Milton's growth could hurt development in Halton Hills

By BRIAN MecLEOD Herald Staff

What started out as a study to see how Milton can grow has turned into a study of the entire Region with massive implications for Halton Hills in the distant future.

Milton, which initially thought it was at its sewage capacity, can grow through expansion of its existing sewage plant, or through booking up to Lake Ontario Water through the Oakville Burlington pipeline.

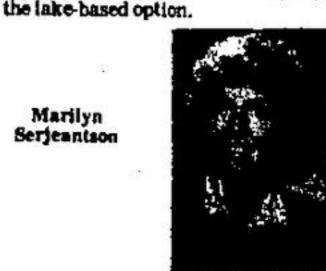
If Milton grows by the "stream based" system - simply expanding Its sewage plant and digging more wells - Halton Hills may have trouble getting its prime industrial land in the Highway 401 corridor services, said Regional Planning Director Rash Mohammed.

However, if Milton decides to book up to the Lake Ontario pipeline, those lands in southern Halton Hills could also hook up and create what Coun. Pam Sheldon called a "massive blueprint for the loss of all agricultural land in Halton."

The options were discussed in detail in a study conducted for Halton by the IBI Group.

If Milton decides on the Lakebased system of servicing their iands, it could be past the year 2011 before the full servicing could be in

effect, the report says. Coun. Sheldon said Halton Hills has already had an urban boundary review and decided it wants to grow with the stream-based system. She says Milton should conduct the same type of review before considering



If Million does expand its sewage treatment plant, Coun. Sheldon sees a possible tradeoff in the future.

Milton is currently looking for water in Halton Hills in the southern portion of Highway 25, she said. If they do tap into Halton Hills water then they could reciprocate by servicing the Highway 401 industrial corridor, she said.

Either way, it's "grow or die" for Halton Hills, she said. "I don't think there's a more important issue for all of Halton for all

councillors," she said. "It is very clear that the people of Halton, if they want growth at all, want to maintain their sense of identity and their small town at-

mosphere." Hooking up to lake-based water, may provide such fast growth that Halton could lose all its agricultural lands, she said.

"What Halton Hills desperately needs is industrial assessment, said Coun, Sheldon,

Without more assessment the existing taxpayers will have to take the burden of any increased programs or services, she said.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson agreed that the lake-based servicing system could be dangerous for Halton Hills. "Obviously Halton Hills could change drastically if the lake-based system was introduced," she said.

"Most of us look to the east of us and we really aren't happy with what we see in Peel," said Coun. Serjeantson.

"In my wildest dreams I never thought (a report would be produced) that in essence says to the people in Halton we will become Mississaugn," Coun. Sheldon sald. The implications of the lake-based

system are "staggering," she said.

Shepherd leads some children through a picture book at the open house for the Georgetown Alliance

Sunday School teacher Dorothy

New beginnings

Church on April 2. The Alliance Church held its dedication ceremony on Sunday. (Herald photo)



Alliance Church Georgetown Pastor Peter Ralph displays a special cake made for the Church's open house on Saturday. The Georgetown Alliance Church had a special dedication ceremony on Easter Sunday. (Herald photo)

100 acres for industrial use

Tools gone

Halton Hills now has 100 acres of prime industrial land. The Ministry of Municipal Af-

fairs has allowed rezoning to rural industrial three parcels of land in Halton Hills.

One parcel of 55 acres is located between Steeles Avenue and Highway 401 east of the James Snow Parkway. The second parcel of 40 acres is located east of

Police beat

Keep doors locked

A home intruder in the Ewing

Street area last week has a

Georgetown father concerned

"The community better watch

out. There's a man who's gone

beyond looking in windows," said

the concerned father, who asked

The prowler apparently peeked

through the bathroom window by

standing on the pile of wood outside, while the husband and wife

were in the livingroom and the

children were asleep in their

rooms. Bright lights were on in the

house and music was playing in the

The man entered the family

home around 10 p.m., frightening

the small daughter who was asleep

Police are warning Georgetown

residents about a pattern of break

and enters. Someone has been

entering unlocked homes between

8 p.m. and midnight, but so far

there have been no thefts. People

A Brampton man was charged

with impaired driving and refusing

a breath test. The 29-year-old was

should lock their doors, police said.

livingroom, said the husband.

about his family's safety.

not to be identified.

in her room.

