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Although sales have been great at Guelph Street Stationery for the past few weeks, the store wasn't officially opened until last Wednesday. On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony were (left to right) Anna Ewen, Elaine Chatten, Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Marilyn Buck and owners Ruth Mitchell and Russ Miller. The store is adjacent to the Home Hardware on Guelph Street and offers a wide range of office supplies, cards and stationery. (Herald photo)

**Public review of flood plain management policy**

**Comments welcomed by MNR**

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said this week that he will conduct a public review of the province's flood plain management policy which was announced last September.

Mr. Pope has invited the public and interested groups and agencies to present their views during information sessions to be held during the late summer. A report from those sessions is expected to be completed by this fall.

Intended to provide flood protection to the residents of Ontario, the policy was developed after a review and public consultation process. It provides a mechanism for integrating flood plain management with land use planning in and around flood plains.

"In my original statement, I indicated that it would be my intention to issue the policy under the new Planning Act which

goes into effect August 1, 1983," Mr. Pope said.

"However, in recent months, some municipalities and individuals have asked me to have a second look at the policy. Their concern was that they had missed the opportunity on an earlier occasion to provide input."

During the review, an independent committee will hold public meetings throughout the province to seek opinions on the flood plain issue.

When the final policy is developed, Mr. Pope said, it will clearly define:

- the level of flood protection to be afforded to the citizens of Ontario,
- the responsibility and accountability of individuals, municipalities, conservation authorities and the province,
- the role of the private sector in flood plain management,
- the role of developers, real estate organizations, mortgage companies and insurers,
- the criteria and framework within which flexibility can be exercised.

"The planning process in Ontario will not come

to a halt while I seek this public input," Mr. Pope said. "The existing policies are in effect and will

continue to be applied. Should there be any modification as a result of this review, the changes

will be instituted at the time the policy is incorporated into the new Planning Act."

**Food budget cutbacks**

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald staff writer

Halton's agricultural advisory committee isn't happy with cutbacks the province has made to the ministry of agriculture and food's budget. And the region, in recommendations which will be presented to council this (Wednesday) afternoon, is adding its voice to the protest.

The cutbacks, Halton Hills Coun. Russ Miller says, are "quite substantial" and will affect staffing at the ministry of agriculture office in Milton.

Work normally done by contract staff at the Halton office, a regional planning department report comments, will now have to be done by regular staff adding to the daily burden.

This work, the report continues, includes inspections of farms taking part in provincially-spon-

sored grant programs, and secretarial services to publish the various newsletters and circulars sent to farmers and farm organizations.

Farmers are concerned that cutbacks will mean less help when they seek information and assistance from the ministry office.

Budgets for transportation and communications, as well as office supplies have also been cut. The planning staff report says

this will put a greater stress on other farm organizations to fill in the gaps left by the ministry.

In his opinion as councillor, Coun. Miller commented that various levels of government already pay little enough attention to the needs of farmers.

The province should be doing more for agriculture not less, he added, suggesting that it might look to make its financial support cutbacks elsewhere.

**Glen resident wants to have say**

To the editor of The Herald:  
Has democratic local government died in Halton Hills?

The reaction of councillors at the July 11 General Committee meeting to the concerns of Glen Williams residents seems to indicate that, if not already dead, there appears to be an element of decay or, at least, disinterest on the part of our elected representatives to the affairs of the hamlet.

Their majority decision to continue to seek a Minister's modification to approve an amendment to the Official Plan, thus allowing lands abutting by Wildwood Road and Eighth Line to be zoned Residential, flies in the

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face of the wishes of residents who want council to follow the normal process of applying the full Official Plan amendment procedure thus ensuring that all questions relating to traffic, water, drainage, expenditures, etc., are examined and found acceptable prior to a zoning change.

Instead council insists on "railroading" the issue. One has to ask - "What's the hurry?"

Glen Williams and the rest of Ward 2 appears to be at a total loss as far as official support and representation on the matter.

Of the three councillors representing Ward 2, one, Russ Miller, has declared a conflict of interest thus cancelling his voice for the Ward.

Councillor Tom Hill could only resort to insults at the July 11 meeting by accusing Glen resident Ken Key of not being a resident in the Glen long enough to get his feet warm! (Since when has a minimum term of residence been a prerequisite for persons wishing to speak out on an issue at council?)

Councillor Pam Sheldon concluded that the

Minister's modification procedure would still allow all matters pertaining to roads, traffic, sewage, water, etc., to be studied. (Yes, but when? After we have been saddled with a development that local facilities and conditions may not be able to handle?)

I have to wonder how many residents of Glen Williams were consulted by the two voting councillors regarding their opinions on the matter before the voting took place on July 11.

I also have to wonder why developers appear to get support from council while individual resident taxpayers can only get lip service.

