

School board divided over budget increase

The Halton Board of Education has approved a \$224 million budget for 1989 representing an 8.2 per cent increase over last year.

The bottom line for taxpayers is an increase of 7.2 per cent, or an average \$65 more per taxpayer, based on an average assessment. This year, taxpayers will kick in a total of \$967.

The board budget was delayed in approval because of late word from the provincial governments on the board's grant status. The board received \$66.5 million in grants last year, but this year's grants are down \$1.3 million to a total of \$65.2 million.

Although the grants are down, trustee Peter Abbott said this is not the board's only problem.

"I hate to say it, but (our spending) is getting out of control... (and) we're getting into realms that are out of our area."

Mr. Abbott referred to new programs that will see the board providing psychologists and social workers for schools.

Georgetown and area trustee Dick Howitt was the first to speak in opposition to this year's budget at a meeting Thursday night.

"I can't support this budget... I won't go into a lot of the detail but I can't support the direction of some of the initiatives we're taking."

Some of the larger expenditures include \$2.7 million for classroom computers, \$510,000 for library upgrading, \$281,000 for special education supplies and services, \$284,000 for additional support staff and \$464,000 for class size reduction at the Grade 1 and Grade 2 levels.

Acton and area trustee Arlene Bruce said this year's budget is "very accountable." She responded to the criticism of social services.

"We're taking a very short term point-of-view if we're saying we should not be spending money on social services."

Mrs. Bruce added that to call the budget out of control is "irresponsible. I have trouble when I hear statements like (that)."

A large slice of the budget pie goes to salaries, wages and fringe benefits - almost 77 per cent of the total. Supplies, services and utilities take up almost 13 per cent. Furniture, equipment, transportation contracts, debt charges, and miscellaneous costs eat up the remaining 10 per cent.

Board Director Bob Williams said "the (budget) process we go through does put each item under scrutiny."

Board Chair Pat Hillhouse said special services programs approved in 1988 for implementation this

year are reviewed several times by board members.

It is "far off the mark," she said, to say budget decisions are "rubber-stamped."

"We have to make wise decisions... spending the money the best way we can for the good of the students." Mrs. Hillhouse added that Halton budget is "in line" with other boards.

Last year, Halton spent an average \$557 per student. Other boards in the area ranged from an average \$2,100 per pupil in Metropolitan Toronto to \$635 per student in Lincoln county.

Peel, York and Hamilton-Wentworth school boards all had higher per-pupil costs than the Halton Board of Education last year.

Scholarship candidates sought

The Lung Association of Halton Region is looking for a high school student to receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

The Jesse Lunau Scholarship Award applications are open to any student in the Halton high school system who intends to pursue a university or college education in health sciences.

Fernbrook Homes will go for round three to preserve contracts signed with 93 purchasers last year.

The construction company recently heard from the Town of Halton Hills that its registration date will be delayed into May. The most recent extension allowed Fernbrook until April 28 to register its homes in south Georgetown.

Fernbrook Homes president Danny Salvatore said he will meet this Friday with the developers, Enterac Property Corporation, to request a third extension for the subdivision.

"If the developer refuses me at this point in time I would have to refund the money and terminate the deals with the purchasers," said Mr. Salvatore.

Homeowners are awaiting decision on subdivision

Fernbrook originally planned to build 236 homes in south Georgetown. Due to water problems, construction was seriously reduced to 93 homes.

Local resident Luba Marshall, who presently lives in Georgetown, but purchased a Fernbrook home last year, asked town councillors Monday night when the registration would take place to speed up the building of the homes and to allow their selling price to remain the same.

Mrs. Marshall said her and her husband bought "in good faith."

"We want to make Fernbrook

our permanent home," she said.

Town deputy planner Bruce MacLean said the developer must first inform the builder. "The builder is in the hands of the developer," he said.

Mr. MacLean said he cannot guarantee Fernbrook home purchasers that registration is very close to happening.

"Staff are of the opinion that this is not achievable by April. However, it might be achievable by May."

