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## Urban area review ready for the public

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer

After two years of work, the long-awaited Georgetown urban area review envisioning future growth for the community may finally be ready for its first public presentation by the end of the month.

During a closed-door session Monday night, councillors got

their first detailed look at the study which was commissioned by the town and the region and partially funded by area developers in August, 1980.

While declining comment about the meeting, Coun. Mike Armstrong, who has chaired the review's steering group, said the region's planning and public works committee is expected to vote next week on

the date for a public forum, tentatively set for March 18.

Coun. Armstrong told The Herald Tuesday that he is "very, very pleased" with the study, adding that it may take about four months for the document to be completely ready for approval by the province's housing and municipal affairs ministry.

The \$119,000 study involved an initial six-month examination of Georgetown's sewage treatment system to see if it can handle more waste.

Carried out by Gore and Storr Consultants Ltd. of Toronto, the first phase was followed by the actual review of the community's urban boundaries which is still continuing and will determine where future residential and industrial development belongs in Georgetown.

Recently, the town decided not to release the draft study until it had received a letter from the provincial ministry of environment (MOE) concerning population figures in the study relating to the treatment capacity at the plant.

Additional consultants' services needed to complete the Georgetown Urban Area Review have been endorsed by the region's finance and administration committee.

The extra duties required of Municipal Planning Consultants of Toronto will cost the region \$2,500.

The study concluded that the Focal proposal would use up most of that remaining capacity, leaving about 15 to 20 per cent of the 800,000 gallons for other projects.

But developers have questioned the condition of aging underground sewage mains leading into the plant and collecting waste along residential streets. They have said that groundwater and rain run-off infiltrating leaky mains may be limiting the plant's actual sewage treatment capacity.

The question of Georgetown's growth relative to the sewage treatment plant's capacity is of utmost importance if the town is to face a \$27 million lawsuit for breach of contract alleged by Focal Properties Ltd., a company whose major development proposal for Georgetown's southeast end has been tied up for years.

Focal's proposal calls for 1,740 homes to be built on 361



### TRACING THEIR ROOTS

A banner from a former Georgetown District High School (GDHS) student was brought back to the school by the wife of the late Frank Wilson. Mr. Wilson had been a student at the Georgetown high school from 1914 to 1918. Holding the banner which pictures the high school building at the turn of the century are Roberta Burke and John Scott, both Grade 12 students and co-presidents of the Athletic Association at GDHS. Coming up in The Herald: old class photos from the '20s and '30s. Will you spot yourself?

(Herald photo)



### TOP TALKERS

The Georgetown area schools' public speaking contest was held Thursday morning at Joseph Gibbons Public School and the winners will be heading to the North Halton contest at Speyside Public School tomorrow (Thursday). Georgetown area winners are (clockwise from top) Andrea Sybersma, a Grade 6 student from the Georgetown and District Christian School; David Wilms, Grade 6, Glen Williams Public; Alex Caccia, Grade 6, Holy Cross Separate and Adam Broughton, Grade 5, George Keunedy Public. The winners were presented with trophies and medallions from the Georgetown Optimist Club.

(Herald photo)

## MP McDermid gets in line to oppose riding revisions

By BOB THOMPSON  
Herald Special

Brampton-Georgetown riding will face a major shake up in the federal redistribution of boundaries, but its Progressive Conservative MP opposes the alterations.

John McDermid said Friday the introduction of 30 new seats in the House of Commons probably won't come until the next federal election in three years.

But Mr. McDermid, who admits his riding will most likely be redistributed because of its size, maintained that additional MPs in the Commons "will make it even more difficult to be heard".

Brampton-Georgetown riding is the third largest in the country representing 170,000 people. It is projected to grow at one of the fastest rates in the next three years.

Ottawa has been working on the controversial, time-consuming task of redrawing boundaries, which would add at least 30 MPs to the 282-seat Commons.

"I personally wouldn't like to see more seats," Mr. McDermid said during an interview. MPs would rather be allowed to man constituency offices with more staff and provide better service, he said.

Most ridings across Canada average from 70,000 to

100,000 in population. The federal government has embarked on the \$3 million project and has estimated it will be finished the realignment by late December, 1984.

Opposition members have spoken against the move by Ottawa, and Mr. McDermid agrees the expansion of Commons seats will make the government cumbersome.

And the redistribution could be particularly dramatic in Brampton, a riding that went from Liberal to Conservative in 1979 and is viewed as a swing riding.

Appointed by judicial commissions, the ridings will be altered to reflect population shifts and changes.

Ontario, under the projected adjustments, could have as many as 10 extra ridings - up from the 95 it now has.

A federal election committee is studying several plans for the realignment and may consider a proposal released 10 years ago calling for the Commons to delay increasing members until the population doubles.

However, Mr. McDermid said, constituents can be best served by providing more riding staff to work out of offices as MPs.

As it is, the MP claimed, his riding office on Queen Street East in Brampton "is a busy place, swamped with enquiries".

The redistribution process will begin in May when the 1981 census will be available. In two months, judicial commissions will be appointed for each province, to redraw riding boundaries, then reports are prepared, hearings held and the matter repeated in the Commons.

