

Outlook on Halton Hills



Cubmaster Ken Nokes welcomes Darren McCallum as a new assistant Cubmaster into 1st Georgetown Cub pack at St. John's United Church. He was invested by Assistant District Commissioner Jean Layman. Assisting with the investiture were Cubs Johnny Bilik and Nathaniel Johnson. Seen here (left to right) are Darren McCallum and Ken Nokes. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Cubs create crafts, howl with delight

Cubs were treated to a host of craft activities Jan. 23 at their annual craft workshop at St. John's United Church Hall in Georgetown. Cubs and leaders attended from Acton, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Hornby and Limehouse. Provincial field executive Larry Adams stopped in and visited this workshop

Pumphouse too noisy: residents

Residents near the pumphouse at Cedarvale Park are unhappy about the impending extension of the pumphouse. Councillor Betty Fisher said local residents consider the pumphouse buildings "unsightly" and the noise coming from it is unbearable - especially in the summer. Coun. Fisher said the residents are preparing a petition to complain about the pumphouse expansion. Halton Region has already approved the pumphouse expansion. Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, who is chairperson of the town's site plan review committee, said local residents will have ample opportunity to have input into the designing of the new buildings.

A public meeting on the expansion will be called next month, said Coun. Serjeantson. Everyone in the area will be advised of the meeting and informed of the details of the expansion, she said. The expansion "should be one in compliance with what the people want," she said. "I realize what's there now is not suitable at all." Asked by Coun. Fisher what recourse the residents would have if they opposed the plans and the Region decided to go ahead with construction anyway, Coun. Serjeantson replied: "Because it is a public body we have to have confidence that the Region is not going to build a building in that area that's going to adversely affect the residents."

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Teachers to lobby Board budget

By CHERYL MOODER
Herald Staff

A group of 25 teachers representing key committees of the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association (HETA) worked on a little strategy about spending of education dollars in Halton.

During a workshop held in Burlington Jan. 9, the group looked at issues such as class size, the number of consultative staff and instructional material, surrounding elementary schools and plans were developed to influence the Halton Board of Education's budget.

"We looked at our concerns," said HETA president Colton Roberts, "(and) we looked at some strategies to influence the board's budget."

The group plans to send a delegation to the March 10 school board meeting. The budget for the next school year will be debated and passed March 24.

In Halton, class sizes, which average 28.4 for Grades one through eight, are "still among the highest in the province," the president said.

Of the 19 boards which Halton compares itself with, this region is second highest in terms of class size, he said. For example, the Windsor Region averages 24.9 students per class in Grades one through eight.

The ideal the HETA is aiming for in the long run, would be 20 students per class in Grades one to three, 24 in Grades four to six, and 25 in Grades seven and eight, Mr. Roberts said.

HETA wants the board to address the gap of fund allotment to elementary and secondary students.

In the 1986 budget elementary schools received approximately \$911 less per pupil than the secondary schools, Mr. Roberts said. In the 1987 budget his amount rose to an approximate difference of \$1,500 between elementary and secondary students.

"We constantly see this gap increase," the president said. The group has not seen the local board address the issue.

Realistically Mr. Roberts knows the gap can not be evened out all at

Six euchre tables

NORVAL-Norval euchre members had six tables active last Thursday. The winners were Ethel Webb, Eva Presswood, Phil Landry and George Burt. Fred Workman won lone hands while Mae Tost was the lucky draw winner.

once but, he said, "\$100 (per elementary student) would go a long way to reducing class size."

HETA just wants the board to take a look at the budget and find ways to increase the amount of dollars elementary schools receive. The March 10 delegation will be an attempt to have the board address the issues critical to the quality of education, Mr. Roberts said.

Georgetown school trustee Dick Howitt said the Halton Board of Education is working towards bringing down the student/teacher ratio and thus reduce class sizes.

But, he added the board "only has x number of dollars in the pot" and has to determine the best way to spend it.

The budget, which will be finalized March 24, deals with everything but teachers' salaries, the trustee said. The board has to determine how much will be spent on books and pencils as well as how much the various programs will cost to operate.

The Halton board receives grants from the province based on the number of students enrolled within

its jurisdiction to finance the running of schools. Mr. Howitt said the board really has little control over the amount it receives for elementary and secondary students since the rate is set by the province.

The provincial government always gives more for high school students than elementary students, Mr. Howitt said, basically because it is more expensive to educate a high school student.

On the issue of class size, Mr. Howitt said it would be really nice if the average of 28.4 children could be slotted into each classroom.

"In practice it does not work," he said. Each school is assigned a certain number of teachers based on the pupil/teacher ratio.

The principal is in charge of dividing classes as best he can.

For example, if a principal is faced with 68 Grade six students he can create two classes of 34, which will be too large, three classes of 22, which would be too small, or two Grade six classes and a split class of Grade five and six. "It is a real juggling act," Mr. Howitt said.

