

# Milton's growth could hurt development in Halton Hills

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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 hooking 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 hook 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 Lake-based system of servicing their lands, 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 the lake-based option.



Marilyn Serjeantson

If Milton 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 atmosphere."

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 Mississauga," Coun. Sheldon said.

The implications of the lake-based system are "staggering," she said.

## New beginnings



Sunday School teacher Dorothy Shepherd leads some children through a picture book at the open house for the Georgetown Alliance Church on Sunday. (Herald photo)



Georgetown Alliance Church 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)

# Dump hearings top \$3.5 million

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

The projected costs are up another \$1.4 million or 63 per cent from the \$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 Fleming.

The hearing board sits four days a week.

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 hearings 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 huge increase, said Mr. Fleming.

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

Good Friday's sunny weather had many people raking lawns and sent the fire department out to douse three grass fires.

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.

The fire department rushed to the Ninth Line and 27th Sideroad to douse a 1:45 p.m. grass fire April 1. There was no damage.

An alarm activation sent the fire department to the Label Masters Building, located at 1 Rosetta Street. A sprinkler had activated March 28 at 7:34 p.m. There was no damage.

A rubbish fire on the 10th Line and 27th Sideroad March 29 at 7:18 p.m. caused no damage.

Firefighters freed a woman trapped 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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# 100 acres for industrial use

Halton Hills now has 100 acres of prime industrial land.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs 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

Highway 25 and south of the Hydro Electric Power Commission right of way.

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

originally objected to the rural industrial designation of these lands, said 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 Mr. Keith.

# \$5,000 spent to study dump reports

The town is going to spend \$5,000 to study the technical reports submitted by the proponents of the Acton quarry dump.

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

The town is now hiring a consultant to study the reports. But that could be just the tip of the iceberg.

At Thursday's POWER meeting in Limehouse Milton Councillor Bill Johnson said Milton town council gave its residents group \$20,000 to 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 with the dollars to fight it," Mayor Miller said Tuesday.

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

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.

But the next steps in the fight are unclear so there is no use budgeting money for it now, he said.

Enslung technical reports may prove the quarry is unsuitable for a dump, he said.

But it "could be very expensive."

# 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 Committee 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. Anderson.

But Coun. Rick Bonnette argued the quit claim should not be executed.

"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 putting 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.

"You can never get enough water," he said.

But Mr. Anderson said even if Halton wanted to use the water now, it would have to renegotiate with Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Ltd., the owners of the well.

## Police beat

### Keep doors locked

A home intruder in the Ewing Street area last week has a Georgetown father concerned about his family's safety.

"The community better watch out. There's a man who's gone beyond looking in windows," said the concerned father, who asked not to be identified.

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 livingroom, said the husband.

The man entered the family home around 10 p.m., frightening the small daughter who was asleep in her room.

Police are warning Georgetown residents about a pattern of break and enters. Someone has been entering unlocked homes between 3 p.m. and midnight, but so far there have been no thefts. People should lock their doors, police said.

### Impaired

A Brampton man was charged with impaired driving and refusing a breath test. The 28-year-old was 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 7.

### 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-year-old will appear in court May 2.

### Dangerous driver

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 Delrex Blvd. 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 a.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 1985 Ford Tempo parked at 70 Mill Street in Georgetown between 8 p.m. March 28 and 8:30 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, was \$50.

### Windows broken

Windows at the MacKenzie-Bennett Public School, located at 101 Acton Blvd. in Acton, received \$400 damage, when someone threw rocks through them at noon March 25.

### Tools gone

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

### Sign vandals

A Jug City display sign at 22 Mill Street East received \$900 damage when a brick was thrown at it between 9:30 p.m. March 27 and 6 a.m. March 28.

### Window shatters

Windows at Blow Press Ltd., located at 153 Perth Street in Acton, were broken between 5 p.m. March 29 and 7 a.m. March 30, causing \$40 damage.

### Mischief charge

An Oakville man was charged with mischief 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 will appear in court April 18.

### Mower thief

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.m. March 28.

### Car not stolen

A 17-year-old was charged with public mischief when he reported his car stolen, when it had been involved in a 4:30 a.m. accident April 2, and failed to remain at the scene of the accident. An investigation revealed the car had not been stolen. The Georgetown man will appear in court April 28.

### Obstructing police

A 19-year-old will appear in court April 11 on a charge of obstructing police. The Georgetown woman provided police with false information during an investigation of an impaired driving offence March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

### Assault charge

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 minor cuts.

### Breach of probation

An Acton man was charged with assault and breach of probation following an argument at a Churchill Road home April 1 at 5:30 p.m. A 28-year-old Acton woman received bruises. The 29-year-old will appear in court May 9.

### Fry pan weapon

A Georgetown man was charged with assault causing bodily harm March 28 at 8 p.m. The victim picked up a frying pan and struck his assailant to protect himself. The victim received minor injuries. The 47-year-old will appear in court April 28.

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