

QUILT OF LIFE: Quilters from the Georgetown Seniors' Centre were busy preparing for their annual Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 16, by readying quilts and other handicrafts. The centre is located at the Georgetown Indoor Mall, 318 Guelph St., from 10 am to 3 pm. Clockwise, from left: Ina Reed, Betty Kennedy, Tina Zylstra, Siena Van Hoekelen, Frances Ewanusiw, and Edith Massar. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Catholic parents accused of 'hijacking' meeting

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Milton for high school, attend Thursday's meeting.

Separate School Board trustee Joe Deoni of Milton, representing the Separate Board Chair, said the Dominion site is the Board's first choice and that there's money for a new school in the 2004 capital budget.

Catholic parents were not the only ones upset with what is being proposed on the site – the Central Georgetown Business Improvement Area is worried that commercial development on the site will drain business from the core.

BIA co-ordinator Emma Rock was not appeased when Parallax consultant Wendy Nott repeatedly said the developer intended to build less than half of the 230,000 square feet allowed under the Official Plan.

"Forty per cent of the stores under 2,000 square feet in downtown Georgetown are vacant," Rock explained after the meeting.

"This is not going to help the BIA's goals in the downtown."

A number of residents want to save the history of the property, former home of the Dominion Seedhouse, the "largest mail-order seed company in the Empire."

The University Women's Club of Georgetown, which is already fundraising for a commemorative civic garden at the corner of Guelph Street and Maple Avenue, is unhappy that the latest plan on the table reduces the amount of parkland and turns a grassy

depression into a reflecting pond and ice rink. In a letter to Council on Monday night, the Club restated its position that the memory garden should be at least 2.5 acres in size and that they would continue to fundraise for the garden, but not for the pond-ice

rink proposal.

The consultants staged another public meeting after press time on Tuesday night and will formally present their proposal to Town Council at its Monday, Nov. 18 meeting.

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Injured boy recovering

The four-year-old victim of a Halloween night traffic accident is recovering at home in a body cast, and described as "grumpy" by a family friend.

Brendon Prevost, 4, was hit by a car as he was 'trick-or-treating' Oct. 31, on Sixth Line, Halton Hills.

As yet, no charges have been laid in this incident.

The family friend phoned *The Gemini* to correct some information.

Asking that her name not be used, she said that Prevost did not suffer any fractures to his arms or any internal injuries. He did break both arms and suffer minor head injuries.

Approval angers councillor's wife

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Day also argued that Town planning decisions in the area of the development and her home, landlocked her property.

Daniels Group spokesman Robert Shan agreed to add the fencing, lighting and drainage issues as conditions of registration which must be resolved before the end of the year, but Shan refused to debate the foundation issue with Council, arguing that it was a civil matter — if it's found that construction caused any foundation problems, their insurer would "come to the table and make an appropriate assessment."

Shan noted they had spent a considerable amount of money saving trees in the area, and offered to extend a retaining wall and move a fence ten feet onto the Daniels property.

