



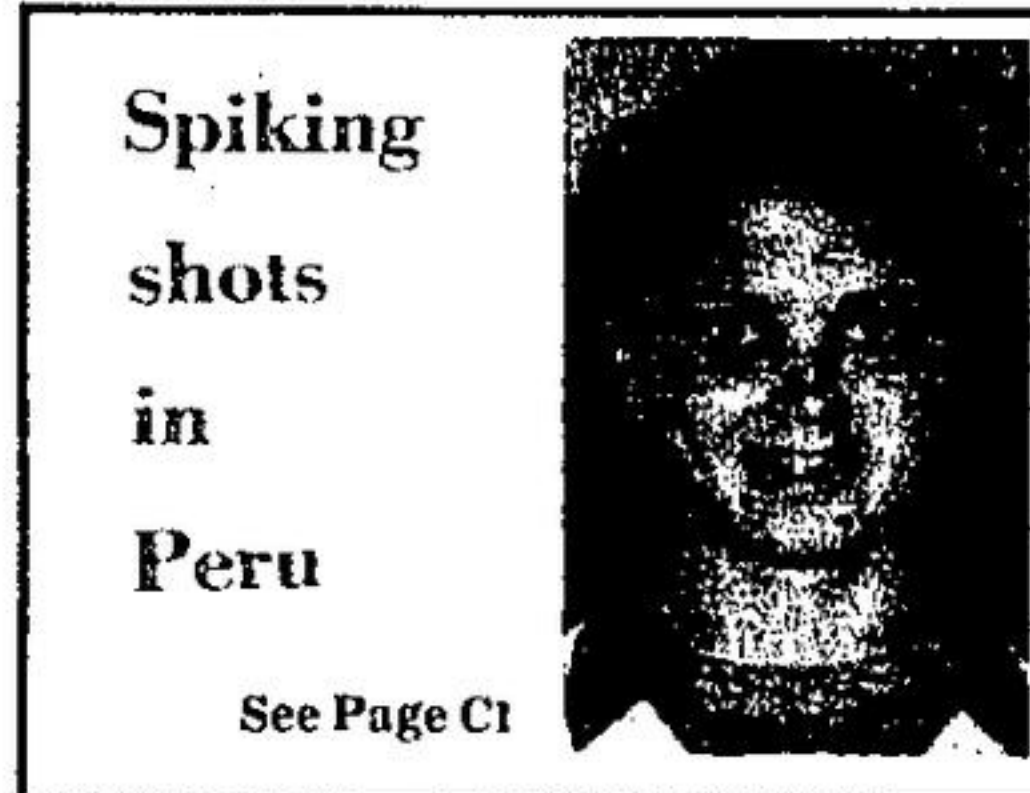
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GOOD YEAR

Developer plans housing for 3,500

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A housing plan for 453 lots south of Georgetown was unveiled last Tuesday.

Consultant for Enterac Properties Ltd. John Bousfield said 106.4 acres are proposed for a phase one development project. Phase two would add another 139.7 acres.

The phase one site is located east of Mountainview Road, south of Silver Creek near Georgetown's sewage treatment plant.

The total population expected when the entire project is completed would number around 3,500, Mr. Bousfield said.

Commercial uses outlined in the draft plan would take up 7 acres on the site while 19 acres would be used for school property, he said.

Open space and parks would account for a total of 35.1 acres in the plan.

Proposed for the draft plan subdivision are 55 lots with properties of 60 feet each. However, most of the houses will be on 40-50 foot lots, representing 82 per cent of the residential area in the plan.

Land is set aside for an apartment block that would hold 248 units on 12 acres.

None of the houses would have

their driveways facing Mountainview Road (Ninth Line) although the community centres on Mountainview, Mr. Bousfield said.

The phase one development would start on the east side in order to utilize the remaining capacity in the town sewage treatment facility, the planning consultant said.

Coun. Harry Levy questioned whether any of the homes would be built on fill, especially on the ravine lots.

Mr. Bousfield said none of the houses would be built on fill.

Coun. Phil Carney wanted to know if there was a chance to build a roadway close to the Silver Creek ravine that would access the Eighth Line from Mountainview Road.

Coun. Sheldon also queried if it was possible to route traffic off Mountainview by a new east-west roadway.

Mr. Bousfield said a western road from Mountainview Road towards the Eighth Line would be completed as soon as possible.

However, there is a portion of land in the new Georgetown South subdivision that is not owned by Enterac, he said.

