

# First peek impressive

By LOIS FRASER Herald Special

The citizens committee had its first tour of the new building the other day and were we impressed! Interior designer Cathy Smale wanted us to get a feel for the place so we could choose appropriate artwork to reflect the mood of our new town hall.

It is a very open, modern building in a beautiful woody setting with a lovely view of North Halton Golf Club. The expanse of green glass you see from Maple Avenue is viewed internally from the main stairway. We were surprised that the glass appears only slightly tinted from the inside. Another impressive area is the circular council chambers with a very high ceiling to make it open and airy.

The architect, Carlos Ventin, has certainly designed a functional and beautiful building. Cathy Smale works with this firm and is, in fact, an architect herself as well as an interior designer. We took a trip to the Milton Town Hall earlier that day since Carlos and Cathy worked on this project too and wanted to show us their finished work. Milton possesses a very different style of building (the former Court House and jail is a very old building with a modern addition) but is very tastefully decorated by Cathy.

The palette of colors for our building is a very soft green with pinkish-beige walls - a very up-to-date color scheme but very peaceful and compatible with the woody surroundings.

The Civic Centre Donations Committee is hoping to add some historical photographs reflecting the roots of the Town of Halton Hills, which incorporated the towns of Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing Township in 1974. We have also been contacted by individuals and organizations who would like to donate prints or paintings, to be chosen by the committee. There are lots of empty walls in our Civic Centre and we would like to fill them with tasteful and appropriate artwork reflecting the spirit of our building and of our town. All artwork must be approved by the donations committee with input from the interior designer, as well as the building committee which is made up of town councillors.

If you have any suggestions or donations we would like to hear from you. Call Fred Helson at 877-5206 or Gary Brand 873-0300 for details.

# Crazy boats to set sail

The Lions Club of Georgetows. has announced the 23rd annual running of the Crazy Boat Race to be held on the Credit River in the Halton Hills area on Saturday, April 8. The race provides fun for all contestants and serves to raise money for multiple sclerosis.

All contestants are asked to collect pledges for MS and bring them to the race. This race has been us ed to raise money for MS for the past seven years and approximately \$60,000 has been raised in that time to aid MS. Entry forms and pledge forms can be obtained by contacting the Georgetown Lions Club or any of its members.

The race starts in two sections with the serious canoers starting from Cheltenham Park at noon. The Crazy Boats portion of the race will start at Terra Cotta at 12:30 p.m. The race will end at the Glen Williams Park in Glen Williams.

Also, be sure not to miss the Victory dance. The dance will be held at the Acton Legion, 15 Wright St., Acton starting at 8:30 p.m. Dance tickets are \$5 per person. Drinks are reasonable, the music is good and snacks will be served. Dress is casual.

# Board favors government paper

Despite trustees' objections, the Halton Board of Education voted Thursday to accept "in principle" a government plan to tack lot levies on new homes in the Region.

The board's 10-8 vote in favor of a provincial government green paper submitted to school boards in December follows the Halton Roman Catholic School Board's approval of the same government paper.

The lot levy, if imposed, could cost home builders \$5,000 per home, say sources. Funds from the levies would be applied to costs associated with new growth, including the construction of schools. The levies would be placed in a provincial pool of funds, collected by the municipality and shared by "co-terminous" boards. This means the Catholic and public school boards in the Region should pool funds collected from developers.

Halton Board of Education chairman Pat Hillhouse said she is concerned about the distribution of funds. Presently, the public board funding is 50 per cent governmentprovided while the Catholic board's funding is 80 per cent government-funded, she said.

Mrs. Hillhouse is also concerned that the province will cut grants allocated for education if lot levies are approved.

"This must not be a way for the province to escape their responsibility for renovation and restoration," she said.

But Burlington Trustee Ann Barbu had harsher words for the government legislation. "It lets the province off the hook... now is the time to object to the whole thing," she said.

Burlington Trustee David Coons said North Halton would feel the impact of lot levy funding, because growth is more rapid in south Halton, in areas like Oakville and Burlington. He said if the government legislation on lot levies is passed, it would divide the Region.

"We have to live as one community," he said, "not as individual sections."

Oakville Trustee Janis Millman said she could not support the



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### NOTICE

All refuse normally picked up on Friday, March 24th, 1989, will be picked up on Thursday, March 23rd, 1989.

Commercial refuse will also be picked up on Thursday, March 23rd, 1989.

