

Plumbing business would be second largest in town

Halton Hills planning staff are recommending town council approve what could be the second largest business in Halton Hills - second only to Neilson's company Ltd. in Georgetown.

The proposed plumbing and manufacturing distribution centre would employ 265 people and will be housed by a 29,000 square metre industrial park. The park would be located on 40 acres of farmland in Mansewood, a small community in the southwest corner of Halton Hills, north of Milton.

Residents in that community are

opposed to what they say is a "huge" building that could rob the surrounding area of water supplies, and could overburden Sideroad 5 where the Mansewood Industrial Park is to be located.

In a letter to the Town of Halton Hills, Sideroad 5 resident Dave Kiddle said he opposes the proposed plumbing site because it is "class A" farmland.

"It is well drained with a southerly exposure and (is) suitable for any crop grown in this area."

Mr. Kiddle also said the propos-

ed property is "bounded on two sides by land that is being farmed."

The property is presently rural, but the town's planning department is recommending a new industrial special zoning.

But residents are also concerned with water supply. At a public meeting held in town council chambers April 3, a group of concerned citizens asked for reassurance that their water supply would not be depleted.

Sideroad 5 resident Jack Crawford said wells have run dry

within a one mile radius of the proposed Sideroad 5-Highway 25 site.

"I share the concern for the water, especially in the past year, with the drought."

Mr. Crawford said the new plant would take "substantial" amounts of water.

But the town planning department is recommending that the manufacturing be for "dry industrial use." A spokesman for the Mansewood Industrial Park said the new company is "really an assembly plant" and warehouse.

The town planning department

says the industrial park, if approved, should have an on-site sewer system and should test-drill before wells are used.

Town planners say there will be no immediate problem with Sideroad 5 traffic and there will be no rebuilding at this time. But the company will be required to obtain an entrance permit for trucks entering the industrial park.

Residents object to the recommendation, saying the company will eventually force Sideroad 5 to undergo reconstruction.

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New "Tourist Village" planned for Dominion Seed House lands

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The owners of the Dominion Seed House in Georgetown have announced a plan to construct a tourist village to rival the Olde Hide House in Acton.

Dominion Seed House executives held a press conference in the North Halton Golf and Country Club Thursday to quell rumors that their lands - located in a triangular 55-acre chunk between Maple Avenue, Mountainview Road and Highway 7 - were up for sale.

"We wanted to avoid the rumor mill," said executive vice-president Charles MacLean after speaking to a room full of Halton Hills town councillors, and a handful of businessmen, politicians and reporters.

"We wanted people to be aware of what our intentions are."

Dominion Seed House president Margaret Harding said the family will retain ownership of the land, but will lease parcels to chosen candidates.

The planning process for the proposed village which will "do for Georgetown what the Olde Hide House has done for Acton" is in its preliminary stages.

From 20 to 30 acres are being considered at this time for retail uses "currently not available in the town," and will include an expanded garden centre,

restaurants, offices, a hotel and specialty stores that will offer "upscale products at reduced rates," according to information released by the Dominion Seed House.

"The Dominion Seed House, whatever else happens, is going to be here and the front gardens will remain," Mr. MacLean said.

