

Town raps province's aggregate figures

Despite objections from Councillors Pam Sheldon and George Malby, Halton Hills council Monday night decided to go ahead and tell the region "It is premature for the Town and Region to establish mineral (aggregate) protection areas prior to the adoption of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Plan."

Sheldon and Malby feared the reference to the NEC plan would make the region and province think it is all right to freeze land for aggregate in the NEC planning area.

The NEC planning area is outside the lands previously proposed for an aggregate land freeze

by the region, and Sheldon says the Town should be protecting those taxpayers too because they also live in Halton Hills.

Planner Ian Keith's report will be forwarded to the region for consideration before region planners start work on a new aggregate policy.

In addition his six conclusions are to be reviewed by Town and Region staff with the province, and the region is to report back to the Town on the six recommendations before preparing its new aggregate policy.

Besides concluding it is premature for the Town and Region to set aside land for aggregate protection

before the NEC plan is approved, Keith also stated: the province should have to "substantiate" its production of aggregate objectives for Halton over the next 20 years because changing market conditions appear to make their figures faulty; the province should also have to substantiate its assumptions in setting criteria for aggregate demand between the years 2000 and 2020; the province should have to re-evaluate its "life expectancy" figures for current quarries and pits; the province should re-examine its statement that only one-fifth of all aggregate is mined; the region and province should comment on Halton Hills'

contention that the new Halton Hills Official Plan already conforms to the province's 10 point policy on aggregate without land being frozen.

Sheldon said she was pleased with much of Keith's report. She pointed out he disputes Ministry of Natural Resources figures pertaining to the life expectancy of existing pits and quarries, how much aggregate will be needed to meet market demands over the next 40 years and the province's stand that only one-fifth of all land containing aggregate is ever mined so a lot of land must be frozen. Keith's report shows clearly that Halton's fair share of aggregate to be supplied to

Ontario is "fairer" than others.

She also agreed with Keith's feeling that Halton Hills new Official Plan is so restrictive in land use in the rural area that aggregate deposits will be sufficiently protected without a land freeze.

The land in the NEC may be under another planning jurisdiction, but Sheldon said the people still live in Halton Hills and deserve council's "protection and support." The NEC planning area runs across Halton Hills roughly from Speyside, through Limehouse and Ballinfad to Terra Cotta. Halton Hills supported the NEC plan as it is now

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Action Sabre goalie Chris Martin gets help from defenceman Paul Cargill in action Friday night against the Georgetown Gemini. Acton blasted the Gemini 9-5. Details on page B1.

Propose new fed. seat Halton Hills—Caledon

by Gord Murray

Halton Hills, Caledon and west Brampton will be welded together into the new federal riding of Halton Hills-Caledon if Electoral Boundaries Commission proposals are approved.

The numerous riding changes across Canada aren't expected to take effect until after the next election. There's no way the public comment period and MPs objections process could be finishing before 1984 and an election using the new riding boundaries can't be held until a year after they have been enacted by Parliament. The earliest an election could be held using the new boundaries is the end of 1985, and even if the present Liberal government runs its full term it must call an election by February 1985.

Currently Acton and most of Esquesing is in the federal riding of Halton along with Oakville, Milton and Nassagaweya. Georgetown and the parts of Esquesing around the community are in the federal riding of Brampton-Georgetown.

The new Halton Hills-Caledon riding would have a population of 83,533 people.

Following is the official description of the proposed new riding:

Consisting of those parts of the Regional Municipalities of Halton and Peel contained in: (a) the Towns of Caledon and Halton Hills; (b) that part of the City of Brampton bounded as follows: commencing at the intersection of Steeles Avenue and Main Street; thence northwesterly along Main Street to Frederick Street; thence southwesterly along Frederick Street to McMurchy Avenue; thence northwesterly along McMurchy Avenue to Railroad Avenue; thence northeasterly and northwesterly along Railroad and Pleasant View Avenues respectively to the Canadian National Railway; thence easterly along said railway to the Canadian Pacific Railway; thence northwesterly along said railway to Rosedale Avenue; thence northeasterly along Rosedale Avenue to Main Street; thence northwesterly along Main Street to Highway 7 (Bovaird Drive); thence southwesterly along said highway to McLaughlin Road; thence northwesterly along McLaughlin Road to the limit of said city; thence southwesterly and southeasterly along said limit to Steeles Avenue; thence northeasterly along Steeles Avenue to the point of commencement.