Although the Wildwood

Head-Eighth Line issue has been the focus of attention recently (and since 1978) it is not the only location that bears watching. Properties held by individuals north of Wildwood and west of Confederation Street are considered prime locations for future similar proposals.

If we cannot look to our elected representatives for support on the Meagan project what chance will Glen Williams and other Ward 2 residents have on any other issues that may be raised during the remaining 2 1/2 years of this council's term?

Thank you, Marilyn Serjantson, for the only vote supporting the resident's cause on July 11.

Tony Taylor

**Concerns ignored?**

To the editor of The Herald:  
Having sat through another council meeting on Monday night July 11 and listened to the discussions relating to the proposed development off Wildwood Road, Glen Williams, I can't help but feel that the concerns of the residents of Wildwood Road, and a growing number in Glen Williams, have been totally ignored.

Try as Ken Key did to get a straight answer from members of Council, not one was forthcoming.

Their only answer was that, before any further work is carried out, full studies will have to be done on the roads, drainage, water supply, sewerage etc., and that the costs of these studies will have to be paid for by the Developer. Does Council really expect the residents to believe that, once having spent the money on these studies, the developer is going to change his plans if the results of these studies are against the proposed development?

Mayor Pete Pomeroy says that the residents need have no worries, as all the studies will have to be acceptable to members of the council before

any work can proceed.

This would be acceptable if council had the trust of the local residents, but having sat through Monday night's 'circus', I feel that many people who were there left feeling uneasy about council's intentions.

It is particularly hard to understand why the members of council who represent this area were not more supportive of the residents.

Our representative who lives in Glen Williams, having managed to keep awake throughout the discussions, actually proposed the motion, directly opposing the wishes of the people he is supposed to represent.

In fact the only contribution he had to make all night was to say, when addressing the possible flooding problem in the village, that as long as he had lived there, there had always been a problem.

This, in fact, was his answer to the question posed by Mr. Key regarding the effects of run-off of additional housing on top of the hill!

If that wasn't bad enough in a debate which should at least have been interesting, we then had the embarrassment of listening to Coun. Mike

Armstrong attempting to appear intelligent when questioning the issues raised by Mr. Key.

Even the Mayor had to finally ask him to sit down as he was being obnoxious. Why is council so opposed to adopting the procedure as proposed by Mr. Key? Those who were at the meeting can only speculate.

In the words of the Mayor, the issues raised so far in this debate are serious, very serious. That much we are all agreed.

Whatever words Council use to down-play the issues, we are in fact talking about the future destruction of Glen Williams as the hamlet we now know it. The effects of this development, and possible future ones in the area, demand that the immediate financial gains be overlooked until all aspects have been properly studied.

Thanks once again, Mr. Key, for voicing our opinions and concerns so articulately.

Since it appears that we cannot count on the support of our councillors, I for one appreciate your efforts on my behalf.

Yours sincerely,  
W. Shuttleworth

**Handmade for Elizabeth**

People, artisans or amateurs, who are handy with a quilting needle might want to try their hand at making a special gift for the Queen. As part of the province's bicentennial celebrations next year, Ontario's agriculture ministry and the Halton Agricultural Museum sponsoring a quilting contest, with prizes of \$500 for the first place entry, \$400 for the second place and \$300 for third. The queen has been invited to attend celebrations here next year and if she's able to come will be presented the first-place quilt and meet the talented craftsman. Competing quilts must be received by the museum no later than May 1, 1984, but all interested participants should register by Dec. 31 this year. For more information, you can call 878-8151, or write to the museum care of "Ontario Bicentennial Quilt Contest", Box 38, Milton, Ontario.

**Engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Magnuson take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Maryann to Officer Cadet Murray Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson of Swanson, Saskatchewan.

Wedding to take place December 28th 1983 at St. John's United Church, Georgetown.

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**Birth control proposal**

Regional councillors could be reviewing a report later this fall which could lead to birth control clinics in North Halton.

Halton's medical officer of health, Dr. Peter Cole told councillors at a recent health department presentation on family planning that birth control clinics are being considered in North Halton.

Currently, information about birth control and sexual activity is available at two clinics in Oakville and Burlington.

But family planning education and birth control advice for young residents is largely limited to sessions given by public health nurses in high schools as part of the school's family life education curriculum.

Dr. Cole said his staff would try to prepare a report on the North Halton birth control clinic proposal for presentation in September.

In its family planning policies and procedures guidelines, Halton's health department states that family planning is a

right, that couples and individuals alone determine when to have children and when not to.

The guidelines add that it is also a right to have a choice of contraceptive methods and to select one which is suitable. But the guidelines add, although there is pre- and post-abortion counselling, the department doesn't view abortion as a method of birth control.

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