

Deja vu for Turner on tax

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It certainly gave Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner a shudder of deja vu as he read the Aug. 10 Toronto Sun cover asking for "tax revolt" and featuring a coupon to send to the federal finance minister.

Mr. Turner himself once delivered thousands of coupons signed by angry taxpayers - to the minister, asking for tax reform. Since being elected Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament last November, he has attacked the tax system from inside the political machine.

New Toronto Sun business editor Gus Carlson is not angry with the turn in Mr. Turner's career that took him away from journalistic tax reform.

"He's the one who made the coupons legend," Mr. Carlson said Thursday. "Mr. Turner is well aware of the implications on both sides."

Besides, Mr. Carlson said, the coupons will go to finance minister Michael Wilson and not to Garth Turner.

The Tory MP said it is "somewhat deja vu" to see the coupons returning to the Toronto Sun. His comment was that the coupons should include a space for comments or opinions.

The Toronto Sun "disagrees with (Mr. Turner's) stance" on the nine-per-cent Goods and Services Tax to be implemented in 1991. But Mr. Carlson said the MP "is walking a fine line, politically."

Mr. Turner takes care of his constituents and the Toronto Sun takes care of its readers, he said.

"I don't disagree with his support. I disagree with the tax," the Sun business editor said.

Mr. Turner said recently that being in the government makes it easier to change the tax system.

"I can't help but believe that I have more impact now than I did as a business editor. Maybe time will prove me wrong. I hope not," he said.

The Tory MP will await public opinion before opposing or supporting Mr. Wilson's tax system in its present form.

False alarms up by 20 per cent

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were 5,990 calls during the same time period this year.

Sgt. Gwilliams called the decrease "somewhat encouraging."

But Ontario's police forces say there is room for improvement, he said.

Sgt. Gwilliams was part of a recent committee made up of representatives from the province's major police forces that is calling for legislation to ensure a reduction in false alarms across the province.

The licensing of alarm companies and employees, alarm installers and individual alarm systems is a key area the Ontario Chiefs of Police Association Alarm committee wants the provincial government to include in the legislation, he said.

Although, most companies involved in the alarm industry are legitimate, there are some "fly-by-night companies only interested in a fast buck," Sgt. Gwilliams said.

Other recommendations include stricter suspensions for

companies' alarm systems that too often work improperly. The committee also wants companies to receive a warning for the first false alarm after four false alarms and the automatic revoking of their licenses and the withdrawal of police service and

or a find under the provincial offences act.

The recommendations are currently before the solicitor general's office. But it will "probably be quite a while before the government acts on them," Sgt. Gwilliams said.

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Sales tax will hit everyone

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should learn to "say no", Mr. Lawton said. There should be a "flat fee" on all Canadians until the deficit is reduced, he said.

"They (government officials) don't understand economics. If they had to go out and make it in the real world they'd fall flat on their faces."

Businesses with an annual sales of less than \$30,000 do not have to participate in the nine-per-cent tax. But Mr. Lawton said such businesses are few and far between.

"I don't think there's anybody with sales less than \$30,000. If the exemption affects anybody in Georgetown they shouldn't be in business anyway," he said.

When the price of goods no longer has a hidden 13.5 per cent manufacturer's tax attached to the price, prices should go down, the federal government says. Most retailers are honest and will pass this saving to consumers, Mr. Page said.

But Mr. Lawton said it would be hard to collect a rebate from the producer in order to give it to the consumer.

"Imagine the bureaucracy, the paperwork and the tremendous job of giving the producer a rebate." But unless the rebate is given, the price of goods will not drop, Mr. Lawton said.

Halton-Peel Progressive Conservative MP Garth Turner said the new sales tax will be scrutinized and not "just rubber-stamped".

"Our area of Halton-Peel will have several vehicles to influence this national sales tax." The Halton-Peel citizens tax committee is now studying Michail Wilson's technical tax paper, he said.

Mr. Turner will give a written response to the goods and services tax proposal. He will submit a paper to the House of Commons in September. But before then, he wants to speak with the finance minister.

"I think we can have a really significant voice in this thing," he said.

Once local realtor is protesting the tax which he says could cause a surge of house buying in late 1990 before the tax is proposed to begin.

Co-owner of RE MAX Suburban Realty Inc. in Georgetown, Tom Reid said the GST "shouldn't affect sales at this time" but he adds, "I can see us having a strong market until that (tax) comes in".