—Courtesy Brampton Times

## Walker's on sick leave - gets board approval

Halton Hills trustee Betty Walker was officially excused by the Halton board of education Thursday night when fellow trustees passed a motion approving her extended absence from the meeting table.

According to the Ontario

Education Act, a trustee loses his post if he misses more than three consecutive regular board meetings without the passage of such a motion.

Ms. Walker left her Norval home early in January for Arizona, where she is recovering from health problems.

Board chairman Len Auger said he received a letter from the absent trustee indicating that she's responding well to treatment. He said she's expected back for the board's April 8 or 20 meeting.

## Town hall's sale bid awaits term penalties

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer

A decision about whether or not the former Acton town hall should be sold and under what conditions has been delayed for another two weeks as town staffers prepare "penalties" which would be imposed if the purchaser violates terms of the sale.

Having completed a report

as requested by council two weeks ago, clerk-administrator Ken Richardson Monday night said terms of the sale should include a clause, registered on the property deed, ensuring that the purchaser maintain the characteristic facade of the 100-year old building.

A restoration proposal which would have involved about

\$250,000 of taxpayers' money was narrowly rejected by council in December and a private sale of the building may be the last option open to the town to spare the building from the wreckers' ball.

Mr. Richardson has also suggested that the sale agreement should insist on a time limit by which the purchaser must bring the old hall up to building and fire code standards. The sale of the building should be concluded within 60 days, council previously stated.

While he acknowledged that the figure was arbitrary, Mr. Richardson suggested that a purchaser be given nine months to bring the building up to acceptable conditions, allowing it to be safely occupied.

Penalties for violating parts of the sale agreement should be prepared for the town's general committee to review next Monday and the entire terms of reference package is expected to be endorsed by council a week later.

### Whatever happened to..?

Georgetown residents are still waiting for a subdivision proposed by Marport Corporation Ltd. of Toronto to get underway behind the Georgetown Market Place and the continued delay (the town and the developer agreed in principle to a draft plan of subdivision in 1979) bothers Coun. Harry Levy. Coun. Levy persuaded councillors Monday night not to endorse a requested extension of the time limit attached to the draft plan agreement until the developers have signed the document. The agreement was negotiated successfully two years ago, but final preparations for the construction of 127 single family units at the ten-acre site on the northeast corner of Mountainview Road South and Sinclair Avenue have not yet been completed. Town staff have recommended that, in view of the delay, the draft plan should be reviewed once again by council.

## National TV viewers may watch 'Opry'

Norval resident Jim Robertson's dream of putting his "Opry North" celebration of country music before cross-Canada television audiences may soon come true.

Organizers are expected to announce within coming weeks the signing of a major contract between Carling-O'Keefe Breweries and the CTV network that could put the "Opry North" shows on the air as early as April.

conglomerate of local entrepreneurs.

CFGM radio has been taping "live" broadcasts at the Junction since last summer, bringing in Canadian and American country music stars to entertain actual audiences for Sunday afternoon taping sessions that are later broadcast to CFGM affiliates across Canada. Carling-O'Keefe is the radio show's sponsor.

Rompin' Ronnie himself, who performed at the John Elliott Theatre as part of the opening week activities for the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre last October, is slated to host Carling's Canadian Country Festival at the Norval Junction April 21. Again, plans are yet to be finalized, but the concept may see such music stars as Boxcar Willie, the Good Brothers, Ronnie Prophet, Harold McIntyre and Ian and Sylvia Tyson gather for the occasion to raise money for Academy of Country Music amateur awards.

Stay tuned to The Herald for more news from Norval Junction.

Norval Junction owner Robertson plans to meet with the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce this week to discuss plans that have already been endorsed by Mayor Pete Pomeroy and a



### RAISING THE BANNER

Town Coss. John McDonald raises the flag to signal the beginning of Red Cross month in town. Fund-raising chairpersons (back row, left to right) Rose Marie Baskin, Lea Douglas and Doris Tretter were joined Saturday by youngsters Lorea Nickel, Justin Nickel, S. John McDonald Jr., S. and Marc Baskin, S. who represent the Red Cross Youth. Public relations vice-chairperson Doris Tretter says over 800 people will be involved in fund-raising during March. Last year \$18,000 was raised by the Georgetown Branch of the Red Cross. The target for 1982 is \$21,000.

(Herald photo)



### CASUAL KINSMEN

You can hop 'til you drop and stay comfortable all night at the Kinetic Club of Georgetown's annual Jeans and T-shirt Dance this Saturday at 8 p.m. Here, dance chairperson Nancy Webster (front) and Ritchie Hogan get together with Duke Webster for a little pre-dance ramble to the rhythms. The \$15 per couple tickets include a buffet and a deejay will provide the sound for a casual night of fun. For tickets, call Nancy Webster at 877-4716 or Marry Malcolmson at 877-2372. A seven-club Kinetics spring meeting was held Saturday at Gordon Alcott arena - details in Friday's Weekend Extra.

(Herald photo)