

The year in review

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 1983. Said Chief Justice Gregory Evans of the Ontario Supreme Court as he handed down a life sentence to Oates' murderer, Eric Howard Keller: "It's hard to imagine a more vicious, callous crime than that which you perpetrated on that young mother".

In May, John Spearman Winters, a 47-year old librarian at Howard Wrigglesworth School in Georgetown is sentenced to three years probation and 100-hours community work for indecently assaulting one of the school's male students.

SIGNS OF PROTEST
 A number of local groups decide to air their concerns about issues in public, welcoming signs that people aren't apathetic about things after all.

In February, members of the Halton Elementary Teachers Association march at the Halton Board of Education's offices in Burlington. They protest against high numbers of students in classrooms, which they maintain erodes the quality of education.

A group opposed to the proliferation of nuclear arms forms in the area. It's called IANAS - Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament - and supports protests in Toronto and elsewhere.

Halton Hills council also sees its share of organized opposition. Most importantly and most recently, a group of citizens has banded together to decry the purchase of the Steven's

estate and oppose any plans to use it for a new municipal complex.

Deplorable road conditions in the town's rural area, brings a howl of protest from the Northeastern Esquewaug Ratepayers Association.

The group demands that the town spend more money to improve the roads and warns residents of car-bending "Pomeroy Potholes".

With the region's blessing, the province's ministry of natural resources continues a controlled deer hunt in Halton. In advertisements in local newspapers, the Halton Region Hunting Opposition Committee urges readers to join the anti-hunt campaign, and challenges the ministry to prove that the hunt doesn't endanger rural residents.

While the proliferation of nuclear arms has one group on its feet, the proliferation of pornography leads to the formation of Citizens Against Violent Pornography.

At the region, plans to expand the Burlington landfill site, the only place where Halton can bury its trash, are vehemently opposed by Burlington city councilors and a local ratepayers group.

NOT IN MY BACKYARD

A familiar refrain consultants hear as they search for Halton's new landfill site. With less than a year left before

the only remaining landfill site closes, the price tag for the search steadily grows.

A proposal to ship the trash to New York where it would be incinerated at an energy-from-waste plant is dumped as being too costly for regional taxpayers.

In February, angry verbal darts are tossed at the ministry of natural resources and its minister, Allan Pope, during a public meeting in Acton. Rural residents are angry that the ministry wants to protect thousands of acres for the province's future aggregate demands.

Town council has a running battle with residents from the Wildwood Road area near Glen Williams. They're concerned the town is hastily pushing through an amendment to the Glen Williams secondary plan which would add a chunk of land in the area to the plan.

ON THE FARM

John McNabb, a Trafalgar Road Guernsey breeder, is named the Halton Federation of Agriculture's top farmer. His son, Ken, is area runner up in the Canada Jaycee's Young Farmer of the Year competition. The local winner is Jim King, R.R. 2, Brampton.

Henry Stanley, Halton's agricultural rep with the provincial ministry of agriculture and food, announces he's resigning for the post to

assume new and related duties in Ottawa-Carleton region.

The region's agricultural advisory committee HAAC fires a blast at the planning department for not treating it with enough respect to get agendas for HAAC meetings out on time.

REAL ESTATE IN THE NEWS

Most noteworthy of all, the \$600,000 purchase of the Steven's estate by the town this fall. Mayor Pete Pomeroy unveils a plan to use the property to raise funds for a new municipal complex. Severing off about eight-acres, the rest of the land could be used for profitable housing development, he says.

Others disagree and the story continues.

In Acton, Heritage Acton pours over \$180,000 of mostly-federal money into the restoration of the 100-year old town hall. By the end of the year, the building is almost useable, but Heritage Acton is unable to convince town council to turn over a reserve once earmarked for the project.

Meanwhile, the town keeps its options open on historical property in Acton, and offers to buy the Old Stone School adjacent to the community's library. The offer is being considered by the town's budget committee.

After sniffing at the abandoned Shell Canada refinery in Oakville, Halton region turns away from any proposal to buy the land. It might have made an appropriate sit for a sewage treatment plant or an energy-from-waste facility, but a consultant tells councilors that there are less expensive options.

Early in the new year, the Georgetown Optimists buy themselves a home. The "Friend of Youth" club moves into the old Kingdom Hall on Highway 7, just north of Regional Road 43.

Two entrepreneurs, one from Mississauga and the other from Glen Williams, express an interest in doing something with 6 Church Street, a Georgetown

building council wants to tear down for parking space. When government job-creation support falls through, both offers are pulled and council decides to go ahead with the demolition once funds are available.

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