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# Halton Hills under pressure to grow — student planners

Halton Hills is under severe pressure to grow and resisting growth could be the town's greatest challenge in the years to come, according to two urban planning students who are working for the town this summer.

"The GO train and the close proximity to Toronto present very severe growth pressures for the town," second year Masters planning student Philip Wood said in a recent interview.

He predicted even more growth pressures will be exerted on the town if a proposed industrial park north of Milton materializes. "The decision to grow or not, is a political decision which council will have to make. Both Georgetown and Acton can grow and Georgetown has more capacity and potential to grow," Wood stated. Both students were reluctant to say if they thought Halton Hills should allow growth.

Both he and his partner, Bill Gault, urban planning student, suggested that the problem of servicing could help the town resist growth if that is what council wants. However, they thought that if a proposed special servicing

system is ever built for Peel and Halton, growth pressures would increase in Halton Hills, because servicing would no longer be a big obstacle. They described the special servicing system as being a super-sewer system.

"Halton Hills appears to be lucky because it is a fairly wealthy community and this can help discourage growth. If a town has money and can keep taxes down the battle against growth is a lot easier. When people start wanting Toronto level services, like new arenas, but still want low taxes councils are very tempted to allow growth so they can increase revenues," the budding planners explained.

They noted planners don't formulate policy but are really just technicians who provide the council with raw data and alternatives for the future design municipality.

On the topic of regional government the student planners thought amalgamation of Georgetown, Esquesing and Acton has created tremendous rivalry between the two urban areas. They warned that because of the rivalry "methods must be found to increase the

linkages between Acton and Georgetown. Acton has always associated with Guelph and Georgetown with Toronto. They haven't considered themselves connected to each other and they will have to learn they are and that they are one town." Since coming here in May the two students have been working on land use surveys in Acton and Georgetown, the official plan for Acton, land use in the rural areas of Halton Hills, rezoning applications and severance applications.

They observed that there is a high standard of planning in Georgetown but not much planning has been done in Acton or Esquesing.

"There is a much longer history of planning in Georgetown and the standards are high. Acton hasn't done very much planning and not very many background studies have been done there. Planning in the rural areas have also been rather limited. Standards are poor in both areas," Wood said.

Wood noted rural planning is something new and people are going to have to get used to it. He pointed out that they have been talking to farmers



URBAN PLANNING students Philip Wood and Bill Gault look over a land use map for ward one in Halton Hills. The two students are working for the town's planning department this summer and are handling a number of different planning studies within the town.

In Esquesing and the farmers think the region's interim

planning policies are restrictive but he thinks this is all part of getting used to rural planning.

"Rural planning is a new idea and involves many complex problems. Planners will simply have to educate rural residents about what planning is and why it is needed," he suggested.

They said most of their work has surrounded developing background planning studies.

One thing they have done is a mailing and personal interview commercial survey with merchants in both the urban areas and they are disappointed they haven't received as much feedback from businessmen as they thought they would. They were surprised to find some of the people they contacted

during their commercial study didn't feel planning was that important. The two students hope they will get some more input from businessmen in the community for this report before they return to school the third week of September.

Wood, 26, began his Masters in planning at the University of Toronto after completing an honors Bachelor of Arts in urban geography.

Before starting on his Masters he worked for the Canadian Council on Rural Development and says he is very interested in rural planning.

A native of Toronto, Gault, 23, is entering his third year of urban planning at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto.

## Rotary Governor here for annual visit

Acton Rotarians were hosts to the annual visit of the District 707 Rotary International Governor, Geoffrey King, early last week at the Royal Canadian Legion Building.

Mr. King's address to Rotarians stressed Rotary membership is decreasing in the western world and his concerns Rotary International. He said the club must reach the younger generation with their aims,

purpose and goals. Rotary club membership in the east, however, is improving as clubs are new and members are eager.

He spoke on Rotary International's International theme of "Dignifying the Human Being, respecting his culture, rights, achievements and his work."

King immigrated to Canada and is a life insurance agent with Canada Life Assurance Company. He was a regular officer in the Royal Air Force with service in the western desert, Persia, Iraq, India and the United Kingdom.

The district with which Acton is associated consists of 65 clubs from Acton, Alliston and Shelburne, to Picton and Belleville. He is a member of the Scarborough Rotary Club.

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A minor hit and run accident on Wynford Place was investigated by Acton O.P.P. on August 16. The incident occurred between 10 and 10.45 p.m.

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### Confusion . . .

(Continued from page 1) said he hadn't been aware of the announcement earlier Tuesday. "A great time to announce it," he said, but would offer no further comment until he had an opportunity to familiarize himself with the content of the announcement.

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dwelt on communications within the club and between Rotarians and the community. The 707 district consists of 105 clubs.



EDDIE ALLEN, 12, of Mill St., West, caught two pike and one bass behind the wading pool in Fairy Lake on August 13. With him is Henry Roach, 15, of Main St. The heavy rain in the morning brought the fish to the surface according to the fishermen.

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