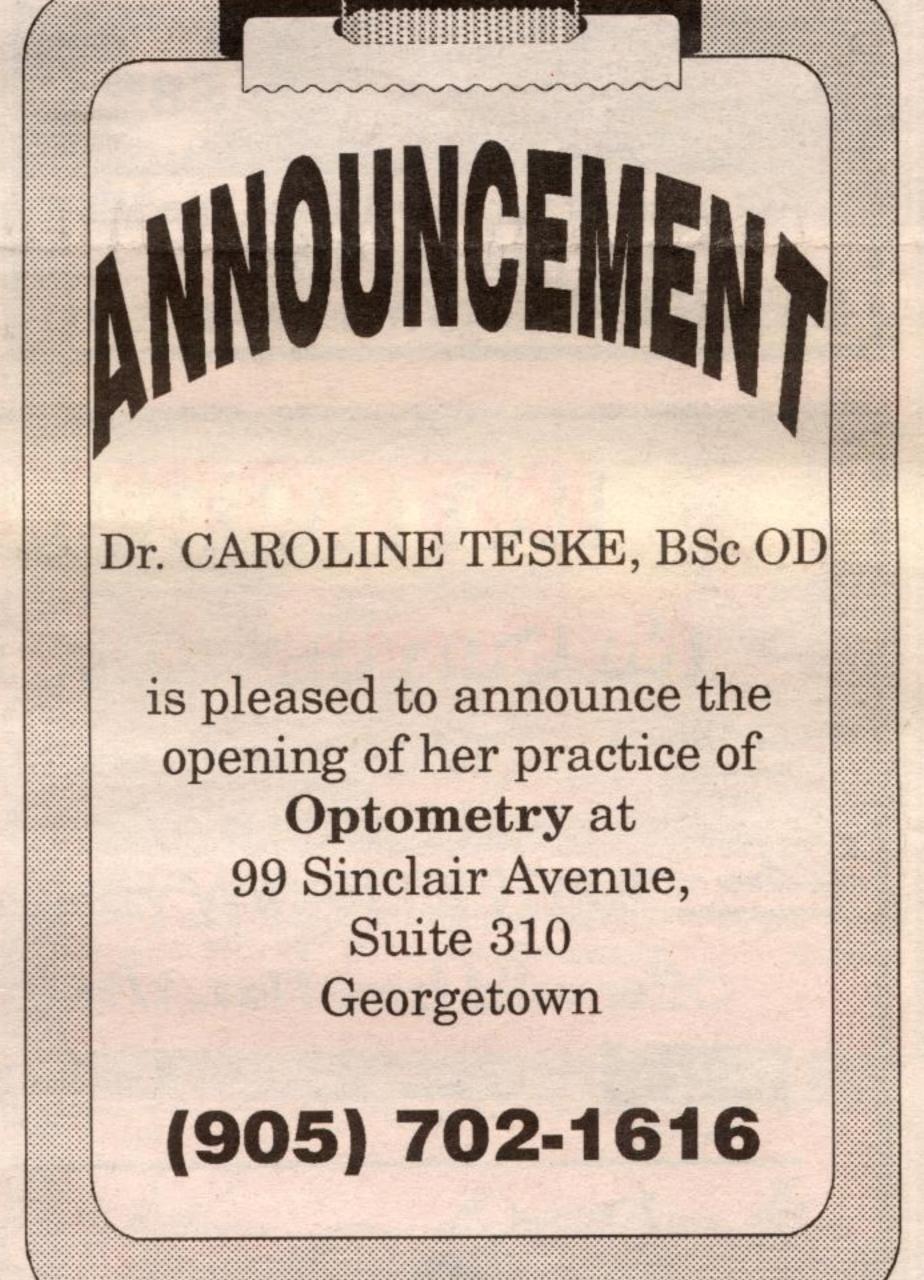
Shan complained that the Daniels Group had been made to appear as the bad guy.

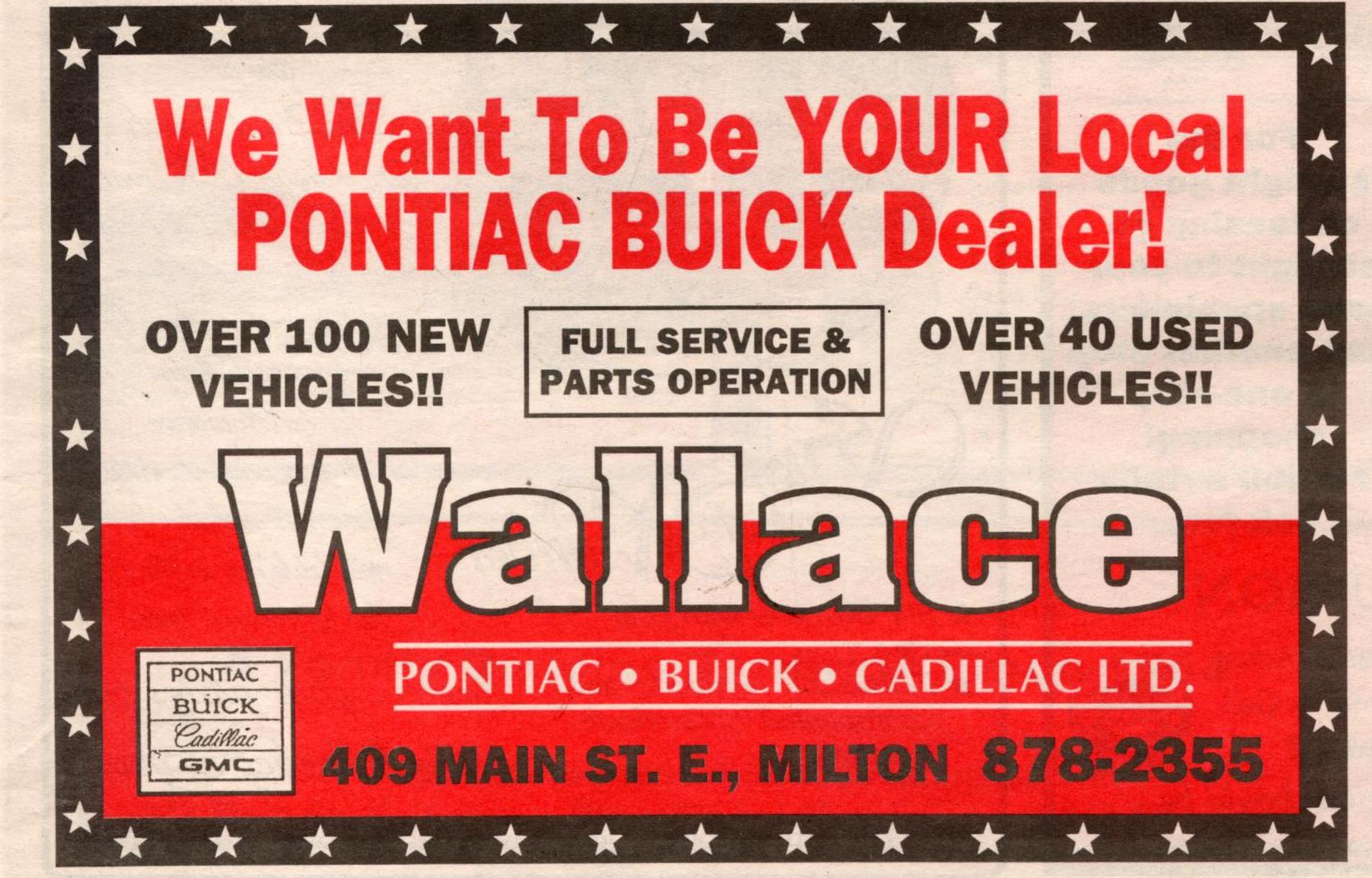
"We come away feeling kind of beat up by the Town because we went to such great lengths to show we are a good developer," Shan said.