Highway 25 and south of the Hydro Electric Power Commission right

Another five acre parcel is located at the Eighth Line south of Steeles Avenue.

Some 160 acres of land east of Highway 25 north of the Power Commission right of way will be designated rural. That should satisfy residents of 25 homes who

Tools, valued at \$250, were stolen

from a locked tool box in the back

seat of a locked car parked at 62

Park Avenue between 7 p.m.

A Jug City display sign at 22 Mill

Street East received \$900 damage

when a brick was thrown at it bet-

ween 9:30 p.m. March 27 and 6

Windows at Blow Press Ltd.,

located at 153 Perth Street in Ac-

ton, were broken between 5 p.m.

March 29 and 7 a.m. March 30,

An Oakville man was charged

with mischlef and attempted theft

when he broke into a car on Mill

Street in Acton and tried to steal it

March 27 at 4 a.m. The 21-year-old

A lawn boy mower, valued at

\$150, was stolen from an unlocked

garden shed at 62 Maple Avenue

between noon March 12 and 9:30

A 17-year-old was charged with

public mischief when he reported

volved in a 4:30 a.m. accident April

2, and failed to reamin at the scene

of the accident. An investigation

revealed the car had not been

stolen. The Georgetown man will

A 19-year-old will appear in court

April 11 on a charge of obstructing

police. The Georgetown woman

provided police with false informa-

tion during an investigation of an

impaired driving offence March 30

A Georgetown man will appear

in court May 2 on a charge of

assault. The man struck a 41-year-

old Georgetown woman March 29

at 12:30 p.m. at Sargent Road in

Georgetown. The victim received

Breech of probation

An Acton man was charged with

assault and of breach of probation

following an argument at a Chur-

chill Road home April 1 at 5:30

p.m. A 28-year-old Acton woman

received bruises. The 29-year-old

Fry pan weapon

A Georgetown man was charged

with assault causing bodily harm March 28 at 6 p.m. The victim pick-

ed up a frying pan and struck his

assailant to protect himself. The

victim received minor injuries.

The 47-year-old will appear in

will appear in court May 9.

court April 28.

Assault charge

Obstructing police

will appear in court April 18.

Car not stolen

appear in court April 28.

at 7:30 p.m.

minor cuts.

Mower thief

a.m. March 26.

Window shatters

Mischief charge

March 29 and 6:30 a.m. March 30.

Sign vandals

a.m. March 28.

causing \$40 damage.

originally objected to the rural industrial designation of these lands, sald a report by the town's Planning Director Ian Keith.

"The modification by the Minister of the 160 acres north of the H.E.P.C. line to rural area will provide a considerable measure of security as to the character of the existing cluster of homes," said

\$5,000 spent

to study

The town is going to spend \$5,000 to study the technical reports submit-

Several months ago Reclamation Systems Inc. gave Mayor Russ Miller a mound of technical reports on studies conducted at the United

tant to study the reports. But that At Thursday's POWER meeting in

help fight a proposed dump there. He wanted to know if Halton Hills was prepared to back up POWER. "It can see the town coming up

Miller said Tuesday. The \$5,000 technical study is just the first step in fighting the dump, he

The town can either give money to POWER outright, or support it with studies such as this, he said.

"We have to take a very aggressive role in this," said Mayor Miller.

money for it now, he said. Ensuing technical reports may prove the quarry is unsuitable for a

But it "could be very expensive."

Good Friday's sunny weather

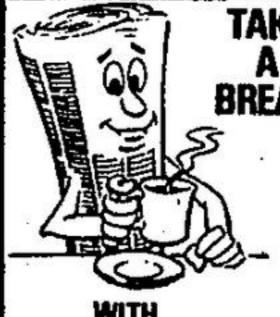
douse three grass fires.

