

Slide show

Councillor tells ratepayers of town's past

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A slide presentation recounting Georgetown's past gave members of the Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association a good indication last week of what role they can play in the community's future development.

Ward 3 COUN. John McDonald, a well-known local historian who authored the booklet *Haltion Sketches*, punctuated his presentation to the association Wednesday night with comments and comparative

Generally COUN. McDonald allowed the slides to talk for themselves in those cases where development has taken a turn for the worse. Examples of magnificent architecture dating from the mid-nineteenth century were displayed, then compared with the uninspiring buildings that have replaced them or, in other instances, with the deteriorated, neglected buildings they have since become.

Also among the slides were photographs of the late Rex Heslop, the developer who built *Haldale* before approaching Georgetown's municipal council with plans for extensive subdivisions that would ultimately triple the community's population. An aerial view showed the proximity of Prince Charles Drive and Bryon and Shelly Streets to vast expanses of farmland circa 1954, just before the Delrex subdivision was developed.

The potential for groups like the ratepayers association to get involved with the municipal decision making process was evident in COUN. McDonald's observations about some of the nineteenth century buildings that are still making headlines.



John McDonald

slides depicting some of the negative effects which the passage of time has had upon Georgetown's appearance and atmosphere.

COUN. McDonald addressed about 20 members and supporters of the ten-month old Association, which was holding its first annual general meeting at Georgetown District High School.

The high school itself was among the relatively modern structures photographed by COUN. McDonald for comparison with other buildings of the past. Preceding it in the presentation was a slide of the old high school, a multi-storey, eye-catching structure with an imposing tower which was, in turn, built on the farm originally owned by George Kennedy, after whom Georgetown was named.

Early start for budget committee

The Halton board of education decided to strike its finance committee earlier in the year, so that the committee will have more time to study the board's budget prior to making a recommendation to the board.

The board approved the recommendation which said the committee should be struck in November, with meetings beginning in December.

FIRST VIEWED
Chapel Street Public School was viewed first as it appeared nearly 100 years ago when it served as the town's only public school, then as it appears today with boards on the windows. Sold recently by the Halton Board of Education to private developers, the school may become a rest home if a proposal currently before council gains support.

The Georgetown Public Library started out as a congregational church, after which Church Street was named. Today, overcrowded with books and other library services, it is at the centre of a controversy that entails the most important aspects of the community's development problems, symbolizing the need for bigger and better facilities to serve a larger population. Association president Lawrence Duggan prefaced the slide presentation with comments about the ratepayers' future role in monitoring and helping to guide, through public input, the town's development cited a need for the association to continue attending council allocations Georgetown's limited sewage treatment capacity so that "the town grows the way its citizens want it to."

Mr. Duggan also expressed hope that council will in future find ways to keep the electorate better informed about meet-

ings seen in the local press.

MODEST CRITICISM
Halton regional council also came under modest criticism in the president's remarks for its "lack of accountability" to the region's citizens. Mr. Duggan said regional council's practice of holding afternoon meetings, which few residents can attend because of work commitments, may not be in the best interests of voters who wish to monitor the performance of their elected representatives.

COUN. McDonald's presentation recounted the history of Georgetown and district from since 1823, when George Kennedy settled here.

The arrival of the "industrial" Barber family and their subsequent introduction of a paper mill that produced the first sheet of paper manufactured in Ontario, then the Credit River dynamo that became the province's first hydroelectricity producing power plant.

In 1856, Georgetown got its first railway line, in 1917 its first suburban railway service which operated until 1931, and in 1905 the coated paper mill that later became Abitibi and helped establish the community's strongest industrial base.

MANY HOTELS
The area's many hotels were documented, including Clark's

Hotel, later the McGibbon, the Exchange Hotel which is now more popularly known as the Station House, the Canadian House Hotel which occupied a site at Mill and Guelph Streets where the Arcade and several apartments now stand, and the American House Hotel where the Three Sisters restaurant is today.

COUN. McDonald's presentation featured amusing anecdotes, including photographs of the annual "Drummer's Snack" parade and picnic and the leisurely recreational activities on Wilber Park Lake, a large pond that covered the lands near what is now Main and James Streets. The only remain-

ing remnant of the lake is the small pond in Remembrance Park.

Finally, there was the occasion when one of the town's most illustrious founding fathers, Colonel John R. Barber, placed an advertisement in the Georgetown Herald announcing that he would be driving his early model automobile around the track at Fairgrounds Park. Citizens could bring their horses along and drive them in the opposite direction around the track. Colonel Barber offered, so that the animals could get used to the disturbing racket of the tin lizzy. Many townsfolk, COUN. McDonald said, took him in on the offer.

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The elevated weather-protected entry faces an indoor garden and opens into a large reception area. From the foyer, one moves naturally left and down two risers to the dramatic sunken living room, featuring a centrally-positioned masonry fireplace and sliding glass doors to the wide rear patio.

A well-planned U-shape kitchen is centrally positioned between the elevated formal dining room, from which it separates via convenient pocket door, and the dinette and the sunken family room. This layout makes for step-saving access for meal serving and, at the same time, provides for excellent separation of formal dining when entertaining and casual family meals. The sunken family room has a second masonry fireplace in a corner configuration and wide sliding glass doors leading onto the large rear patio.

All three bedrooms are positioned on the second level around the central bath and spacious linen storage area. Each has excellent natural lighting and generous closet storage. The commodious master has a three-piece ensuite with an elevated tub, a full walk-in closet and a sizeable alcove which may be utilized as a library or office area.

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