

**Drainage problems**

# No assurances for Langstone Cres. petitioners

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The residents of Langstone Crescent in Georgetown captured the attention of the town's general committee Monday night with a lengthy petition, but failed to win any assurances that work will be

done to alleviate problems caused by poor drainage. "Virtually all the residents of Langstone", according to Mayor Pete Pomeroy, signed the petition presented to the committee by David Jefferson, who was acknowledged as one of the hardest-hit residents to

encounter flooded basements and other problems. Coun. Harry Levy convinced the committee to refer the petition to town engineer Bob Austin for a review, but not before ensuring that Mr. Austin was fully aware of the scope of the problem.

Mr. Austin said he is aware of the general situation, but, upon questioning from the mayor, admitted Langstone Crescent is not included in the town's five-year capital forecast for road repairs. It is featured alongside all other urban roads for reconstruction in the Roads Needs Study prepared several years ago, he said, but there is no schedule for completion attached.

**NO FLOODING**  
"I don't want to fool you," Mayor Pomeroy told Mr. Jefferson. "We may just have to look for short-term solutions for the time being, because I'll tell you right now, the province has decided Halton Hills hasn't been paying its share and there could be an enormous tax hike here that would affect our capital forecast."

The mayor was referring to recent revisions in municipal assessment schedules, a decision on which is expected early next month from officials of the province and Halton region. Because of apparent inequities in the region's assessment, he explained, the town appears slated for a massive tax hike.

"There's an appeal period which is rapidly drawing to a close, and we're still waiting for a decision," Mayor Pomeroy said. "We may end up

appealing it just for the sake of appealing, but one way or the other, I think we're in for a big increase."

Coun. Levy informed the committee that Langstone slopes downward from Moultrie Crescent to Raylawn Crescent, creating unusual drainage conditions. The flooding of several Langstone base-

ments is just one aspect of the problems, Mr. Jefferson said.

**POOR DRAINAGE**  
The poor drainage situation, according to the residents' petition, also floods yards, creates deep ruts in the road shoulders after washing gravel into the roadway, causes sidewalks to shift and crack and creates hazardous driving con-

ditions because of its effect on the gravel and ice.

"It's the whole condition of the area we're concerned about," Mr. Jefferson explained. "Since they put the curbs along Moultrie, it's been much worse, and with the storm sewers along Raylawn, it's left our area a flood zone."

Mr. Jefferson accepted Ma-

yor Pomeroy's explanation that other roads in town have higher priority ratings for repairs, but pointed out that Langstone has been given passing attention by road crews so often during the past ten years that the money they have spent annually on gravel may have covered current reconstruction costs.



**VIET CUISINE A HIT**

Lynn Huggle was one of the volunteers serving at the Vietnamese feast at St. Alban's Church in Glen Williams Friday evening. The proceeds from the feast, which featured Vietnamese cooking, will be used to help support the refugee families in Halton Hills. Among the dishes which were served were fishball soup, chicken curry and barbecued pork in peanut sauce. (Herald photo)


## Bilodeau decision expected Oct. 22

A decision in the trial of Robert Bilodeau, former director of a residence for the handicapped, on 14 counts of fraud, will be handed down October 22.

Judge Patrick Lesage reserved judgement on the case after hearing the summing up of the crown attorney, David Price, and the defence counsel, Jack Belleghem. The summations took two days as the crown attorney and the defence counsel presented different views on sums of money withdrawn from the bank accounts of residents at the Countryside residence for the handicapped in Hornby.

Mr. Bilodeau, 30, was the director of the residence from the time it opened in January, 1976, until he submitted his resignation in January of 1979.

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## Stores' closing times could be extended

A town bylaw controlling the closing times of stores may be amended to allow Shopper's Drug Mart and other local business to stay open until 9 p.m. on each of the three Saturdays preceding Christmas.

The town's general committee voted Monday night to recommend the amendment to council, and to have municipal staff discuss the possibility of establishing uniform closing hours with area merchants.

Al Fraser of the Drug Mart wrote to the town last week outlining the advantages of late closing hours in the weeks before Christmas. Not only would shoppers benefit, he said, but merchants would be able to compete with the large malls in Brampton and Mississauga and "maximize sales and profitability".

Mayor Pete Pomeroy supported the amendment despite his contention that it may prove to be a hardship for many small businessmen,

himself included. The later closing times could force local store owners to hire additional staff and work even longer hours just to stay in competition, he pointed out.

Nevertheless, a majority of committee members agreed with Coun. Walter Bleh, who said the amendment seemed "like a reasonable request", and with Coun. Russ Miller, who noted that the late closing times would only be applicable for a short time.

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