The fire department rushed to the Ninth Line and 27th Sideroad to douse a 1:45 p.m. grass fire April 1.

department to the Label Masters Building, located at 1 Rossetta Street. A sprinkler had activated March 28 at 7:34 p.m. There was no damage.

and 27th Sideroad March 29 at 7:18 p.m. caused no damage. Firefighters freed a woman trap-

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Dump hearings top \$3.5 million Mr. Fleming called the additional

\$1.4 million a "major enhancement"

funds required result from the pro-

have met with limited success, he

which can be settled away from the

"In the context of an adversarial

process, such as the one that we are

involved with, no party is willing to

give up discussion of an issue

without first having had an op-

portunity to fully explore their op-

But that is proving difficult.

"Virtually all of the additional

of the budget.

date," he sald.

hearing board.

By BRIAN MacLEOD Herald Staff

The cost of the consolidated hearings deciding on a landfill site in Halton has almost hit the \$3.5 million

The projected costs are up another our earlier and, in retrospect, op-\$1.4 million or 63 per cent from the timistic estimate of a completion \$2.1 million the Region had budgeted for last October.

Regional finance experts have given up attempting to predict the cost of the hearings based on consultants' fees.

Instead, they are budgeting based on the average cost of each sitting day so far - \$9,800, said Halton's Chief Administrative Officer John

The hearing board sits four days a

Fleming.

The hearings, which began last May and were scheduled to be finished by the end of 1987, are now expected to finish in the middle of September, said Mr. Fleming. Previous estimates had the hear-

ings finished in the summer. As of March Halton had spent 89 per cent of its allocated budget - thus the need for the increase.

"Support required from the Region's planning, design, biophysical, hydrogeological and economic experts exceeded budget allocations," said Mr. Fleming.

Fortunately, the Region has found excess funds in other areas to cover the buge increase, said Mr. Flem-

About \$1.2 million will be "redeployed" from Halton's solid waste operating budget and another \$124,000 will be transferred from the solid waste reserve fund.

The case being put forward by the City of Burlington is now underway, said Mr. Fleming. Evidence from the West Burlington Ratepayers Group and the Ministry of the Environment will follow in June.

3 grass fires

had many people raking lawns and sent the fire department out to

April 1 at 11 a.m. the fire department attended to a grass fire on the 25 Sideroad west of the Fifth Line. There was no damage.

Firefighters put out a grass fire on Highway 25 south of the 17th Sideroad April 1 at 1:24 p.m. There was no damage.

There was no damage.

An alarm activation sent the fire

A rubbish fire on the 10th Line

ped in a car following a 5:06 p.m.

accident April 3 in Ashgrove on the 10th Sideroad and Trafalgar Road.

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"The matter is of such gravity to all the parties that each clearly feels compelled to make the best possible case before the Board."

tracted length of the hearing beyond The Region isn't even going to allocate funds to specific accounts anymore. Instead, it will just approve funding from the budget and Regional staff will "draw down" Attempts to limit the scope of the money as it is required. evidence presented at the hearings

But even the most recent predicsald. Halton is trying to avoid tions may not be the last budget revilengthy discussions about subjects sions.

> "It is difficult for staff to accurately predict the amount of involvement, and therefore time, required by each of the Region's experts," said Mr. Fleming.