The present Halton riding will be carved up into three new ridings. Acton and Esquesing will be in the new Halton Hills-Caledon riding, while Oakville will become a seat itself with a small chunk of south-west Mississauga thrown in.

MILTON IN HALTON-WENTWORTH SEAT
The Milton and Nassagaweya portion of Halton will be in the new riding of Halton-Wentworth. This new seat will consist of Flamborough Township, north Burlington, and Milton and

Nassagaweya. This new seat will have a population of 81,736 people. Following is the official description of this proposed new riding:

Consisting of those parts of the Regional Municipalities of Hamilton-Wentworth and Halton contained in: (a) the Township of Flamborough; (b) that part of the City of Burlington bounded as follows: commencing at the intersection of the northeasterly boundary of said township and Dundas Street; thence northeasterly along Dundas Street to Brant Street; thence southerly along Brant Street to the proposed Highway 403; thence northerly along said highway to Upper Middle Road; thence northeasterly along said road to Mountingrove Avenue; thence southeasterly along said avenue to Mount Forest Road; thence southwesterly along said road to Brant Road; thence southeasterly along Brant Road to Plains Road; thence northeasterly along Plains Road to the Queen Elizabeth Way and continuing northeasterly along said way to the limit of said city; thence northwesterly, southwesterly and south-easterly along said limit to the point of commencement; (c) the Town of Milton.

The Guelph riding, consisting of the city of Guelph, Eramosa Township, Pilkington Township, and Puslinch Township will remain unchanged and have a population of 84,884 people.

Erin Township, which used to be in the Halton riding until the late 70s, will remain in Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe, and have a riding population of 82,670.

The present Halton and Brampton-Georgetown seats were created with the 1978 federal election and these ridings will have lasted through just three elections. However re-adjustment of electoral boundaries actually took place in 1976.

The new ridings created across the nation will add 28 new MPs to the House of Commons.

Public hearings will be held in eight centres across Ontario during January and February. Anyone wishing to make presentations has 23 days to notify the Electoral Boundaries Commission. The nearest hearings for this area will be in Toronto on January 6 and in Hamilton January 14.

Following the public submission stage the Commission will review comments and possibly make changes before sending a report and revised maps to the House of Commons. Time is then set aside for MPs to make their comments and voice objections before the Commission reviews the boundaries again and possibly makes more adjustments. The re-adjustment process ends with the "proclamation of the Representations Order which comes into force on the first dissolution of Parliament occurring at least one year after the date on which the proclamation was issued."

\$10,000 deposit on land for possible municipal complex

Halton Hills has put down a \$10,000 deposit as an option to purchase the nearly 30 acre Stevens' estate on Maple Ave. in Georgetown across from the North Halton Golf and Country Club as a possible future site for a municipal complex.

Bob Nicholl of Longmore Construction Managers and Engineering Ltd. of Markham and Mayor Peter Pomeroy unveiled the plan Monday night, but it by no means guarantees Halton Hills will build a municipal complex or that it will be located at the site the Town has been looking at for several months.

Pomeroy recalled a municipal building committee was set up in 1981 and since 1977 a reserve fund, now containing about \$710,000, has been building up to finance a municipal complex. He noted some meetings have been held by the committee which has looked at municipal space needs, long range plans for a new consolidated administration building and funding of such a huge project. Discussions were held with Nicholl and everything was done behind closed doors instead of in public view. In camera sessions are normal with property matters, Pomeroy noted.