RE MAX is forming a lobby group to oppose the GST.



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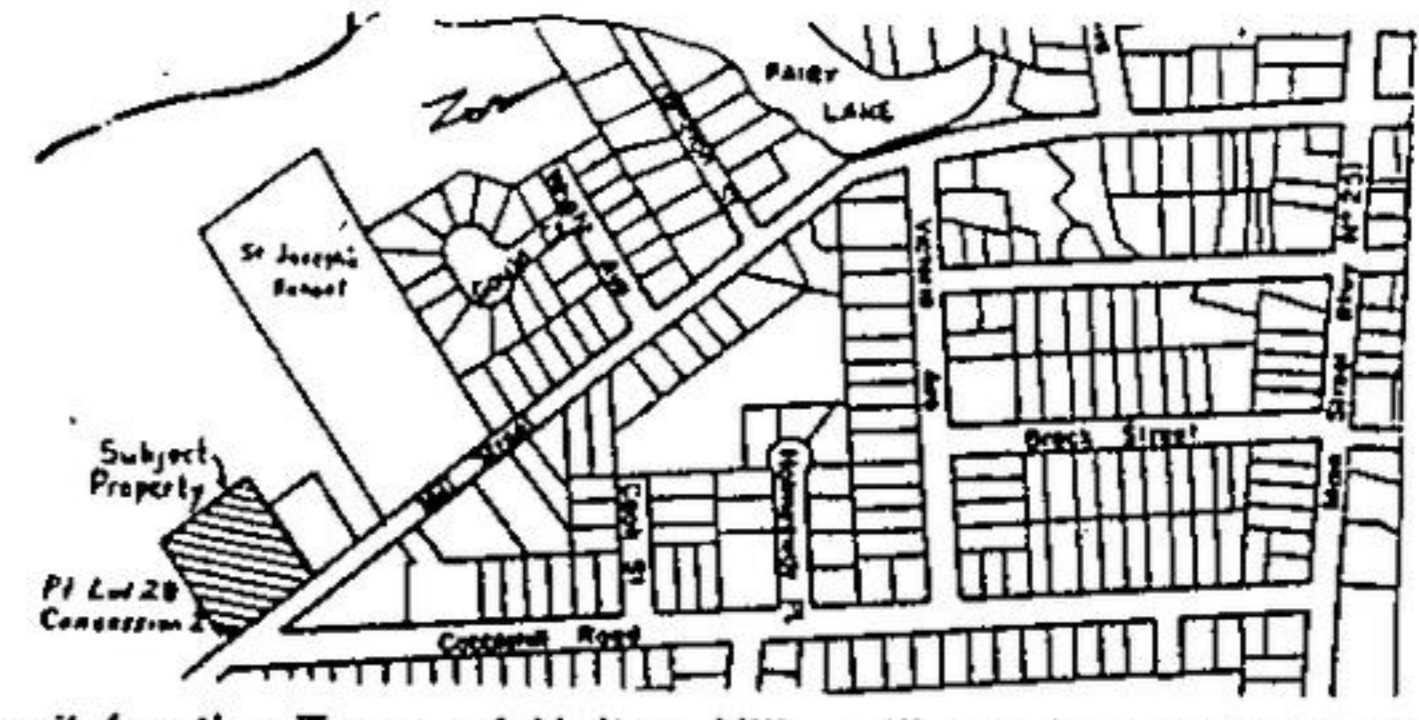
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Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed application to repeal the existing Rural (RU) Zone under By-law 74-51 in favour of a new Residential Second Density (R2) Zone under Acton Zoning By-law 1358. This will bring zoning consistency to the property in accordance with the zoning categories within the Acton Urban community and Zoning By-law 1358.


The subject property is located on the north side of Mill Street West, at the terminus of Cobblehill Road, and is described as part of south-west half Lot 28, Concession 2, Town of Halton Hills (Acton).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, August 21, 1989
Location: Halton Hills Civic Centre
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Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to the Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 74-51 in conjunction with a Plan of Subdivision consisting of 27 lots and 1 commercial block.

The subject property is located at the south-west corner of the intersection of Trafalgar Road and the Halton Hills-Erin Town Line, and is described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 7, Town of Halton Hills (Esquesing).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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