

# Audience of 30 raises concerns over town's draft official plan

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The last public meeting held to introduce the town's new draft official plan drew about 30 people to Georgetown District High School last Wednesday night. Now, planners have the arduous task of considering the public's response, written or verbal, before the document is endorsed by town council.

Official plans act as guides for councils to follow as they consider new development in their

towns. An official plan ensures that proposed development conforms to "the existing land use" of the area for which it is bound, and while the town has four of them in force right now (one each for the Georgetown and Acton urban areas, one for the Esqueping township and another for a small sliver of the former town of Oakville adjacent to Highway 401), the new document contains updated policies for the amalgamated town of Halton Hills.

It's difficult to extract from the new draft plan any major policy changes that will have a dramatic effect on the average homeowner in Halton Hills.

**LIFESTYLES**  
Instead, thanks to the ministry of housing and municipal affairs, greater concern for environment, recent studies of the town's two historic business cores and even farmer advocacy, the plan is not simply a combination of policies which existed in the old

documents, but guidelines which reflect styles and goals sought by a municipality as it heads into the 20th century.

Consultants working on the plan have suggested that the town form housing policies, eventually to be included in the plan, which meet the needs of newcomers. These would be reviewed and updated periodically.

The plan outlines how and at what pace development of new areas should proceed and has called on the town to strike an

encompassing zoning by-law to replace a myriad of regulations now in place.

Commercial growth in the town's urban areas should be tightly controlled to ensure that the marketplace isn't diluted by an overabundance of stores for relatively few people. Entrenched in the plan is the protection of the Acton and Georgetown Business Improvement Areas, the survival of which has been threatened by large shopping plazas on the communities' outskirts.

### OUTSIDE CORE

While the plan acknowledges that Georgetown's primary commercial area lies outside the downtown core along the eastern stretch of Highway 7, retailers planning a move to the community will be encouraged to settle in the downtown core. In Acton, the plan recognizes that the downtown core is the community's principal commercial area and notes that the only large shopping plaza allowed already exist in Georgetown.

Following the region's official plan passed two years (to which the town must conform), the Halton Hills document also enforces in writing the preservation of farmland.

But one local farmer at the Georgetown meeting suggested this may not go far enough. It would have been better, he said, if the plan adopted a code of ethics, similar to the province's Agricultural Code of Practice, something

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# Lister leads tourism assoc.

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officer Brent Kearse, Festival Country general manager Robert McConkey, besides other business associations in the area.

Steve Dawkins of the Olde Hide House in Acton, who has been largely responsible for the major part of the formation of the association, was elected its first President. Others elected to the executive committee are Vice President Rick Giguash of Jack Tanner's Table Restaurant in Acton, Secretary Joan Johns of the Halton County Radial Railway and Treasurer Cindy Lindsay of the Ontario Agricultural Museum.

Elected as members of the board of directors: David Banks, Eden Mills General Store; Victor Brookes, The Country Gallery, Terra Cotta; Tom Chudleigh, Chudleigh's Apple Farm, Milton; Kelly Crawford, Pine Valley Farms, Norval; Ray Domenico, Mohawk Inn, Campbellville; Pat Hearn, Schneider's Reliable Sweets, Rockwood; Yvonne Ingersoll, Glen Gift Shops, Glen Williams; Agnes Olive, The Forge, Terra Cotta; Tom Reed, Georgetown Motor Inn; Chuck Zukowski, Herigate Inn, Milton.

**LISTER HIRED**  
It was felt the number, complexity and immediacy of the proposed projects necessitated the hiring of an executive director. Josephine Lister has been retained to fill this position.

Jo Lister has worked for several years in a marketing capacity for McDonald's Restaurants. Previous to that she held the position of executive director at the Georgetown YM-YWCA. A long-

time resident of the area, Mrs. Lister is enthusiastic about the potential of the area and the opportunity to be involved in providing a vehicle to co-ordinate and promote tourism and business development for the area.