GEORGETOWN LIONS Are Seeking



CITIZEN of the YEAR

The Georgetown Lions Club is again looking for the "Citizen of the Year"; someone who has given unselfishly to the community.

The Lions Club wants help in picking our most deserving citizen or group for 1987. Nominations are now being received for Georgetown's Citizen of the Year.

Please mail nominations with supporting resume no later than Feb. 9th, 1988 to: C. Stan Callaghan (chairman), Citizen of the Year, Georgetown Lions Club, P.O. Box 73, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 4T1.

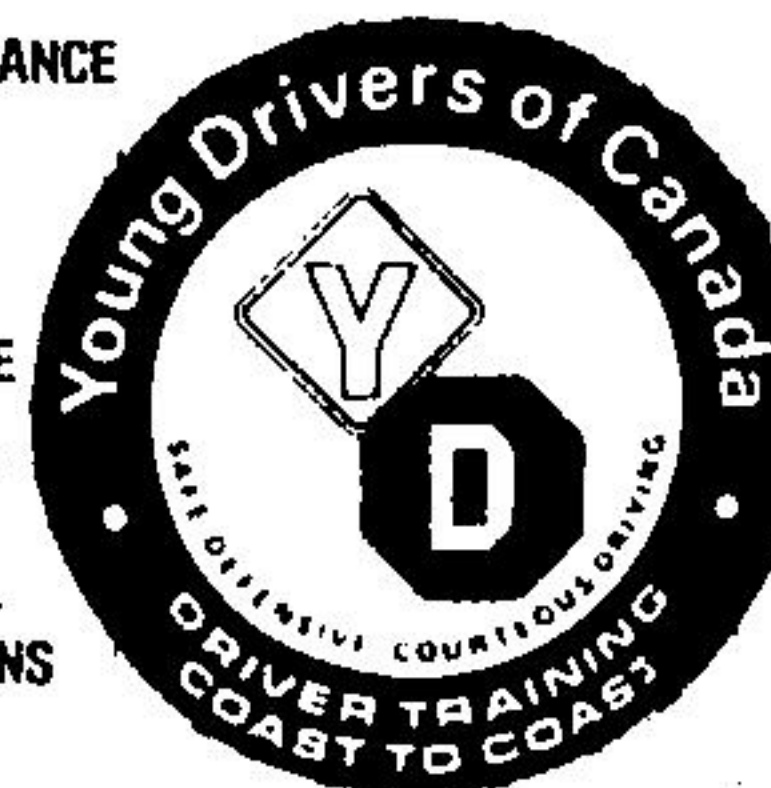
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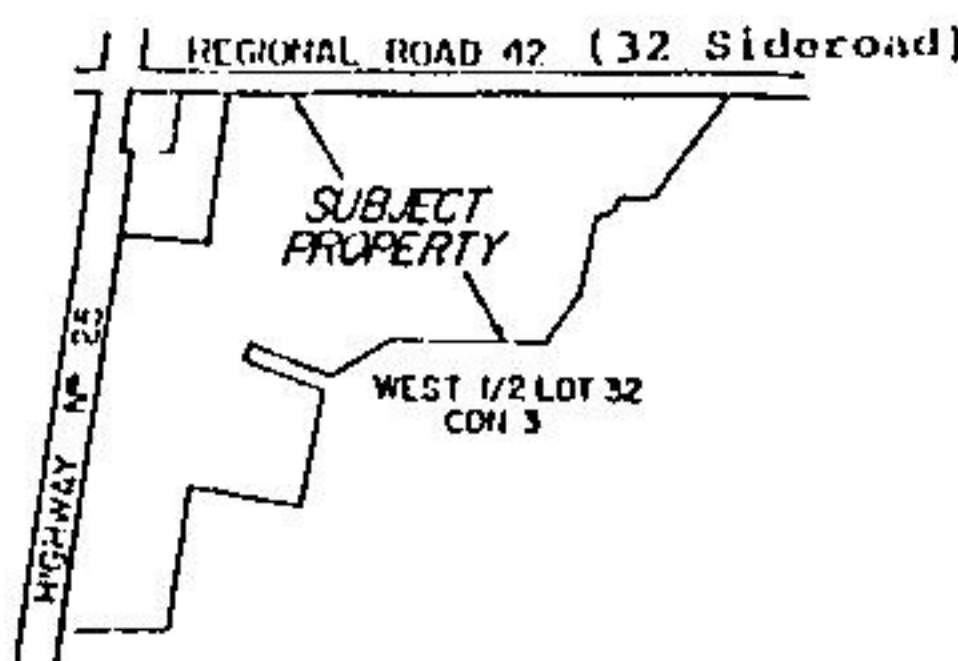
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General Committee of the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to the Halton Hills Official Plan and to Halton Hills Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit the development of a 20 lot estate residential plan of subdivision. The subject property is described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 3 and is situated at the southeast corner of the intersection of Highway 25 and 32 Sideroad.

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: February 1, 1988
Location: Halton Hills Administration Building
Traffalgar Road

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

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Director of Planning

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