

Doug Sargent says

Halton Hills good idea but region wasn't needed

The formation of Halton Hills was a good idea but the town's chief building inspector Doug Sargent thinks Queen's Park went a little too far when they set up Halton region.

There was no need for the province to go to the extent they did in starting the region.

Sargent was first elected to Georgetown council in 1953 and served on council for the next 11 years.

He described a loosely organized group made up of Georgetown, Milton and Acton and known as the North Halton Urban Board as being the forerunner of Halton Hills.

The town's building inspector said the North Halton Urban Board didn't have any real authority but the representatives of the three towns did sit down and discuss common problems.

He compared his years on council, with his years in the armed services. "Something I wouldn't want to have missed but at the same time something I'm not too sure I'd want to try again."



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As far as the formation of Halton Hills is concerned it was a good idea since Georgetown, Esqueping and Acton always had a lot in common but I don't think we needed the region."

Sargent said he had a lot of respect for the old county system of government and thought it was regrettable the entire system was scrapped.

The 52-year-old Charles Street resident of Georgetown said the growth and development in Georgetown over the past decade has been gradual and warned the small town flavor which is already showing signs of disappearing could be gone forever if the town experiences much more growth.

A life long resident of Georgetown he said he liked the town when it was very small and still likes it today.

Both sides of running a town are difficult and both are rewarding," he observed.

He also holds the position of the town's zoning administrator and receives the various rezoning applications and checks all building permit applications. If applications are up to snuff he then issues the building permit.



FIRE AT Bower Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Braida started in upstairs bedroom. Burned material was thrown out of upstairs window by firefighters last Wednesday.

\$7000 damages in Braida fire

A fire on Wednesday, Sept. 3 caused \$7,000 damage to a Bower Ave. house occupied by Paul Braida and family.

Mr. Braida was asleep in an upstairs bedroom when his son reported the fire to his mother, who called the Acton Volunteer Firefighters.

The house, and the contents received severe smoke damage, according to Fire chief Mick Holmes.

Damage was quite extensive to the one bedroom with the other rooms burned from the heat. The downstairs received water damage, according to Fire chief Mick Holmes.

Mr. Holmes said all the furniture on the first floor was saved, as they were covered with tarps.

Mrs. Alva Gordon owns the building. The smoke injector (fan) had to be used on the other side of the house, and the contents received severe smoke damage.

Mr. Holmes explained that due to the old construction of the house, the smoke spread easily to the other half.

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