

Outlook on Halton Hills

Pineview could get traffic lights

Halton Region is considering the installation of traffic lights at Trafalgar Road and 5 Sideroad, opposite Pineview Public School.

The \$80,000 traffic lights would fall under the jurisdiction of Halton Region because Trafalgar Road is a regional road.

A traffic study was conducted at the intersection in late October and the numbers warrant traffic lights, said the Region's Director of Engineering Services, George Woodburn.

The possibility of installing the traffic lights was made public at a CAST (Citizens About Safe Traffic) meeting at Pineview School Dec. 1, said CAST Chairman Murray Brownridge.

Representatives of the local aggregate industry as well as local politicians, and spokesmen for several government agencies, including the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, and the Halton Regional Police were on hand to discuss traffic problems on Halton Hills' roads.

The meeting followed a Nov. 10 Town Pits and Quarries Committee meeting in which a similar panel and members of the public aired their complaints about speeding truck traffic in Halton Hills.

Traffic lights at Pineview School would permit safer school bus traffic in the area, said Mr. Brownridge.

CAST members say there is an alarming number of incidents of vehicles passing school buses that are stopped to let school children off or are picking them up on the way to school.

CAST is encouraging Travelways school bus drivers to report every incident to the police. In order to make a conviction of an offense like passing a stopped school bus, the driver must get the licence number of the vehicle and a description of the driver.

But even if the bus driver can't identify the driver of the vehicle police can still follow up on it if they get the licence number, said Mr. Brownridge.

He's anxious to see the local aggregate producers start up their truckers safety committee promised at the Pits and Quarries meeting.

"I think that's a very positive step," Mr. Brownridge said.

CAST is going to meet again after the Christmas holidays to measure the progress on cutting down on speeding traffic.

"It seems to me that there is progress being made," he said.

Corrections

In a story on Page 1 of the Dec. 2 Herald, Coun. Pam Sheldon made a comment about rural population in Halton Hills.

The sentence should have read, "in the rural area (ward) we have the same population as any one of the urban areas (wards) in our municipality."

In a story on page B10 of The Herald's Dec. 2 edition there were incorrect prices given for UNICEF cards. Prices for the cards range from \$7.50 to \$10 for packs of 10-20 cards, says Y staff member Cathy Oomen. Cards can be ordered by calling 877-6183.

The Herald regrets the error.



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MUSIC MAKER - Assistant Cubmaster Andrew Kayess is busy making a wind chime while participating in the first part of a wood bage course held Nov. 28 and 29. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Seniors' party

Belles and Beaus senior members are reminded to take their gift (marked gents or ladies) to the Christmas party Dec. 4 at Knox Church Hall. Members should also take a white gift to the Dec. 14 "Men's Day".

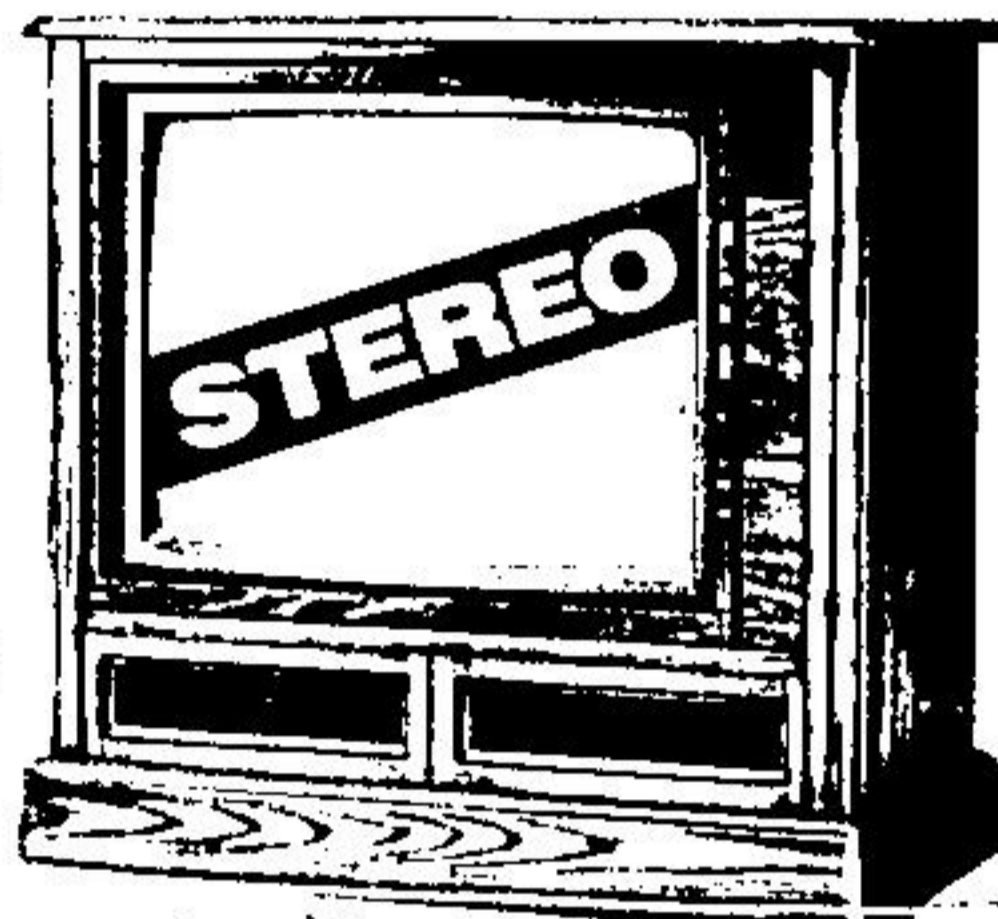
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