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## Urban area review ready for the public

By CHRIS AAGAARD Herald Staff Welter After two years of work, the long-awalted 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

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



#### 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 ODHS. Coming up in The Heraid: old class photos from the '20s and '50s, Will you spot yourself?

(Herald photo)

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 developers in August, 1980. study, adding that it may take about four months for the document to be completely readied for approval by the province's housing and municipal alfairs 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 Storrie 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. Coun. Armstrong said that MOE correspondence had been received by the steering committee.

The question of Georgetown's growth relative to the sewage treatment plant's capacity is of utmost import-ance 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

acres of property it owns in the "Hungry Hollow" area of the community. However, previous ministry of health standards have determined that the Georgetown sewage treatment plant can handle three million gallons of waste per day, and current use leaves 800,000 gallons per day for additional

development. 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 sald that groundwater and rain run-off infiltrating leaky mains may be limiting the plant's actual sewage treatment capacity.

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.



#### 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 Willims, Grade 6, Glen Williams Public; Alex Cachia, Grade 6, Hely Cross Separate and Adam Broughton, Grade 5, George Kennedy Public. The winners were presented with trophies and medaltions 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

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, timeconsuming 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 lation shifts and changes. Ontario, under the projected federal government has adjustments, could have as embarked on the \$3 million many as 10 extra ridings - up project and has estimated it will be finished the realignfrom the 95 it now has. ment by late December, 1984. A federal election commit-

Opposition members have. tee is studying several plans for the realignment and may spoken against the move by consider a proposal released Ottawa, and Mr. McDermid 10 years ago calling for the agrees the expansion of Commons to delay increas-Commons' seats will make ing members until the poputhe government cumberlation doubles.

Appointed by judicial commissions, the ridings will

be altered to reflect popu-

However, Mr. McDermid And the redistribution said, constituents can be best could be particularly dramatic in Brampton, a riding that served by providing more riding staff to work out of went from Liberal to Conservative in 1979 and is viewed offices as MPs. as a swing riding.

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

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

### Local strippers grind to a halt

The "bump and grind" at Georgetown's Rib Cage restaurant-tavern was short-lived last week as the town's bylaw enforcement officer ordered the restaurant's owners to apply for an adult entertainment licence and end nightly striptease performances in the meantime. According to the town's recently-passed licensing bylaw, an adult entertainment licence costs \$2,500. The application would have to be approved by council. The Heraid was unable to reach the restaurant owners this week to find out if they plan to apply for a licence, enabling them to have exotic dancers-a Halton

#### Crazy Boat celebrities

Ontario Lleutenant-Governor John Aird will have another shot at the starting gun and CFNY-FM radio celebrities Pete and Geets will provide comic relief when the Georgetown Jaycees 15th annual Craxy Boat Race gets underway March 27. Jayree Bill Pshyk announced last week that the club has confirmed its "rematch" date with the Lieutenant-Governor, who signed on last year as official starter only to have the enthusiastic Craxy Boaters, jump the gun on him. Mr. Aird took it all with a laugh and vowed to be a little guicker this time around. CFNY's popular morning team of Pete and Geets have been promoting chuckles for years and intend to do more of the same when they visit the Tenth Line bridge above Glen Williams and later the finishing point opposite Preston's Store to find out just how crary the Crary Boat Race can be. The brave boatmen and their landlubbing supporters should remember that this year for the first time, the Jaycees are asking all involved to help raise funds for the fight against muscular sclerosis by gathering pledges for their valiant voyage.

#### Help with tax returns

Local senior citizens, members of low income families and disabled residents are invited to take advantage of a free tax service being offered this week and next at the Georgetown Public Library. The Halton Peel Chartered Accountants Association will assist you with this year's tax returns if your family income is less than \$15,000 a year. No appointment is necessary for the 6:30 to 9 p.m. sessions tonight (Wednesday) and next Tuesday and Wednesday.

#### Art worth wearing

The Georgetown Public Library takes a look at "Wearable Art" (onight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. Liz Avery will show slides and discuss the Wearable Art show sponsored in late 1960 by the Oakville Galleries and the Oakville Stitchery Guild, Admission is \$1.

#### Welcome to the Cosmos

Carl Sagan, the dynamic young astronomer who has given millions a new perspective on the universe and all its mysteries, brings his acclaimed television series "Coamos" to the Georgetown public library for a 13-week series of screenings starting tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30. "The Shores of the Cosmic Ocean" starts the series tonight inside the library cinema. Admission is free.

#### Last of the Apple's

Elizabeth Phillimore of the Royal Ontario Museum visits Brampton tonight (Wednesday) to share her expertise on the subject of restoring paintings and wall hangings with members and friends of the Peel Museum and Art Gallery. The \$5 lecture at the gallery opposite Gage Park starts at 7:30 and is the final lecture in the "Art Apple's" series sponsored by the Peel Gallery Volunteer Group.

#### Sheldon helps library

Esquesing Coun. Pam Sheldon will serve on the town's library board as the mayor's delegate in 1982. Council endorsed Coun. Sheldon's appointment at its Monday night meeting. Citing an already operous work load, Mayor Pete Pomeroy stepped down from the board last year, naming Ward 3 regional Coun. Roy Booth as his successor.

## 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

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 from the Norval Junction or the air as early as April.

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

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 affillates across Canada. Carling-O'Keefe is the radio show's sponsor.

If "Opry North" goes on television, as all parties involved believe it will, a pilot program reminiscent of CFTO's current "Honky Tonk" series starring Ronnie Hawkins could be taped as early as April 18.

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



## 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 saic.

as requested by council two weeks ago, cierk-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

Having completed a report would have involved about

#### 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 Sinciair Avenue have not yet been completed. Town staff have recommended that, in view of the delay, the draft plan

abould be reviewed once again by council.

\$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

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 he 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.



#### CASUAL KINSMEN

You can bop 'til you drop and stay comfortable all night at the Kinette 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 ramblin' to the rhythms. The \$15 per couple tickets include a buffet and a deelay will provide the sound for a casual night of fun. For tickets, call Nancy Webster at \$77-9716 or Marny Malcolmson at \$77-2972. A seven-club Kinettes spring meeting was held Saturday at Gordon Alcott areas - details in Friday's Weekend Extra.

(Herald photo)

Doris Tretter were joined Saturday by youngsters Loren Nickel, S. Justin Nickel, S. John McDonald Jr., 6, and Marc Baskin, 6, who represent the Red Cross Youth, Public relations vice-chairperson Doris Tretter says over 000 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 1962 is \$21,000.

RAISING THE BANNER

town. Fund-raising chairpersons (back row, left to right) Rose Marie Baskin, Lea Douglas and

Town Coun. John McDonald raises the flag to signal the beginning of Red Cross month in

(lierald photo)