The plan will be brought up again at a future town council meeting for approval of the draft plan.

More landfill costs approved by region

Herald staff

Halton Region approved more costs in their search for a landfill site.

An additional \$551,890 was passed by regional councillors last Wednesday, but not without discussion.

Mayor of Burlington

Roly Bird wouldn't support the expenditures, required by consultants to carry out further reports. "I think we're trapped... I think we're prisoners of civil servants," Mayor Bird said.

Two landfill sites, one in Burlington and the other in Milton require

further work by consultants.

Mayor Bird would only support a recommendation to have Golder Associates review the work of Trow Limited-Hydrology Consultants at a cost of \$1,500.

The consulting firm of Golder Associates disagrees with some of the cost figures used by Hydrology Consultants.

Coun. Carol Gooding said it's important to discern the costs and that councillors will have to answer the question of which route to go.

A decision has to be made whether the Region will be faced with a very costly liner for the landfill site chosen, she said.

"I don't know where we go from here if we don't accept it (the recommendation)," said Coun. Pat McLaughlin.

"What amazed me was the cost of the liners," he said.

Three different consultants have come up with varying cost estimates for liners, Coun. McLaughlin said.

Coun. William Johnson said the Region should approve the additional work and possibly a liner won't be required for the landfill site.

"We don't know what will be recommended. Let's get on with the report," he said.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Practice your talents

The Fourth Annual Library and Cultural Centre Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Oct. 15-19.

The Local Talent Night will be Oct. 18. Application forms may be picked up at 25 James Street any time after Aug. 15. Join in on the fun!

Little drummer girl

Georgetown has a little drummer girl. Not only that, she's the top North American drummer in the Grade Four class, an award she won Aug. 5.

Michelle Spleer was in Maxville, Ontario competing against the 35 other drummers from all age groups.

The 11-year-old was one of the youngest in her Grade Four division.

The new North American drumming champion has been playing her instrument for three years.

370 gave blood

Red Cross officials attended to 370 people who gave blood at a clinic Monday at Holy Cross Church auditorium.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored the clinic and gave special assistance with advertising, poster distribution and general work.



SWAN SONG

This male white swan basks in the bright sunshine, letting the warm weather dry its feathers. The swan was sunning itself in a small pond located across from North Halton Golf and Country Club.

(Herald photo)

SECONDARY PLAN ADOPTED

Councillors unanimous approving town growth

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

Georgetown will get its chance to grow. Despite opposition from citizens at a council meeting August 6, the town approved two Secondary Plans allowing for the expansion of Georgetown's urban boundaries.

After listening to 11 delegations, councillors unanimously passed the Georgetown West and Georgetown South Secondary Plans.

A motion to adopt a transportation study which in part deals with development within the new boundaries, was also passed, by a 12-1 margin. Coun. Harry Levy registered the sole dissenting vote.

The vote by councillors paves the way for future development in Georgetown West and Georgetown South.

The Secondary Plans allow for the development of 446 acres for industrial and commercial ventures as well as homes and apartments for 14,850 new residents.

TWO IN FAVOR

Of the 11 delegations speaking to council, two registered their approval of going ahead with the Secondary Plans. Both the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and the Business Development Committee were in favor of adopting the Plans.

The other speakers voiced their concerns about increasing road hazards on Mountainview Road South.

Brian Mann said it wasn't logical to have just one major access route into Georgetown from the South. "It is physically impossible to handle the traffic," said the Mountainview Road South resident.

CHEAPEST

"The Ninth Line as the entrance-way to Georgetown is just the cheapest solution," he said.

A \$40,000 transportation study released earlier predicted traffic flow on Mountainview Road South would increase in the future from 120 cars per hour to 1,300 per hour during rush hour.

However, Mr. Mann questioned why the study's 1,300 figure was reduced to only 600 cars per hour, after consultants later predicted 700 cars would turn into the new development south of Silver Creek.

Roger Stopford of Irwin Crescent

Says Coun. Levy

Time to stop fighting development

Councillor Harry Levy felt it was time to throw in the towel.

"I've personally been fighting it (development in Georgetown) for 17 years, but the time has come," he said.

His sentiments were echoed by fellow councillors who with him unanimously supported Georgetown's West and South Secondary Plans.

A number of delegations representing residents in the area of Mountainview Road South asked the town to reject the Secondary Plans.

