

Seniors residence proposed

Town staff recommend that a Public Information Centre be held for proposed plans for a five-storey, 40-unit seniors residence on property at 22 and 24 Chapel Street.

Since the current zoning on the property, which contains two houses, two garages and a shed, does not allow the proposed use, the applicant has applied for

Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments.

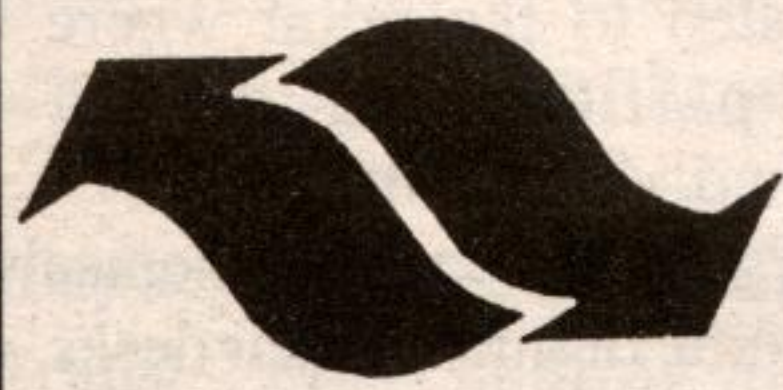
While the applicant has filed reports on storm water management, a soil survey and official plan amendment justification report, Town staff said that further studies, including a tree inventory and preservation report, will be required.

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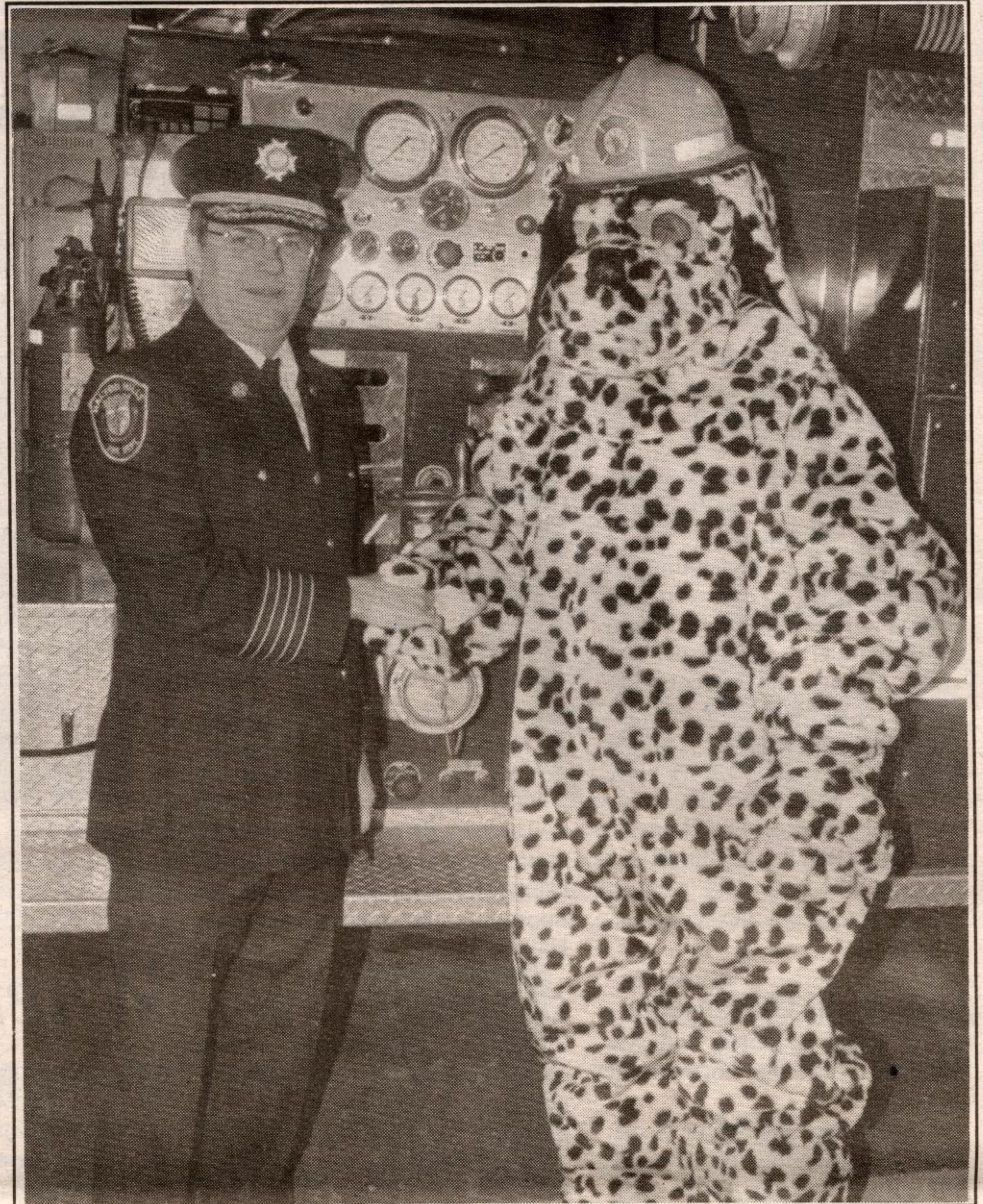
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HAIR OF THE DOG: Sparky the Dog, left, and Chief Bill Cunningham of the Halton Hills Fire Department, teamed up last week for the HHFD's *Learn Not To Burn* fire awareness campaign. The campaign targets school-aged children, informing them of the dangers of fire, what to do when fire is spotted, and what to do if they find themselves alight. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Public meeting set for Bennett Health Care Centre housing plan

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The environmental impacts of the Bennett Health Care Centre's proposal for up to

60 supportive housing units adjacent to Georgetown Hospital will be among the issues discussed at an upcoming public meeting at the Civic Centre.

The plan calls for a 6-storey building with the 60 units and parking for 70 vehicles, 47 of them underground. The proposed site is south of Princess Anne Drive, west of Hyde Park Drive, opposite the main entrance to the hospital and the Bennett Centre.

Because the current zoning on the land does not permit residential uses the proponents have filed amendments to the Official Plan and the Zoning Bylaw.

Several agencies expressed concerns with the proposal including Canadian National Railways which wants a warning clause included in all purchase or lease agreements advising of the noise impact from the adjacent rail line. CNR also suggests that a noise and vibration analysis be done by a

consultant who would also recommend abatement measures.

Also, the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), noting that the proposed site is located within the valley lands of a tributary of Black Creek and is a wetland, said the proposed development doesn't conform to water course and valley land protection policies. At a recent meeting the CVC denied a request by the applicant for exemption to the CVC policies.

As well, the Town Environmental Advisory Committee (TEAC) suggests that the site is not desirable as a development location and that relocation higher ground would more appropriate. TEAC also wants more information about management of drainage from the site, erosion protection and tree management plan.

The public information meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7.

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