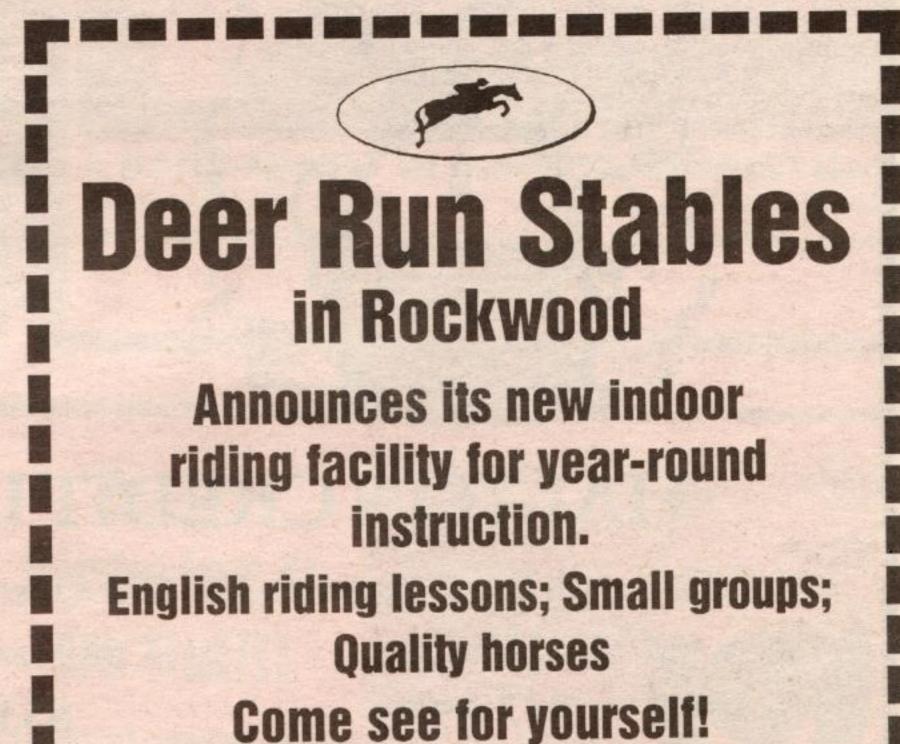
All councillors except Rob Heaton voted in favour of approving the plan of condominium for the Daniels Group, apparently satisfied that Day's issues concerning site plan conditions would be dealt with.

Councillor John Day declared a potential conflict on the issue and left the Chambers during the debate.









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