Coun. Mike Armstrong said it would be hypocrisy not for him to support the Plan, after chairing a number of reports and public meetings dealing with Georgetown's expansion.

If there are serious problems with traffic they can be surmounted in the future, he said. "If we're talking about one particular street we can solve them," Coun. Armstrong said.

NOT DIRTY

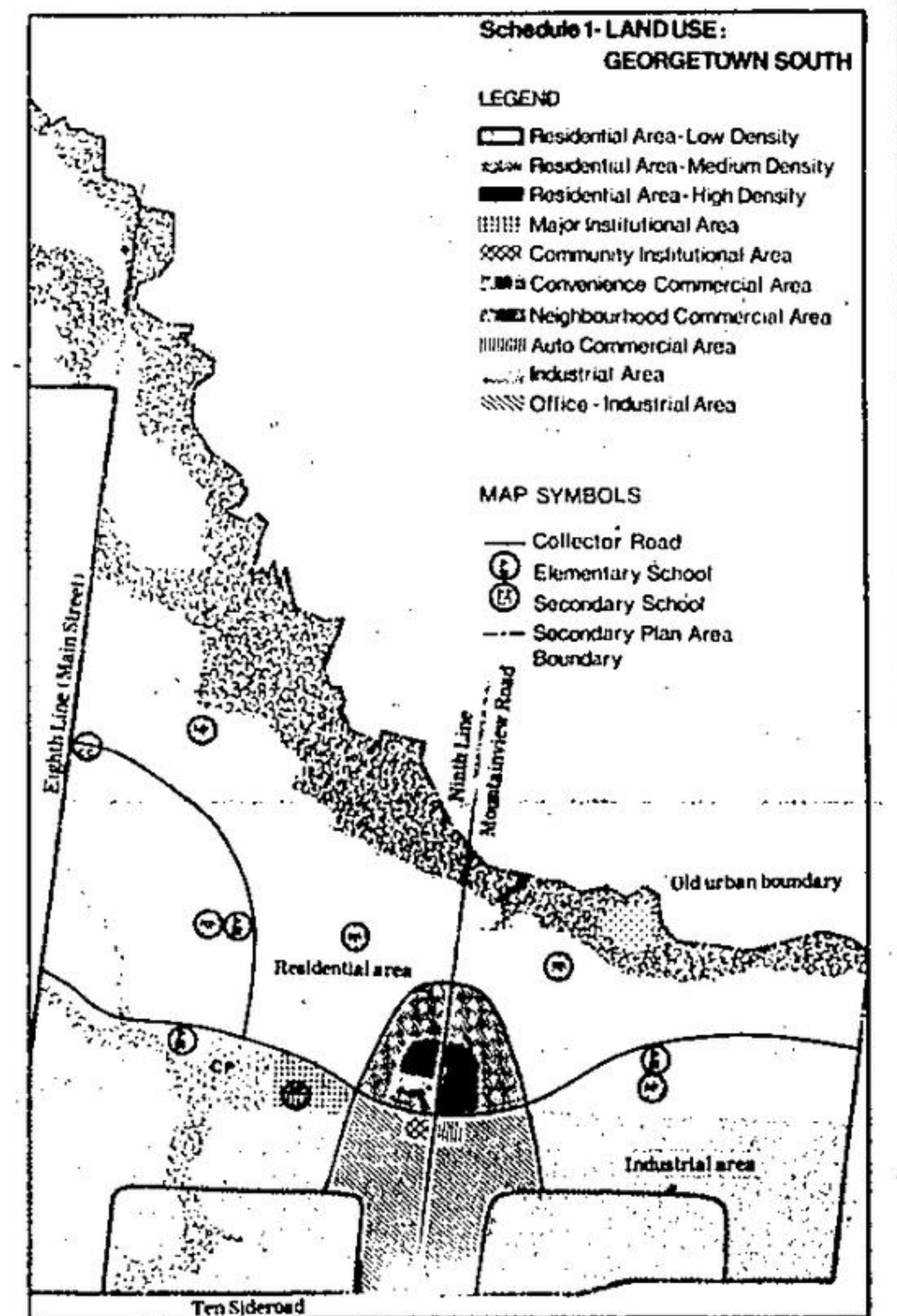
He urged the town to proceed in a positive manner. "Development isn't a dirty word, it isn't bad, it's fantastic," he said.

While sympathizing with residents in the area of Mountainview, Coun. Armstrong said he had faith in the town staff and the submissions presented to council.