Nicholl brought a report dealing with possible sites to council last summer, and was sent back to look at soil tests, water and sewer servicing of the

site on Maple Ave., and a land survey.

Four sites were examined by Nicholl's firm which specializes in projects such as consolidating a municipal operation under one roof, and the Stevens' estate was most promising. Eight acres of the total of 29.75 couldn't be developed because it's restricted by the conservation authority. There are homes on the L shaped property and there are several areas of the parcel good for a municipal building, as well as other uses.

The new council will determine if the site is to be the home of Halton Hills municipal departments or even if a new central administration building will be built.

Pomeroy said the Maple Ave. site is promising because it is close to the present administration building on Trafalgar Rd. and could be tied in with the Georgetown Hospital property. For some time the hospital has wanted road access to Maple Ave. or Trafalgar Rd., Pomeroy noted, and a building of the "magnitude" council will consider needs municipal servicing, something which is available only in an urban area. Halton Hills Hydro has shown interest in locating its new administration building on the site too.

Council was taking out an option now to make it possible to close a deal in January 1983. The

\$10,000 comes from the reserve fund.

Councillor Harry Levy observed council was putting down a deposit and paying interest because the deposit should have been authorized some time ago. But, he pointed out, council wasn't saying the property would be bought or a building constructed.

Pomeroy said he expects the new council will be presented with a "better perspective" on space needs of the Town and financing of the project.

Council will have this information, mostly prepared by staff, before it is asked to decide if the Maple Ave. property should be purchased or not. Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said the Town can continue to negotiate for other sites, even though a deposit has been put down on property.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson, the only member to vote against the paying of the deposit, said she has never been convinced that the Maple Ave. site is the way to go and believes expansion at the present administration building should be fully examined first.

Pomeroy concluded council will determine space needs and then finally select a site.

Santa arrives this Saturday

Santa arrives in Acton this weekend, and will make his grand entrance in the annual Santa Claus parade.

The parade starts at 1.30 p.m. Saturday, at the McKenzie-Smith Middle School and goes straight up Mill St. to Park St. to Knox Ave. and then to Main Street where it will end.

According to parade organizer Bev Jones of the Acton Y's Men, the event is expected to be about one-and-a-half hours from beginning to end.

As of press time, there were only six scheduled floats, but more were expected to turn up on parade day, Jones said. Expected floats are Honey Pot Nursery, Lions Club, Acton Co-op Nursery, Acton High School, Robert Little School, the Optimist Club and the Acton Y. The Acton Citizens' Band and the Georgetown Legion Pipe Band will provide the music and the Georgetown Elkettes and Air Cadets and the Acton Firefighters' trucks will be on hand.