Full membership will be open to tourism-related businesses and operations with the fee based on

the number of employees. An associate membership will be available to businesses that will benefit indirectly from increased traffic levels (e.g. gas stations, variety stores). Mrs. Lister announced that to launch the membership drive, there will be three area meetings, at which time a full presentation will be

made, explaining the benefits of membership and the proposed projects.

Meeting for Acton, Rockwood and Eden Mills will be held next Monday (Aug. 9) at 7:30 p.m. at Jack Tanner's Table Restaurant in Acton;

Meeting for Milton, Campbellville and Hornby is Aug. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ontario Agricultural Museum;

Meeting for Georgetown, Glen Williams, Norval, Terra Cotta, Limehouse and Ballinafad is Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Stewarttown Hall.

All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings. If more information is required, please contact any of the members of the board of directors or call Jo Lister at 877-1078.

## Grossman to meet Health Council

Ontario health minister Larry Grossman will meet members of the Halton District Health Council Aug. 11 in Oakville. During an afternoon, closed-door session, the minister will be briefed on the Council's general work, the activities of its three standing committees and Halton's view of the future. It is not known whether Mr. Grossman will in turn have any news or specific comments for the Council. Following the meeting at the Council's Trafalgar Road offices, he will meet media representatives to answer questions.

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**LET'S HEAR THE SIREN!**

A cheerful horde of youngsters crowded into the Acton firehall Friday for a specially-arranged tour. The youngsters, participants in the town's Tot Lot program, were given coloring books by Georgetown Fire prevention officer Bob Meads. Tot Lotter Scott Teeter joined Mr. Meads in the cab of the brigade's rescue truck to try out the lights and, everyone's noisy favorite, the siren. (Herald photo)



**ASTRO ADVICE**

by Eugenia Witham

A misunderstanding on The Herald's part has prompted a number of readers to write Eugenia asking for analysis of their birth charts. While our "Astro Advisor" will accommodate such requests received thus far by responding with a limited natal chart analysis, time and newspaper space restrictions prevent such comprehensive work on a regular basis. Please keep your correspondence to Eugenia brief and ask specific questions about some aspect of your past, present or future. But remember, you can write to Eugenia as many times as you like; if more detailed analyses are required, The Herald will be happy to put you in touch with her directly.

Dear Eugenia,  
I was born Aug. 16, 1937 (in the evening I think) and my husband was born Feb. 29, 1936. Do you foresee any problems in our marriage and if so what kind of problems would they be?

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning Ahead,  
Without an exact chart it is difficult to state what the nature of your problems might be. However, I do feel that your comparison is good enough and certainly worth working at in order to keep things together.

You have had some rough times in the past and now it appears to me that there are many sudden changes coming up for you in the near future. Both of your charts indicate a certain amount of explosiveness right now and the energy must be channelled in a more physical manner than what it is.

If you wish more precise information an accurate chart can be calculated with an exact time obtained from your hospital records or by listing a number of milestones and the month and year they occurred, such as deaths of older members of the family, accidents, operations, immigrations or major moves. This way I can work your chart back to your birth time.

## Three fire calls one night

Georgetown firefighters were called out a number of times between Friday morning and early Saturday morning.

The first alarm of the evening was a false one,

sending firefighters to the Durham Street apartments around 5:15 p.m.

At 8:14 p.m., trucks were rolling again to snuff out a vehicle fire which erupted after an accident

at the Tenth Line-Sideroad 10 intersection. A motorcycle sustained \$2,000 damage in the blaze which erupted after the bike and driver tipped while negotiating a turn. The driver received minor injuries.

In Limehouse at around 2 a.m. Saturday a 1969 Volkswagen burst into flames near the Limehouse Scout Hall. No injuries were reported in the blaze which caused about \$1,000 to the unoccupied car.

### Nursing grad

Jennifer Anne Marsh of Georgetown was one of 87 young men and women who graduated from the Sheridan College School of Nursing during a special convocation ceremony July 27. An emotion-charged speech by valedictorian Janet Balrd of Oakville highlighted the occasion with hope expressed that the graduates will have the courage and determination to meet the high standard set for them by former alumni and College staff.

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