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## Fall deadline for south housing plan

By ANI PEDERIAN  
 Herald Staff  
 Deadline for final approval of the first phase of the Enterac development in Georgetown South is late October-early November.

A regional report bringing councillors up to date on the proposed subdivision says 429 single family homes will go up on the east side of Mountainview Road when the first phase receives final approval.

The plan of subdivision was drafted approved by Halton Hills and the region, subject to 51 conditions. The plan puts 827 single family homes on the east and west sides of Mountainview Road, south of the Hungry Hollow ravine.

Regional staff have been meeting with Enterac Property Corporation on a regular basis since the subdivision plans were drafted approved.

The regional report says Wimpey Canada Limited has bought into the pie, purchasing a portion of the subdivision subject to its final approval by the town and regional councils.

**We won!**  
 We did it Halton Hills! Showing a lot of spunk and sweating together in record numbers, the town beat Caledon in the May 28 Participation Challenge.  
 There were 8,543 people from Halton Hills who phoned in to the special hotline number to record their 15 minutes of physical activity. Caledon had 4,373 participants.  
 The challenge was on a per capita basis. We were able to coax 24.6 per cent of the town's population into participating, said special event supervisor Joanne Wilson.  
 Miss Wilson left for Caledon Thursday morning to give the Halton Hills flag to the Caledon mayor. By prior agreement, the loser of the challenge must fly the winner's flag in their town for one week.



Here comes the judge

The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf was a hit for parents and friends who saw Robert Little Public School students

perform the musical last week. Here, the three pigs (from left) Holly Shields, Anne-Marie Kinnon and

Leah Dawes bring the wolf (Matthew Bailey) to justice. The Judge (Janie Connelly) has a tough decision on his hands. (Herald photo)

\$50,000 damage

## Three escape house fire

Three residents of 18 Sherman Cr. in Georgetown escaped injuries when their home was engulfed in flames Sunday.

John and Doreen Fitzgibbon and Martha Holeigei were unharmed in the blaze, which caused an estimated \$50,000 damage.

At press-time, no cause had been given for the house fire. Firefighters were called to the scene at 8:55 p.m. where they found a garage ablaze. The flames were spreading to the attic section of the

### IN THE HILLS

#### Celebrity telethon

The Hospital for Sick Children's Telethon will be aired on CFTO-TV from 8 p.m. June 14 - 8 p.m. June 15 and is being held to raise \$50 million from public donations for the \$150 million new patient care centre.

Don Knight, MPP, Halton-Burlington announced this week that he will be a participant along with MP (Brampton-Georgetown) John McDermid.

#### Kids concert

Start the summer on a happy note! Boys and girls of all ages are invited to a concert featuring Rick Avery and Judy Greenhill June 26, 11 a.m. in the gallery of the Georgetown Library.

performances will be available at the Acton and Georgetown Libraries, beginning June 4, at a cost of \$1 per person. These concerts are sponsored by Outreach Ontario, a project of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

#### Georgetown Vice

By MONIQUE TOBIN  
 Herald Special  
 Two Georgetown District High School students have decided to take the law into their own hands.

Garry Murdoch and Peter Roe, under the names of 'Sonny Sprocket' and 'Ricardo Bubbs', will be televising their version of 'Georgetown Vice'. This spoof of 'Miami Vice' will be shown on June 10, between 5 and 5:30 p.m. on local cable television. The show runs just over 15 minutes in length, and the acting duo said that even though there was a script, the show is mostly 'improv'.

house and firefighters had to pull out sections of the roof to get at the fire, said Chief Bill Cunningham.

The garage was completely destroyed and there was considerable smoke and water damage, said Chief Cunningham.

#### Program for you

The Recreation and Parks Department is offering summer programs for all ages. Once again Tot Lot will be open in Acton, but this time at Robert Little Public School and Park Public School in Georgetown. Programs begin June 30 and end August 22.

## Woman, 19, killed in Norval crash

A 19-year-old Georgetown woman is dead after a motorcycle and car collision in Norval early Saturday morning.

Nita Millesse was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by a friend, David Goudie, 19, also of Georgetown. David is in serious condition at the Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto.

Nita and David were taken to the Georgetown District Hospital, then airlifted by helicopter to Sunnybrook. The young woman was first listed in critical condition, but she died Tuesday morning.

journalism student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. She joked with her parents about wanting to be just like the popular television interviewer known to her subjects as 'Barbara'.

She suffered a broken pelvis, broken arm and legs. As a result of the accident, her left leg was amputated and if she had lived, the right leg would have been amputated, her mother, Jeannette said.

Nita leaves behind her brother Peter (P.J.), 28, an industrial engineer and a sister Tessa, 25, a horticulturalist. Her mother is Jeannette of Jeannette's Dutch Dell and her father is Leo, who has his own business. Nita would work summers for her father as a land surveyor.

The driver of the car was George Dear, 27, of Georgetown. He was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

But her real passion was for journalism. She got her first taste of newspaper writing when she edited the Georgetown District High School Leader in 1984, a school paper.

The accident is under investigation and no charges have been laid. The collision took place at the intersection of Louisa Street in Norval and Highway 7 around 3 a.m. Saturday.

"I remember her saying, 'I'm not just listed as the editor, but as the editor-in-chief!'" said her mother.

