halton Chair Joyce Savoline, Leach wrote that decisions about changes to council size should receive substantial local support before they are implemented.

Leach outlined a formula for measuring local agreement to structural changes in counties - the triple majority rule - and suggested that he would like to see a similar level of support for any changes proposed by Halton. The formula calls for support

for change from the majority of the area municipalities, representing a majority of the electors and the upper-tier (Regional) council.

After reading Leach's letter, Ward 4 Councillor Al Cook noted that they had to react to the downsizing changes and were not asked for their opinion.

"Should we be asking the Minister, please, as you being the big brother or sister, or uncle, tell us what do you want us to do?" Cook questioned at last week's Council meeting.

Dynamic duo fiddle around at JET 15th birthday celebrations

The John Elliott Theatre will mark its 15th anniversary, Oct. 5 with a celebration presented by Arts Alive in co-operation with the Town of Halton Hills.

The gala evening at the theatre will feature the dynamic fiddling duo of Eduard Minevich and Frank Leahy in *Bending The Bows*, together with the presentation of the Arts Alive Awards, followed by a catered reception in the Gallery.

Bending the Bows is a refreshing comical presentation that sweeps the spectrum of musical styles including country, folk, traditional, jazz, swing and classical. From the Grand Ol' Opry to Carnegie Hall, there's something for everyone in this hilarious program of dueling fiddles.

The Arts Alive Awards are presented every five years to citizens of Halton Hills who have made significant contributions in the arts. The recipients will be



GALA EVENING: The fiddling duo of Eduard Minevich and Frank Leahy perform *Bending The Bows* at the 15th anniversary celebrations at the John Elliott Theatre, Oct. 5. (photo submitted, used by permission)

announced next week.

Tickets for the gala evening are \$16 (includes box office handling charge)

and are available at the John Elliott Theatre box office or by calling (905) 877-3700.

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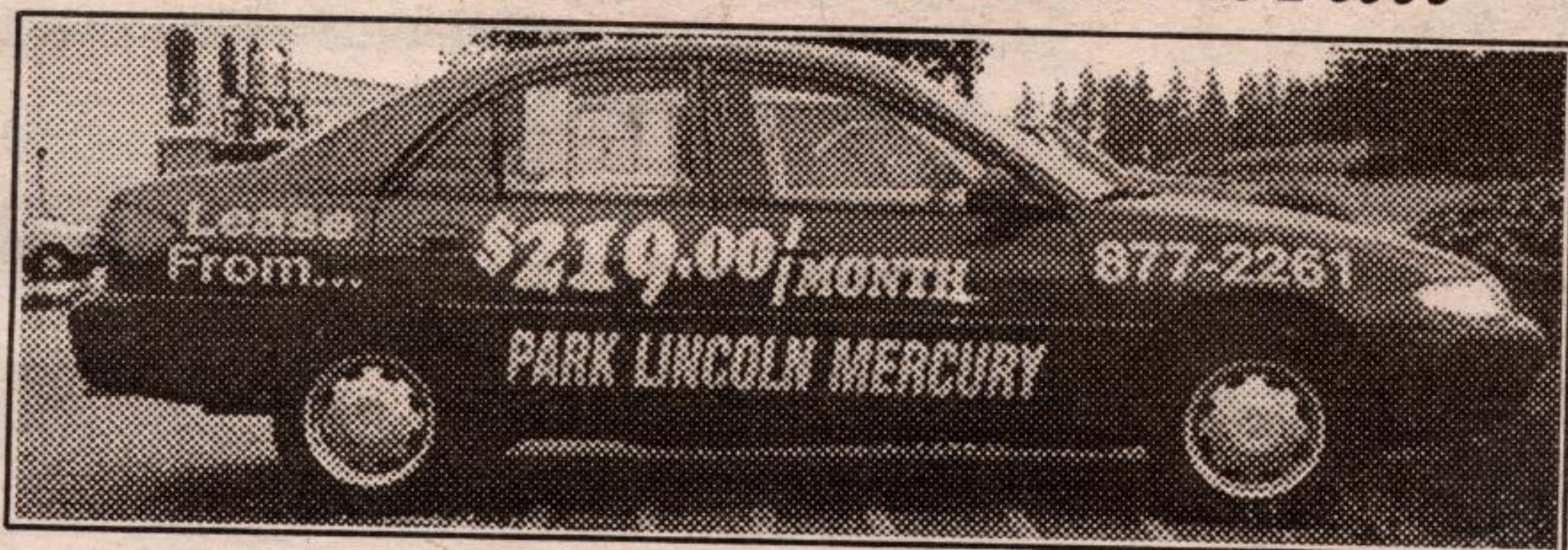
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