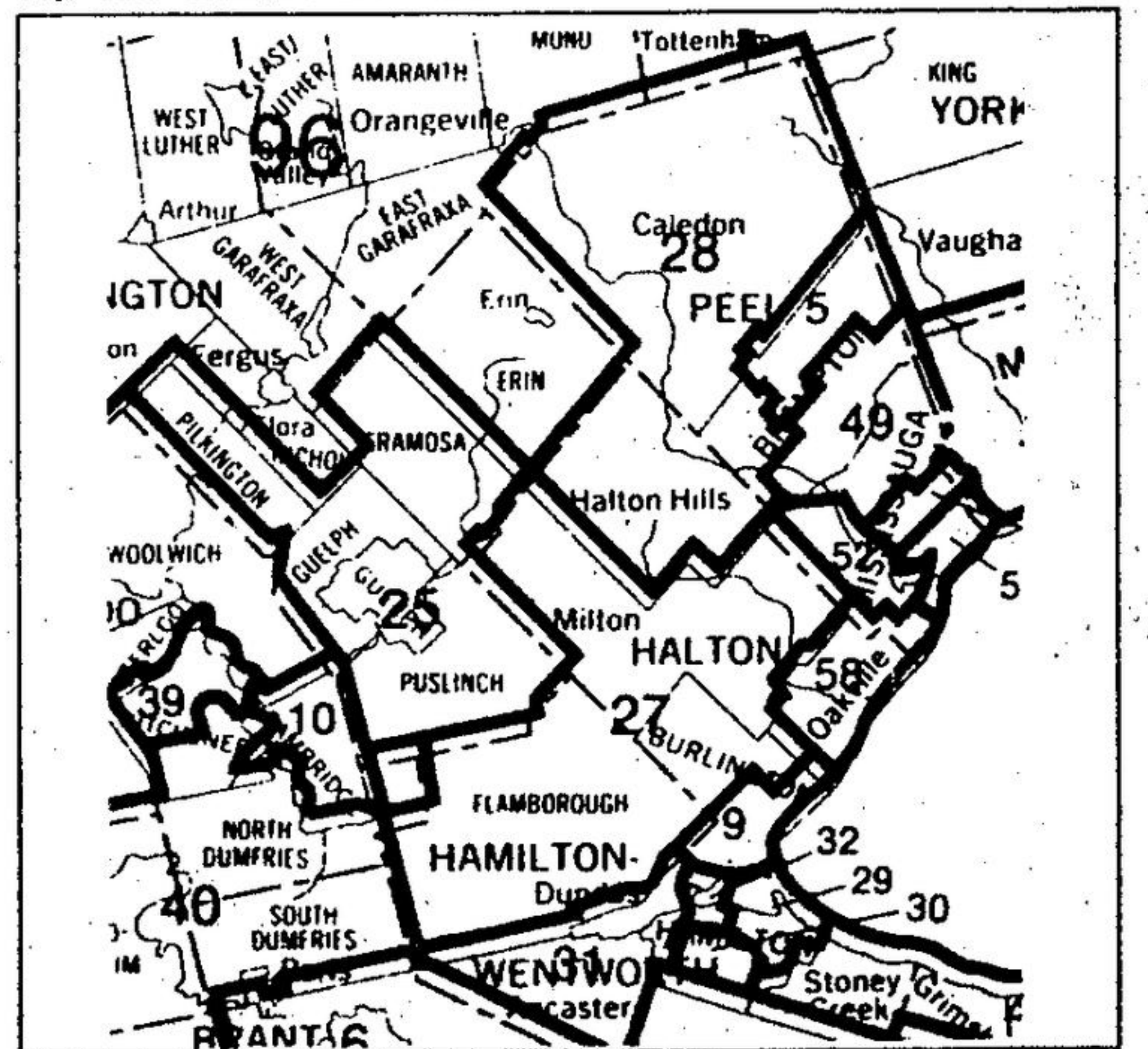
The Block Parents and the Animal Auctions of Ontario will have displays in the parade.

Entries will be accepted up until 11 a.m. parade day. Anyone participating and not yet registered, is asked to call 853-3064.

After the parade, Santa will head to the Y where he will meet all the boys and girls and get their Christmas lists. A tea room will be set up at the Y's Mug for the general public thanks to the Y's Menettes, who will also have a crafts and candy sale, and offer a craft Christmas tree raffle.



Downsown should be jammed Saturday afternoon when Santa and his big parade go through town.



This map shows how federal ridings will likely be readjusted after the next federal election. Riding number 28 is the new seat of Halton Hills-Caledon, taking in Acton, Esquesing, Georgetown, west Brampton and all of Caledon. Riding number 5 is the new riding of Brampton. Part of south Brampton is going in riding number 18, Mississauga-Brampton. Riding number 27 is

the new Halton-Wentworth seat consisting of Milton, Nassagaweya, north Burlington and Flamborough Township. Erin Township will remain in riding number 16, Wellington-Dufferin, while the Guelph seat, 25, remains unchanged with the city of Guelph, Puslinch, Eramosa and Pilkington townships in the riding.

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