"We do not have unlimited authority to do whatever we want," said Ward 1 Coun. Ross Knechtel.

The public assumes council can do whatever they want, but everyone, from residents to developers have some rights, he said.

It's council's job to approve some of those rights," Coun. Knechtel said.



The map above indicates where Georgetown will grow in the future. The legend gives a breakdown of the specific land use.

Plans until such time as the town had more information on water and sewage capacity and costs the town would have to incur.

He criticized the Secondary Plans because they focus on creating a major entranceway. "In my view it's ill conceived... we would take the reverse view and look at the other alternatives... take the traffic out of Mountainview."

COMMUNICATE

The town needs to try and do something better to communicate with the public, Coun. Pam Sheldon said.

It's a two-way street for communications, Coun. Sheldon said. More public participation and better advertising by the town could have helped, she said.

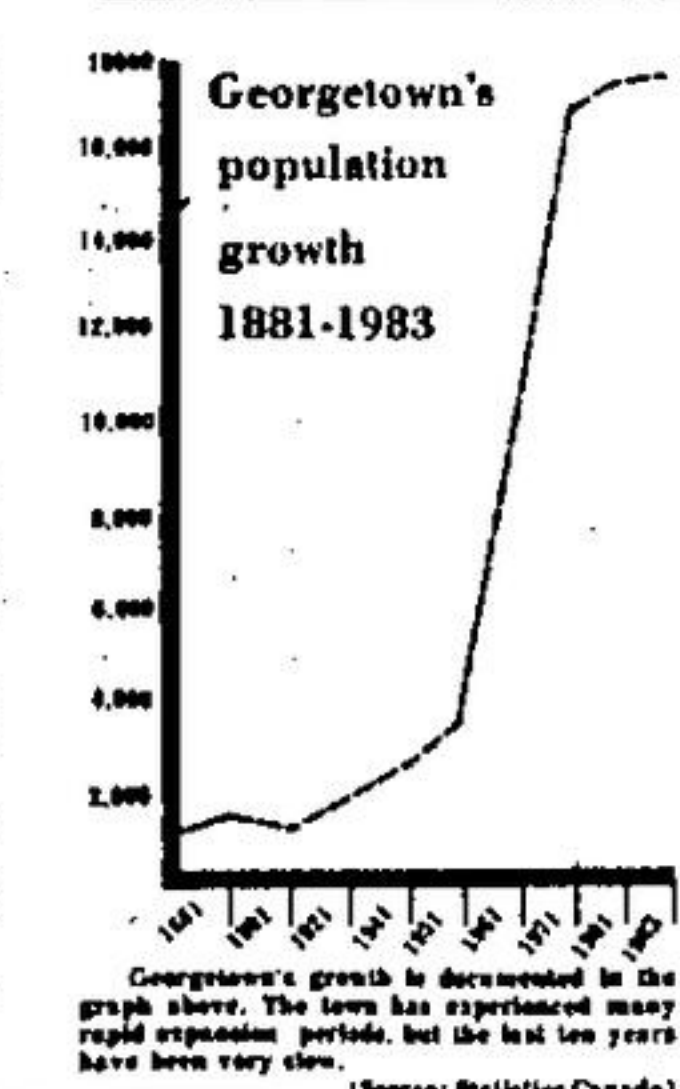
"I hope the public becomes more active and stays active," she said.

The concerns of the residents are valid, Coun. Sheldon said, and she urged the Region to "please get on with it" (a traffic impact study). The Region staff need to solve the problems on Mountainview Road, she said.

4 recommendations to council

Cool and collected, former regional chairman Ric Morrow came to town council loaded with some "positive recommendations."

The Summit Lane resident had four suggestions for councillors as they decided whether to adopt the Georgetown West and South Secondary Plans.



He suggested the town ask industries such as William Neilson Ltd. to route their truck traffic to Highway 7. Firms could be asked to voluntarily make the change or region could pass a bylaw to prevent truck traffic in the urban area.

No development should take place until adequate water is found, he said. Residents in the area don't want their well water disturbed nor do they want to ultimately have their water supply taken from Lake Ontario, he said.

Mr. Morrow suggested that no development be allowed until the Ninth Line (Mountainview Road) crossing Hungry Hollow goes up to Ministry of Transportation standards.

The former town councillor said the demands on Georgetown for growth are increasing every day and that there are benefits to expanding our boundaries.

This map indicates how Georgetown's urban boundaries to the south and west have expanded.