



Sealed with a kiss

POWER president Ruth French gets a peck on the cheek from Halton North MPP Walt Elliot during the Acton Citizen of the Year celebration at the Acton Citizens Band Hall on Saturday. (Herald photo)

Pinkney wants more careful planning

A Georgetown man speaking to Regional councillors last week said Halton has no "master plan" and could end up in "mediocrity" with its present planning format.

Rodney Pinkney spoke to Regional councillors following the announcement of Phase One of Halton's Urban Structure Review that will see an increase of 40,000 people and will cover 2,000 acres of industrial land.

The growth is centred around the Milton urban area and stretches into the Highway 401 corridor which joins Milton to Halton Hills.

But Mr. Pinkney said the Region should have more careful planning than that reflected by the urban structural review.

"There is no master plan. The Region has no idea of what it is going to look like in maturity." He said the plan, now moving out of its first phase and including the development of a lake-based water hook-up for the new structures, could lead to "mediocrity." Someday, someone could decide that a major portion of Halton should be quickly developed," he said.

But Milton Coun. Bill Johnson said well and stream-based water to support growth cannot be

pumped from the aquifer which feeds well pumps, indefinitely. "I know we need houses (but) I also want to protect the aquifer," he said. "Sooner or later the lake-based system is going to come in."

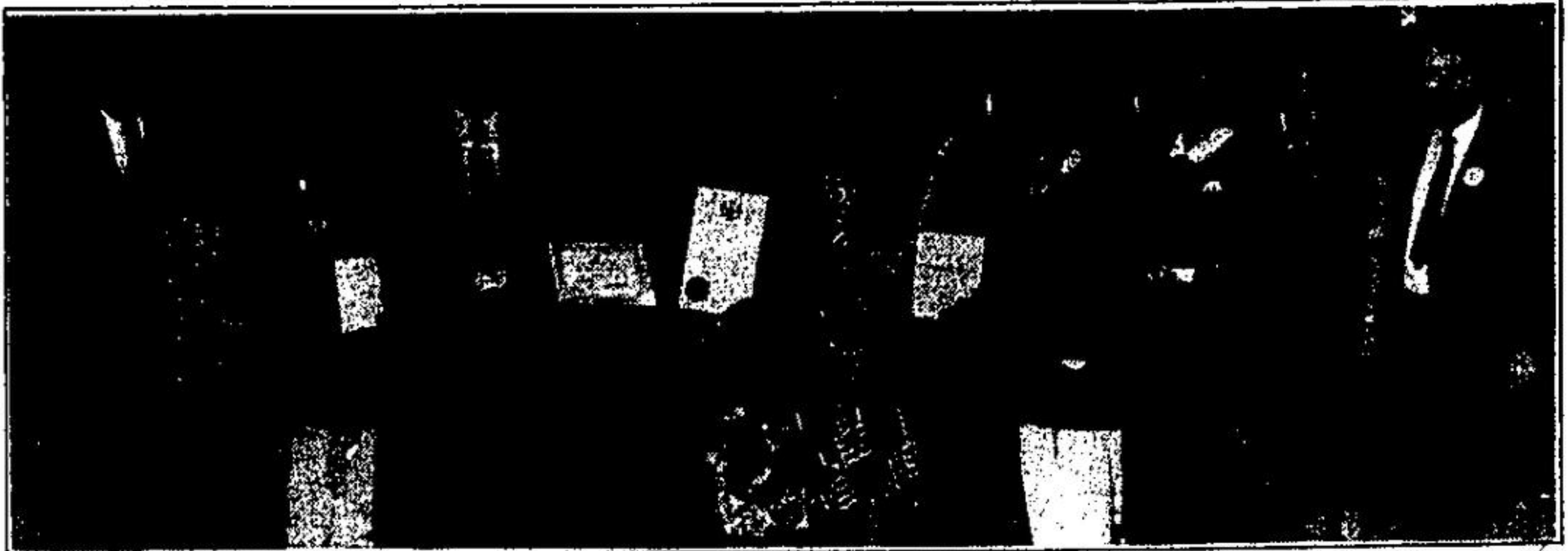
Regional Planning Commissioner Rash Mohammed said the Ministry of Natural Resources will allow increased development if it is "premised on some kind of commitment to a lake-based system."

Mr. Pinkney said that construction in Halton has been "severely restricted" in the last few years or more development would have taken place.

He said he wants the Region to avoid "hurried, mediocre, development."

Although the focus for Halton's structural review is Milton, Halton Hills is on the town's northern and eastern boundaries.

The preliminary studies of the environmental impact on a lake-based system for central Halton will take two years. But Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said it would be 30 to 40 years before there is a "lasting, long-term alternative" to the stream-based water system presently used in North Halton.



The POWER people

The executive of POWER lined up for accolades at the Citizen of the Year celebration Saturday. Left to right are John Minns, Marilyn Cox, Francine McGregor, David Noble, Chris Rumley, Ruth French, Glenda Benton, Nigel Pettipher, Barbara Halsall, Linda Noble, Jean Hilborn and Ken McGreggor. Rita Landry and Marjorie Kirkwood are missing. (Herald photo)

Citizen of the Year

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Peel MP Garth Turner and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and from Halton North MPP Walt Elliot who said the group had given him the encouragement to bring the concerns surrounding the dump proposal to the provincial level.

Halton Hills Councillor Rick Bonnette presented an award on behalf of Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy. He encouraged POWER to continue promoting the dump as a "Halton Hills issue" instead of just an Acton issue.

Mayor Russ Miller said the group's president, Ruth French, is

the "best president a group could have."

"Like a rolling stone that gathers a lot of moss they've made people aware" of the dump issue, Mayor Miller said.

POWER could be the last recipient of the Acton Citizen of the Year Award since it is sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce. The Acton chamber recently merged with the Georgetown chamber to form a Halton Hills organization.

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