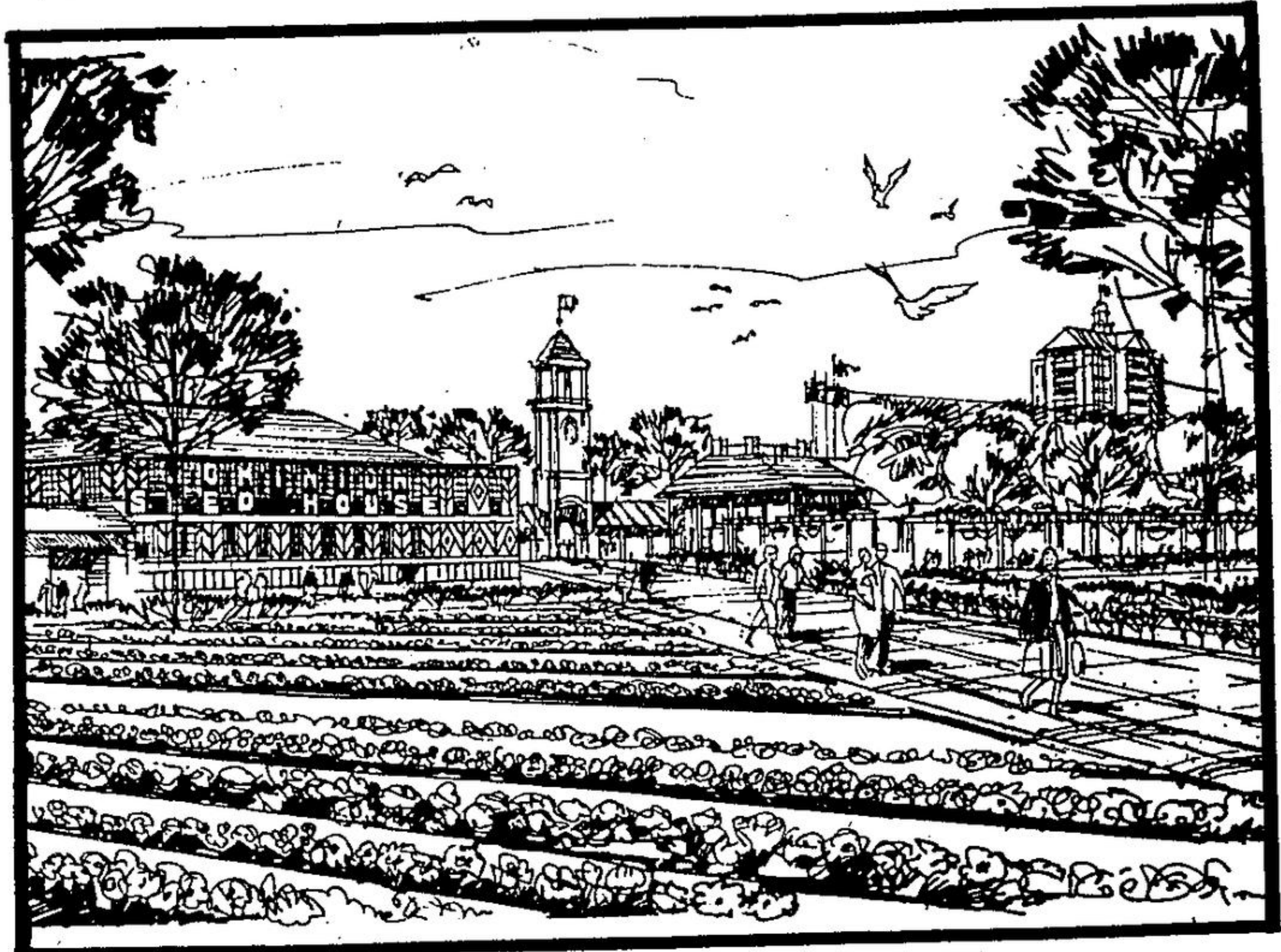
Mayor Russ Miller addressed the crowd gathered at the golf course, saying he was "very excited" about the Hardings' and MacLeans' plans, which will take from four to five years to implement.

"I'm very pleased that you're going to develop it yourselves," said the mayor. "You're doing exactly what I thought you would do in the long run."

The Dominion Seed House has been in Georgetown for 60 years and was opened by Margaret Harding's father William Bradley, originally in 1928. It is a successful retail plant and seed sale centre as well as a mail order store.

Mr. MacLean says there is a "clear link" between the Olde Hide House and the future development of the Dominion Seed House property, which will be a "regional destination facility."

He said the Dominion Seed House will be like the Olde Hide House that clearly "draws people in from (all) areas."



Tourist Village

Dominion Seed House released this artist's conception of planned development of its lands adjacent to the building located on Highway 7 on Thursday. Dominion Seed House plans to develop a

"tourist village" along the lines of the Olde Hide House in Acton. Seed House owners say they want to quell rumors that the land is for sale.

Frog watchers should bring boots

Bring your rubber boots and a flashlight for an evening of "song" during Mountsberg Wildlife Centre's annual "Frogwatcher's Hike" on Friday, April 28 from 6-9 p.m.

The Spring Peeper will be out to serenade you in their aquatic environment. This is the time of year when visitors will hear mating calls of the Spring Peeper. Interpreters will identify and explain the characteristics of these resident amphibians with a slide

presentation and hike to the pond. The presentation begins at the Interpretive Centre.

On Friday, April 28, there will also be a draw for the winner of the John Seerey-Lester limited edition print, "Snowy Watch - Great Gray Owl." All proceeds raised from the sale of the tickets will go towards various projects at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre including birds of prey rehabilitation, bird banding research, wood duck and tree swallow box projects, education/interpretation programs, the

Wildlife Walkway, maintenance of the bison and elk herds and habitat creation projects. Tickets are available at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre or the Administration Office of the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

For further information, please call the Administration Office at 336-1158 (weekdays) or the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre at 854-2276 (weekends). Mountsberg is located on Millborough Line, south of Hwy 401 and five kilometres west of Campbellville.

Asthma program cancelled

Due to insufficient registration The Lung Association, Halton Region, has cancelled the spring session of the Family Asthma Program. This program, made possible through donations to Christmas Seals, has been help-

ing families in Halton Hills and Milton to cope with asthma for the past 12 years. The Lung Association regrets closing the program, and will reopen it in the fall.

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