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## **ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 298 and 301 of The Municipal Act, being Chapter 302 of the revised Statutes of Ontario, 1980, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Administration Building, Trafalgar Road, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 10, 1989, will consider the passing of by-laws for the Road Reconstruction as set out below.

#### Contract P-89-C-1

McNabb Drainage Area, Phase 5, the surface reconstruction of Ostrander Boulevard, Elgin Street and Durham Street (Union to Sarah Street).

Plans detailing this project and the proposed by-laws are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department Office. Any inquiries should be directed to the Engineering Department at 877-5185.

The Council will hear, in person, or by his Counsel, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by laws and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the office of the undersigned no later than Thursday, April 6, 1989.

> R.C. Austin, P.Eng., Town Engineer, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills. P.O. Box 128, Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4T1

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board motion to approve the government paper on lot levies. "I won't be put in a corner," she said, saying that the school boards have little choice but to approve. "I want to see the black and white of this."

Halton Hills' Trustees Arlene Bruce (Acton) and Dick Howitt (Georgetown) voted to support lot levies.

"The lot levy is not going to create an undue hardship," said Trustee Bruce. Taxpayers "have paid their bit and do suffer an additional burden when you have development."

Trustee Howitt said he supports the government green paper. "Philosophically, I agree with the concept of lot levies," he said.

The board's main contention with lot levies on new home builders is that funding for repairs on present schools wouldn't arrive. Trustee Coons said the board needs "additional bricks and mortar for schools" but feared how money coming from a Regional pool might be distributed.

Amendments to the approval of the green paper were proposed by board trustees. These amendments said the trustees supported the "principle" of lot levies, but wanted to see how the plan would be implemented.

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### **PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**

Reconstruction of

McNabb Drainage Area, Phase 5 Ostrander Boulevard, Elgin St. and Durham St. (Union Street to Sarah St.)

A Public Information Centre will be held:

Place: Town of Halton Hills

Administration Building (Committee Room)

Trafalgar Road

Wednesday, March 29, 1989 Date: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This Information Centre is being held to provide the Public with an opportunity to review the detailed design drawings for the reconstruction of the above-named streets.

Interested persons are invited to drop in at the Information Centre and comment on the proposed work.

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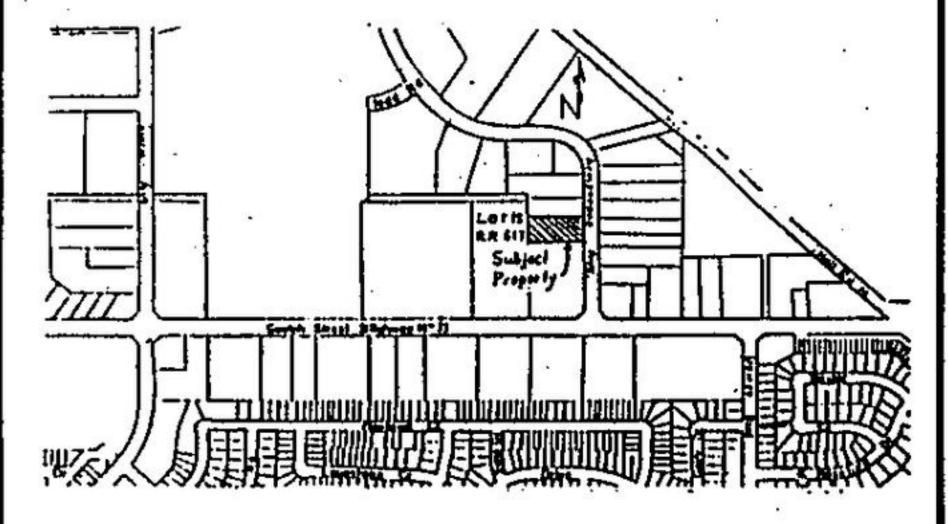
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### **COURTESY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING** WARD 4/ARMSTRONG AVENUE/GUELPH STREET



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed 10 unit industrial plan of condominium.

The subject property is located on Armstrong Avenue, north of Guelph Street, and described as Lot 15, R.P. 617, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 20, 1989 Date: Location: Council Chambers

**Town Administration Building** 

7th Line, Trafalgar Road

H-88-027 File No.:

Bruce D. MacLean, B.A., M.C.I.P.

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**Deputy Planning Director** 

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