## Why floodplain rules are tough



# Message

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To the early Halton Region Settlers, the virgin territory meant back-breaking work clearing the land. Without zoning or conservation regulations or an awareness of future ecological consequences, the land was altered. The once swift-flowing creeks were reduced to a trickle during summer months and became raging torrents during spring melting. Man and nature no longer lived in harmony.

With history as a teacher, strict floodplain and headwater regulations are enforced by the Halton Region Conservation Authority. Basically, the regulations prevent any construction near ponds or on swamps or any area that is susceptible to flooding. The regulations further

John Hall, the Authority's

for the Authority involved a wanted to fill and develop his 'property. After proceeding for permits, he was advised that because the land was

## Why no meetings, Pete?

#### CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to express special thanks to our friends, relatives and co-workers for sympathy shown during the loss of Shirley's father, the late Lionel Amos on Jan. 3, 1981. - Bob & Shirley Lawin

 The family of the late Martha Massey wishes to express their sincere appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their messages of sympathy, beautiful floral tributes and charitable donations at the time of her passing. A special thank you to Rev. Peter Barrow and the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton and Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. We would also like to thank Dr. Browning and Dr. Li.

- The Massey Family.

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- The family of Ernest Crane would like to express thanks to all their neighbours, friends and relatives who were so thoughtful in the recent loss of their husband, father and grandfather. Special thanks to Rev. P. Barrow and the McClure-Jones Funeral Home.

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#### MEMORIAMS KING - In loving memory of

Christopher, Infant son of Bill and Linda and brother of Laura who passed away January 10, Each new day we think of you. A little boy we loved.

Who gave so much to his Mommie and Daddy. Their pride and joy was their litto boy. His sister Leura misses him in

every way and so does his Aunt's and they all pray together that they will be in heaven one day. His soul with Jesus will show

us the way. - Sadly missed by his grandparents Roderick and by and Family. 24202mn!

#### **DEATHS**

MILLS, Ronald L .- On Saturday, January 10, 1981 at St. Michaels Hospital Toronto. Ron Mills in his 24th year, husband of Tina-Marie Kerst and loved father of Sandy Lynn, Dear son of Vivian and the late Oliver Mills and brother of George, Rested at the St. George's Anglican Church where funeral and commital service was held Tuesday afternoon. Cremation followed. In memory contributions to the St. George's Church Memorial Fund, Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital or the Heart Foundation would be ap-23212d preciated.

DRAPER, 'Linda Martha-On Thursday January 8, 1981 at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital. Linda Black of 3 Hyde Park Dr., wife of the late Earl Draper. Mother of Lome of Georgetown, John of Brampton and predeceased by her daughter Lorene Hughson. Survived by her 10 grandchildron, 6 great grandchildren and 2 great great orandchildren. Rested at the McCture-Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith Street, Georgetown, where funeral and committed service was held Saturday morning January 10, 1981 at 10:30 o'clock. Interment Brampton Comolery.

Chairman's

HALTON CONSERVATION **AUTHORITY** 

prevent the filling and dumping on ecologically sensitive land, and prevent any tampering with water-

Land Use Planner explains, "Often the Halton Region Conservation Authority finds the public does not have a full understanding of the relationship between land and water. It's difficult to realize the role swamps play in maintaining high water quality, and acting to naturally regulate stream

A precedent-setting case man with swamp land who through municipal channels

Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy, chairman of the region's finance and administration committee, had still to convene his first meeting before being questioned last Wednesday by Burlington Coun. Jim Grieve about the lack of meetings since the new council was inaugurated Dec. 10. Mayor Pomeroy explained that he was merely spending some time with his own municipality and that he expects the committee to meet "as many times as necessary to solve regional problems". The first meeting was expected to be held this morning (Wednesday).

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situated in a headwater swamp he must get written permission from the Authority. After due process, because filling in of this particular piece of land might affect stream flow, he was denied a permit. Exercising his right, he appealed to the Minister of Natural Resources, arguing that the filling in of this one piece of land would have no significant ecological effects. The Authority agreed the effect

would be insignificant but by turning a blind eye to this instance, a precedent would be set. The Authority then, in good faith, could not turn down other applicants. Because the cumulative affect of filling in swamps would be damaging to the region as a whole, the permit was denled.

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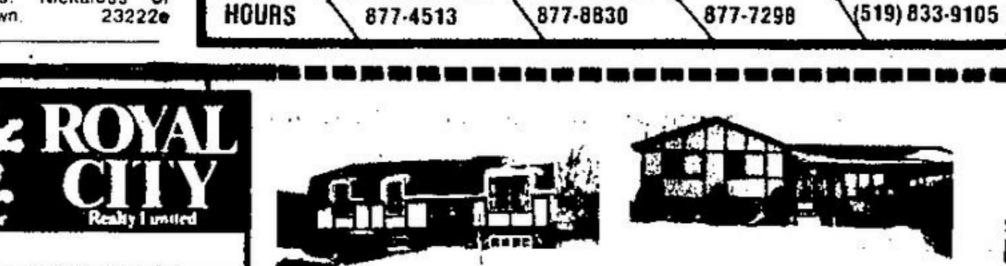
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