



Jim's the Key to the Jays

Toronto Blue Jays' ace pitcher Jimmy Key was on hand to help kick off the Annual Gladiola Campaign for epilepsy at Butt's Berry Farm in Huttonville last Thursday afternoon. Toronto residents Joan and Tom Mulhinch show that gladiolas were not the only order

of the day. Corn on the cob and apple pie was served up to all those who were there. Organizers hope to raise \$18,000 through the sale of gladiolas to help people with epilepsy and their families. (Herald photo)

Residents worried about water

Homeowners in both Halton Hills and Erin voiced concerns about a 27-house subdivision proposed for Ballinafad, a small community northwest of Georgetown. The area residents had a chance to discuss their concerns at a public meeting held recently at the Halton Hills Civic Centre. The meeting followed an application by Burnett Homes Ltd. to rezone 60 acres of rural property for residential use. The company also applied to the town to zone commercial a block near the Erin town line.

There were concerns that the water could be contaminated by construction, and residents feared that their wells might go dry with the increased use of water. "Since the new subdivision (in Ballinafad) has been in, I keep run-

ning out of water," said area resident Larry Laros. But before the new subdivision, he had no water problems, he said. "The house has been there for 80 or 90 years, and has never, as yet, had water problems." But Halton Hills senior planner Glenn Wellings said a Halton Regional water study from 1983 showed that the area could support the 27 approximately one-acre lots proposed by Burnett Homes. He said test drilling would be done in the area.

"The test drilling that's been done here is just for one specific parcel," Mr. Laros said in response to the planner. "You're not talking about one well running 24 hours. You're talking 27 wells." Neighbor Larry March said the subdivision is a "fairly major pro-

posal for the area." He said in view of other subdivision proposals, Halton Hills' approval of this one would be "premature."

Halton Hills staff will give a recommendation on whether or not to approve the rezoning proposal for the 27 houses and commercial lot at a later date.

Crossing guards hired

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie reacted with surprise to a Halton Hills recommendation to put two crossing guards at Georgetown intersections.

"Surely one crossing guard with a huge stop sign is sufficient," Coun. Rennie said of the intersections at Delrex Boulevard and Mountainview Road and Moore Park Crescent and Main Street.

The councillor said he is familiar with both intersections, and does not see a safety problem that would warrant doubling the town's costs.

He asked if the town would like a "row" of crossing guards. He added that the crossing guard stands in the middle of the road until children cross. Children are not led

across "like ducks."

But town engineer Bob Austin said crossing guards have refused to go out in the street when they think it could be dangerous. The glare from the sun blinds some drivers, Mr. Austin said.

"People have to stand out there in front of these moving vehicles. (An extra crossing guard) may be a small price to pay."

Town staff completed a report after hearing that there were several near-accidents involving pedestrians at the two Georgetown intersections.

Two crossing guards will be hired to increase visibility at those corners.

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