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## Floodplain challenged

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
 Herald Staff Writer  
 Al Pilutti wants town council to find out how much it would cost to correct Credit River flooding in Glen Williams "once and for all."

Mr. Pilutti, a local developer and property owner in Glen Williams, has argued that new floodplain lines endorsed last year by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) infringes on the

rights of property owners in the village to do what they want to with their land.

He was told to put his concerns in writing and council would consider a resolution asking the CVCA for answers.

During public meetings and at a previous appearance before Halton Hills council, CVCA representatives explained that the new mapping is an update of a project carried out in the late 1960s.

### ABOUT THE HILLS

## Six-year-old biker struck

A six-year old bicyclist was struck by a 1975 Buick March 1 in an accident at Delrex Boulevard and Mountainview Road. Tyson Hackett of Georgetown was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

There was extensive damage to his bike. Halton regional police said a vehicle was stopped at the Delrex and Mountainview intersection, intending to go east along Delrex. The bicyclist was on the sidewalk waiting to cross Delrex to go north.

Both waited for each other to move first, then moved at the same time, police said, with the cyclist ending up under the car. No charges were laid.

### Impaired driver

A Georgetown man was charged with impaired driving and with having over 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood Feb. 28. The 20-year old man was arrested as a result of a motor vehicle accident on Georgetown's Maple Avenue where a pole was struck and \$3,000 damage done to his car. He will be appearing in Milton provincial court March 21.

### Arson suspected in fire

There was \$500 damage to a 1971 Pontiac LeMans March 6 in an auto fire suspected to be the result of arson. The fire was attended to by Halton Hills firefighters at 8 a.m. at the underground parking lot of the 62 Park St. apartment building. Halton regional police are investigating.

### Broken window costs

Between Feb. 25 and 28 a wire-reinforced window at the George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown was broken. The ground level window costs \$150 to replace. Halton regional police are investigating.

### Police get help

An Acton citizen alerted police to a break-in at the Bluenose Ceramic Store on Acton's Mill Street East March 3. Two men, aged 18 and 20 were charged with break and enter and theft.

The store's front plate glass window was smashed to give thieves access. Damage was \$150 to the premises and there was \$65 stolen, Halton regional police reported.

### New photo show opens

Gallery House Sol at 45 Charles Street in Georgetown is featuring the works of three photographers March 12-March 31.

The three photographers are Owen Colborne, Peter Delroy and Paul Savoie. The artists will be at House Sol Sat. March 12 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.



AL PILUTTI

Using computers, the new floodplain of the Credit, including the portion which flows through Glen Williams, is supposed to reflect how the river would flood under storm conditions similar to 1954's Hurricane Hazel.

### FLOODING CHANNELED

Mr. Pilutti believes that by removing the island up river from the Glen's Main Street bridge, lowering the shoreline near the baseball field and raising it on the opposite side, flooding would be channeled away from the populated part of the village.

Noting that the CVCA has had a one million dollar flood control project continuing around Glen Williams for about 10 years, Mr. Pilutti wondered why the Authority needed to increase the floodplain in the area.

"The CVCA has ignored the requests of the people of Glen Williams," he said. "They have not told us why they need this increase." They have 'expropriated' new lands without any compensation."

(While floodplain property is still privately owned, the CVCA restricts development on it.)

"The attitude CVCA staff have is that they think they are dealing with the Mississippi," Mr. Pilutti commented. "I'm not being heard when I go to the CVCA, but I'm not going away on this very important issue."



## BOB LANE HONORED

At the sixth annual Hockey Heritage awards banquet Bob Lane (seen here with wife Gladys) was praised by friends, politicians and hockey representatives from every level. He received a number of plaques and mementos for his devotion to Georgetown's hockey

past Monday night at Alcott hall. The Herald are co-sponsors of the Heritage Night and The Herald presented Mr. Lane with a portrait to keep and a portrait which will hang on the wall in the Alcott Arena.

(Herald photo)

## Road repairs questioned

A rural ratepayers' organization wants to glean through the town's public works files to find out if area residents are being short-changed regarding road improvement in the northeast corner of the Halton Hills.

Lynne Aiken, represen-

that repair costs on stretches of rural roads in the area will be closer to \$500,000. Still subject to council's budget deliberations— expected shortly — the \$110,000 amounts to little more than an "olive branch" to pacify residents upset with the muddied and pot-holed condi-

tion of the roads, Ms. Aiken told council Monday night.

STUDY  
 A Phillips Planning and Engineering study carried out in 1980 indicated

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LIMITED FUNDS  
 Town engineer Bob Austin explained that he has limited funds to commit to road repair; even within the province's ministry of transportation and communications there have been program cutbacks which directly affect the amount of money municipalities have for road-related projects.

More realistically, he added, to do a complete job with ditching and asphalt on the roads in the northeastern section of town, it could cost as much as \$17 million.

"We're likely never to realize reconstruction to the standards the (Phillips) document sets out," Mr. Austin said. "It's strictly a case of economics."

The \$110,000, he said, "is better than having nothing."

Ms. Aiken asked if her group, with advice from a private engineer, could look through the files regarding the state of roads in her area. Barring any legal complications which he would check with the clerk, Mr. Austin said, the files are open.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said a meeting would be arranged with town staff and members of the Association to further discuss the rural roads issue.



## SLAM DUNK BUNCH

The annual Optimist Club pass, dribble and shoot basketball skills contest brought out the best in players from all the public schools in the Halton Hills area. (Left to right) Jamie Facchini, Craig Totten and Paul Andrews were just three of the many 11-year-olds who competed in the event at Holy Cross Separate School Saturday morning. Boys and girls representing a variety of age groups had their chance to gain points by dribbling around pylons, swishing baskets and displaying passing skills.

(Herald photo)