

# Outlook on Halton Hills

## Council cool on Milton's plans

Milton's desire to grow may radically alter the nature of Halton Hills, some local councillors say.

Halton Hills councillors were responding to a request by Regional planners to go ahead with the second phase of an urban development study which recommends growth in Milton and the southern part of Halton Hills.

The study says Milton will need to be serviced by Lake Ontario water if it is to grow to the size expected in the next 20 years. The offshoot of that is that the southern end of Halton Hills, along the Highway 401 industrial corridor, will be able to be serviced by the pipe from Lake Ontario.

Halton Hills councillors were told by Regional planning commissioner Rash Mohammed that a huge wave of growth is inevitable in five to seven years, after Mississauga and Brampton's industrial and residential land reaches capacity.

He urged them to plan for that growth.

"No matter what (local) councils do, it's going to radically change Halton Hills," Coun. Gerald Rennie said. "Halton Hills is not going to be an agricultural-urban community, it's going to be an urban community."

Some councillors think running a pipe from Lake Ontario would make the agricultural land in southern Halton Hills vulnerable to development pressures.

But town planner Ian Keith said the ultimate effects on most of Halton Hills will be minimal and that only the Highway 401 industrial corridor will be fully serviced.

Noting that Milton wants to grow, he advised Halton Hills councillors to "not get in Milton's way and let Milton plan its future."

"Milton's destiny isn't my concern, Halton Hills' is," replied Coun. Norm Elliott.

Halton Hills is being asked to support a report "that doesn't even serve our best interest... it is designed to serve Milton's best interests," he said.

But Mayor Russ Miller assured his colleagues that the water pipe "won't keep going north to Ballinafad."

Servicing the Highway 401 industrial corridor "would be a great tax base and it would also be a great place for our kids to get jobs," he said.

Although all the other three municipalities in the Region have approved the Milton-southern Halton Hills site as the study area for future growth, Halton Hills councillors refused to pass a motion saying the town has "no objection" to a further study on the area.

"Instead, they passed a motion saying they approve of Halton conducting the study."

## Response tremendous

By AVE EDINGTON  
of the North Halton  
Literacy Guild

Since the beginning of February we have had 18 people contact us regarding their interest in tutoring. This tremendous response can be attributed to the enthusiasm with which our tutors, students and local newspapers have been promoting literacy.

In addition to recruiting volunteers for tutors we also offer other positions equally as important to the Guild. These include the following areas: Board member, Committee member, Development/Evaluation of Resource materials, Program evaluation, and Office help.

We currently have 27 matched tutor/student pairs in the North Halton area, with more pairs soon to be introduced. Our current efforts will focus on connecting with potential adult learners. Adult illiteracy can be beaten if our services reach those for whom it is designed. Unfortunately much of our student-centered promotional efforts have been in the written form.

The following excerpt, taken from a Toronto Star story, depicts this problem well:

"Your story isn't going to help people like me," says Frank, who is learning to read and write at age 45, with the help of the Peel Literacy Guild.

"People who can't read don't go looking for help in the newspapers," he says.

Frank needed the telephone operator's help to find the number of the literacy guild.



"How do you spell literacy?" the operator asked him.

Replied Frank, "Lady, if I knew, I wouldn't be dialing." Community and individual support is needed both in the recognition and acceptance of illiteracy. Directing students to the appropriate resources is everyone's responsibility.

If you know anyone who is experiencing difficulty with reading, writing or spelling and it affects their day to day functioning, have them call Ave or Maureen at 873-2200 or 878-4756. All inquiries are confidential. We are sensitive and appreciate the need for privacy.

## Warmth with Coffee Break

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These two words capture the essence of the Georgetown Coffee Break program. This Tuesday morning program, open to women and children of any denomination, combines warmth and friendliness with discovery in the form of Bible study.

Coffee Break began in September, 1985 in Georgetown but originated in 1970 in South Holland, Illinois. It is based on a method of inductive Bible study, which means that it lets the individuals discover for themselves what the Bible has to say. Although Coffee Break is an evangelistic study group, the aim is to encourage further faith development within each person's own church. Currently being studied is the book of Acts which portrays the life of the early Church.

Up to 60 area women of all ages gather weekly at the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church on the 7th Line (Trafalgar Road), bringing with them as many as 80 children. The Story Hour for children combines singing, Bible stories, crafts and play. As well, excellent nursery care is provided for babies and toddlers.

New people are always welcome. Anyone interested in attending Coffee Break and wanting more information, can contact Wilma Rypstra at 877-3240 or Janet Leferink at 877-9807.



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