> "It is clearly impossible to make predictions with any degree of cer-

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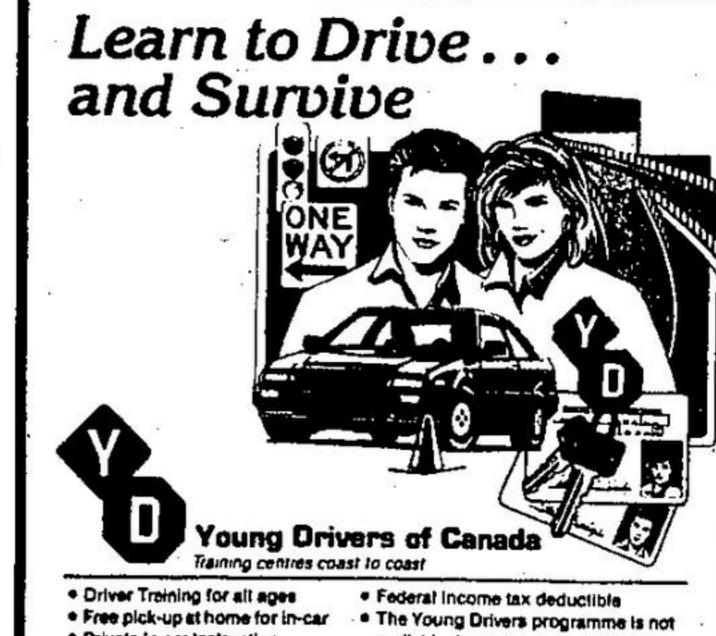
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observed March 31 at 8 p.m. driving in an erratic manner on Trafalgar Road and the Tenth Line. He will appear in court May

Impaired

Erratic manner A 33-year-old will appear in court May 30 on a charge of impaired driving. The Glen Williams man was observed April 2 at 10:30 p.m. driving in an erratic manner on Mountainview Road South and

Guelph Street. Driver charged

A Milton man was charged with impaired driving April 1 on Mill Street West in Acton. The 49-yearold will appear in court May 2.

A 17-year-old was charged with

dangerous driving April 3 at 12:10

a.m. The Georgetown man was driving his car at 233 Deirex Blvd.

Dangerous driver

while a second person was riding . on the hood of the car. Mailbox vandals Mailboxes on the Sixth Line between the 17th Sideroad and 22 Sideroad were damaged between 11 p.m. March 30 and 1 p.m. April

1. Damage to the approximately

four or five mailboxes ranged from \$25 to \$35 each.

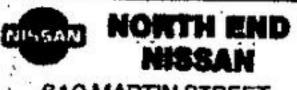
Discs stolen Four wheel discs, valued at \$450, were stolen from a 1965 Ford Tempo parked at 70 Mill Street in Georgetown between 8 p.m. March 28 and 6:30 a.m. March 29.

Trunk damaged

Damage to the trunk of a car parked in the underground parking lot at 80 Park Street between 4 p.m. March 28 and 11 a.m. March 27, WRS \$50.

Windows broken

Windows at the MacKenzle-Bennett Public School, located at 101 Acton Blvd, in Acton, received \$400 damage, when someone threw rocks through them at noon March



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dump reports ted by the proponents of the Acton quarry dump.

Aggregates quarry. The town is now hiring a consul-

could be just the tip of the iceberg. Limehouse Milton Councillor Bill Johnson said Milton town council gave its residents group \$20,000 to

with the dollars to fight it," Mayor

But the next steps in the fight are unclear so there is no use budgeting

dump, he said.

his car stolen, when it had been in-Water rights forfeited

Halton no longer has any water rights to the South Springs wells in

Acton. The Region executed a "quit claim" to the water rights at the Planning and Public Works Commit-

tee meeting last week. That means Halton has cleared up what lawyer Ken Anderson called a "paper trail" leading back to the Region should anyone instigate a law suit stemming from the dilapidated condition of the wells.

Halton no longer has any claim to the water, which became polluted about 40 years ago, said Mr. Ander-

But Coun. Rick Bonnette argued the quit claim should not be ex-"There's talk of a landfill site (in

Acton). If wells get contaminated we could be in a search for water," said Coun. Bonnette. "If we need water in five or ten years we're going to have to renegotiate with some company put-

ting a gun to our head." Coun. Bonnette said a Ministry of the Environment representative indicated the wells could rehabilitate themselves in two to 20 years.

water," he said.

"You can never get enough

But Mr. Anderson said even if

Halton wanted to use the water now,

it would have to renegotiate with

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