As of press-time Tuesday afternoon, funeral arrangements had not been made for Nita. A coroner is investigating. The parents of Nita agreed to have their daughter's eyes donated for medical purposes.

The following year Nita joined the staff of The Herald as a correspondent for the Georgetown high school.

Nita Millesse wanted to be the next Barbara Walters.

"She loved her little job at The Herald and took a lot of pride and joy in it," Mrs. Millesse said.

The tall blonde was a first year journalism student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Her family had been collecting free-lance stories and articles of interest on animals which Nita might have wanted to follow-up on, she said.

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"Everyone loved her." As a student, she loved writing and reading, especially Stephen King novels, said Nita's father. She was always busy, even as a student.



Nita Millesse  
 dent, her parents say. She was the social co-ordinator on her floor at residence in Toronto and handled waitressing chores at the Second Cup at the Eaton's Centre.

### Our vacancy rate is getting worse: housing authority

By ANI PEDERIAN  
 Herald Staff

Having trouble finding an apartment in town? You're not the only one.

According to an apartment vacancy survey conducted in April by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the vacancy rate is 0.2 in Georgetown and 0.4 in Acton. In Milton, it's 0.0, an even worse situation.

For these three communities, the CMHC says another 50 or so apartments would be snatched up without problem.

As in many other Ontario municipalities, the already low apartment vacancy rates in Acton, Georgetown and Milton fell even lower during the past year.

The only vacancies in Georgetown and Acton over the past year were in one bedroom apartments, according to the survey. All other apartments were occupied.

As for the decline in the rental accommodation combined with little or no apartment construction or conversions.

What are apartment dwellers paying in rent? The survey found the average rent for a bachelor apartment in Acton was \$312 and \$295 in Georgetown.

For the rental market to operate to the mutual benefit of landlords and tenants, 3 per cent is considered the optimum vacancy rate, according to the survey.

For a one bedroom unit, rent averaged \$367 in Acton and \$372 in Georgetown.

For older children, the summer activities centres are available at McKenzie Smith Middle School in Acton and George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown.

For a two bedroom apartment, the rent difference between Georgetown and Acton became striking. The average rent for a two bedroom in Acton is \$363 and in Georgetown it's \$526.

Chairman Pomeroy noted the development proposal originated in April 1982, prior to water restrictions being enforced in Acton. It ran into problems over whether the property was in Acton's urban boundary. That took almost two years of red tape to resolve, and now, the development is being held up by the lack of water in Acton for any development.

That difference between the two communities continued when it came to three bedroom apartments. In Georgetown, a three-bedroom flat costs \$614 and in Acton \$427, on average.

Halton Hills Planning Director Ian Keith said the development had draft approval from the town one year ago and it's been waiting for the question of water supply to be resolved by the region.

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation will be continuing the vacancy surveys on a semi-annual basis, on the urging of the region's housing coordinator. Halton Hills had been dropped from the list of municipalities surveyed in 1976 when changes were made to the Toronto census boundaries.

## 13 Acton homes left high and dry

No, not even for 13 homes is there water in Acton, Coun. Rick Bonnette was told last week.

proposed 13-lot subdivision cannot proceed.

The region's public works director said Acton's water supply isn't enough to handle another 13 homes.

In 1982, Acton had its driest summer, with two major fires besides, and it never had to resort to emergency measures for water use, Coun. Bonnette said.

Coun. Bonnette was asking on behalf of Cedar Road Development Limited, a firm wanting to build 13 homes on 6 1/2 acres behind Acton High School.

"I'm almost wondering if the Town of Acton is supposed to be impotent forever," Coun. Bonnette said in frustration, at the region's planning and public works committee meeting.

Referring to a recent letter from the region to the barristers representing the developer, Coun. Bonnette said he couldn't see how 13 homes is going to make one bit of difference to the water level of the town.

Public Works Director Bob Moore said that as an engineer, he couldn't put his signature to a resolution permitting the 13 homes to go ahead at this point in time.

The letter by R.B. McMurray, regional supervisor of budget and development notes there has been no change in status in availability of water in the Acton area.

"I can't sign that the water supply is adequate, because it isn't adequate," Mr. Moore said.



Rick Bonnette  
 As for the \$55,000 spent by the region to develop new wells in Acton, Mr. Moore said there's been progress and perhaps by the end of the summer the development will be able to go ahead, but not now.

Mr. McMurray writes that until concessions are agreed upon with the Ministry of the Environment, the

The potential for water shortage still exists this summer in Acton and water restrictions will be brought back again, the public works director said.

### New equipment ensures us water

To ensure against losing the Maple well field in Georgetown, Halton's public works director is recommending the region spend \$122,759 to replace the existing "single case tubular well" with a "double cased gravel well".

well completely. Public Works Director Bob Moore says.

The move is being made with a view to the long term use of the well. The design of the single case tubular well is such that over time its ability to pump water will deteriorate, with the possibility Halton will lose the

Putting in a new double cased gravel well will allow the region to pump more water from the well over a long term.

At last week's planning and public works committee meeting, Burlington Coun. Joan Little noted the bid by International Water Supply Ltd., the sole bidder, was \$16,000 more than had been budgeted for.