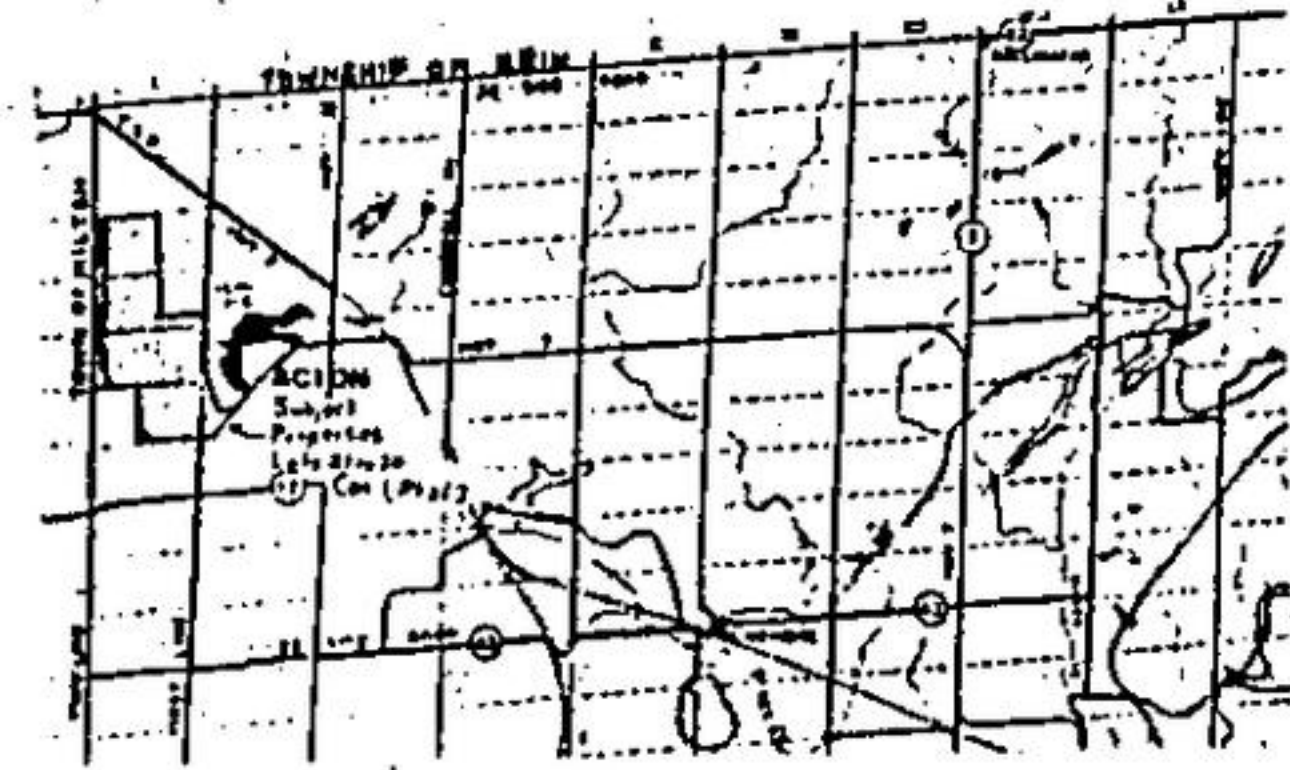
"There are a lot of I's that need dotting and T's that need crossing," he said.



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COURTESY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2/First Line/Highway No. 7



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit a golf course development consisting of an 18 hole championship golf course, a 9 hole par three golf course, a practice fairway, club house facility and 3 accessory dwellings.

The subject property is located on the west side of the First Line between Regional Road No. 12 and Highway No. 7, and described as Part Lots 27-30, Concession 1, Town of Halton Hills.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Bruce D. MacLean, B.A., M.C.I.P.
Deputy Planning Director

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, April 24, 1989
Location: Council Chambers
Town Administration Building
7th Line, Trafalgar Road
File: H-88-019

AD NO 1072



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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Box Culvert Construction 32 Sideroad, Concession 7

A Public Information Centre will be held:

PLACE: Town of Halton Hills,
Administration Building,
Committee Room,
Trafalgar Road,
Georgetown, Ontario

DATE: Thursday, April 20, 1989

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Information Centre is being held to provide the Public with an opportunity to review the detailed design drawings for the construction of the above-noted culvert.

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

R.C. Austin, P.Eng.,
Town Engineer,
The Corporation of the
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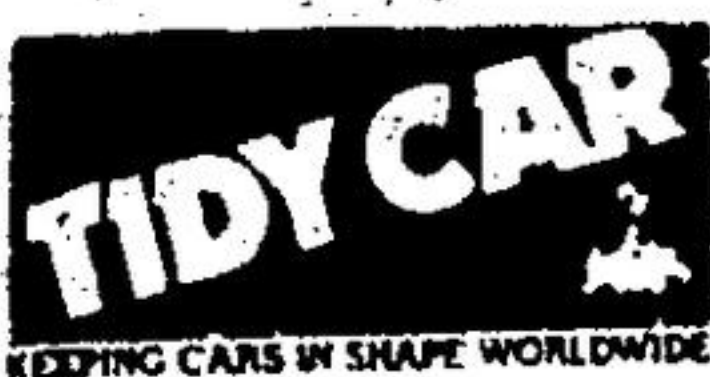
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Culvert Construction

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, May 8, 1989, will consider the passing of by-laws for the culvert construction as set out below:

Contract P-89-C-2

Box Culvert Construction, 32 Sideroad
± 300 m East of 6th Line,
Concession 7

The public is advised that 32 sideroad, between the 6th Line and Sandalwood, will be closed to through traffic during the construction period.

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 lands 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, May 4, 1989.

R.C. Austin, P.Eng.,
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AD No. 1070