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MORE MEETINGS MAY BE NECESSARY

Main Street reconstruction confusion

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Georgetown Gemini

The persistent "angst and confusion" of some Main Street residents over proposed road reconstruction plans may lead to yet another public meeting on the plan.

"I'm confused," admitted Ward 3 Councillor John Day in an interview on Sunday, adding that it may be appropriate to bring the final plan back to councillors, although that's not what is normally done.

Some residents complained following last Thursday's fourth and final public information centre on the plan, that parts of the design staked out on the street by the consultant to show people what the street would look like, were not what was in the plan at the final meeting.

"I think there's enough wide public interest that we should all know the direction we are taking on this project," Day said.

"We need to see that final plan. What the process hasn't allowed for is how the details will work - people want to know how close a sidewalk might be to their property and how many trees they might lose."

Following Thursday's meeting on the final design concept, Main Street homeowner Kevin Anderson said was still unsure what the final roadway will look like.

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COUS-COUS: Toronto Maple Leafs rookie netminder Marcel Cousineau made a stop at the Georgetown Marketplace Sunday afternoon to sign autographs for fans. Cousineau backstopped the Leafs against the New Jersey Devils, Friday, ending in a 3-3 tie. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Council rejects downsizing until at least year 2000

It will be the next millennium before Halton Hills Council is any smaller. At a special meeting on Monday night councillors rejected downsizing Council in time for the November municipal election and instead stuck with a decision made in July to do a comprehensive review involving representation on both local and Regional Councils and possible revisions to the ward boundaries in time for the municipal election in 2000.

Although the decision must still be ratified at Council on Monday, it was clear from statements made by councillors, two-thirds have



COOK — YES



JOHNSON — NO



CURRIE — YES



BOTTOMLEY — NO



DAY — NO

no political will to reduce Council beyond the two Regional Councillors that will be lost this November because of Regional restructuring. That will leave 11, not 13 members on Town Council.

Downsizing opponents

argue it would mean increased workload, wouldn't save much money and is premature until Queen's Park clarifies its municipal reform plans.

A suggestion from Georgetown Councillor Anne Currie to cut to seven

councillors - one local councillor for each of the four wards, two regional councillors and the mayor - lost on a 9-4 vote and unless there are citizen delegations at Monday's meeting, it looks like the issue will be closed.

Here's what councillors

said:

WARD 3

John Day - No

"Last July I put forward the notion that one doesn't pre-determine the size of a ship's crew until "A", we know the direction of the ship; "B", the size of the vessel;

and "C", its purpose. I think that still holds true here today. I think that restructuring to meet a bottom line, to be more efficient, to do better with less, is intrinsically good in itself, but I think that part of that equation is that we
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