

## Sunday shopping opposed

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Knechtel Georgetown Food Market opened last year to a rage of public outcry. Store owner Bob Creasy said his business was new, and he wanted to pick up some of the sales that go to local fruit markets. But people threatened to boycott his store if he opened Sunday.

"Public reaction was immediate," Mr. Creasy said. "The primary reason I closed Sunday is because of the reaction I got."

Both Mr. Creasy and his wife Pat oppose Sunday opening on a more personal level. Mrs. Creasy said Sunday openings are "going to create just another business day." Allowing chain stores to open would cause a "chain reaction," she said. "It takes away a distinctive day off."

Local grocery chain managers say they have heard no news from their head offices to confirm the Sunday opening.

Guelph Street Loblaws assistant manager Lorne Mackie said there was a letter from the company's president saying that the stores might open Sunday, but nothing is definite.

Guelph Street Miracle Food Mart manager Chris Bootland said he "personally" dislikes Sunday opening, but says in the Mississauga store where he worked before, employees were willing to work Sunday shifts.

Sunday would cost the company, which is unionized, double-time, Mr. Bootland said.

Grocery stores in rural areas will not feel the direct blow of large grocery chain competition if the Regional government grants the chains an exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act.

Margaret Webster, owner of the Ballinacree Farm Market on Trafalgar Road said Sunday openings would "hurt us, yes." But "you can't do much about it if you have a majority of people who want it."

But Mrs. Webster said many people will not want to go to large stores and travel across five or six aisles to find two or three grocery items.

"They grab their milk, they grab their bread. It's right at hand here," she said. "People can get out of here in two minutes."

The Limehouse General Store in that hamlet will not feel the crunch of competition as strongly as Highway 7 retailers will, owner Delia Gaskill-Cadwallader said.

"The nature of this community is that they don't want to go into town."

"On Sunday, people just want to stick around home. The last thing they want is a hustle and bustle."

But Ms. Gaskill-Cadwallader said the final decision will be made by shoppers. "The people that want it will go for it. The people who don't want it will stay home."

Halton Region is scheduled to file a report on Sunday shopping that will include public reaction to Sunday shopping and a report on stores presently open under provincial exemptions. But Burlington Coun. Rob Forbes said recently that this Region does not want to set a precedent for regions across Ontario by exempting grocery chains from the Sunday closing law.

The committee for fair shopping is scheduled to go before several Regional councils in the metro area and will lobby Halton Region for Sunday opening, members say.

## Libraries need 16,000 books

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A report presented to town councillors says the libraries - one located at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre in Georgetown, the other near Main Street in Acton - are 37 per cent below spacing needs, according to standards outlined by the Ontario ministry of culture and communications, for an area of between 30,000 and 50,000 people. Four sources averaged in the library board report say Halton Hills population will increase from its present 35,000 to 47,763 in 2001.

By 2001, the library board predicts a "significant shortfall" in services.

The report says that library space in Acton should be "twice that currently held." Space in the Georgetown library should be 50 per cent larger to meet present needs.

The library board says visitors get "turned off" or "turned away" by the shortage of user stations. "Only 28 user stations currently exist in the Acton Library and a minimum of 51 is required to serve the current Acton and area population" of 10,103 people, the report says.

Georgetown and its outlying areas is short 45 user stations to service its population of 24,086 people.

The library would need about 10 full-time staff to meet projected requirements for 2001, when Acton is expected to grow to 11,276 people (using the average of four population projections in the library board report). Georgetown is expected to reach a population of 36,307 by 2001.

The library board is willing to look at several expansion options for the library facilities. A new site could be built for Acton or Georgetown, the present site in Acton could be expanded, or the library could enter into a "joint venture" with another community service.

Town councillors heard that the area study for Halton Hills is soon to be released. Mrs. Cornwell said the library board would consider being housed with a new arena if a study that includes space for a library is approved.

The town funds about 90 per cent of the library's costs. The provincial government provides about 10 per cent, Acton Coun. Norm Elliott

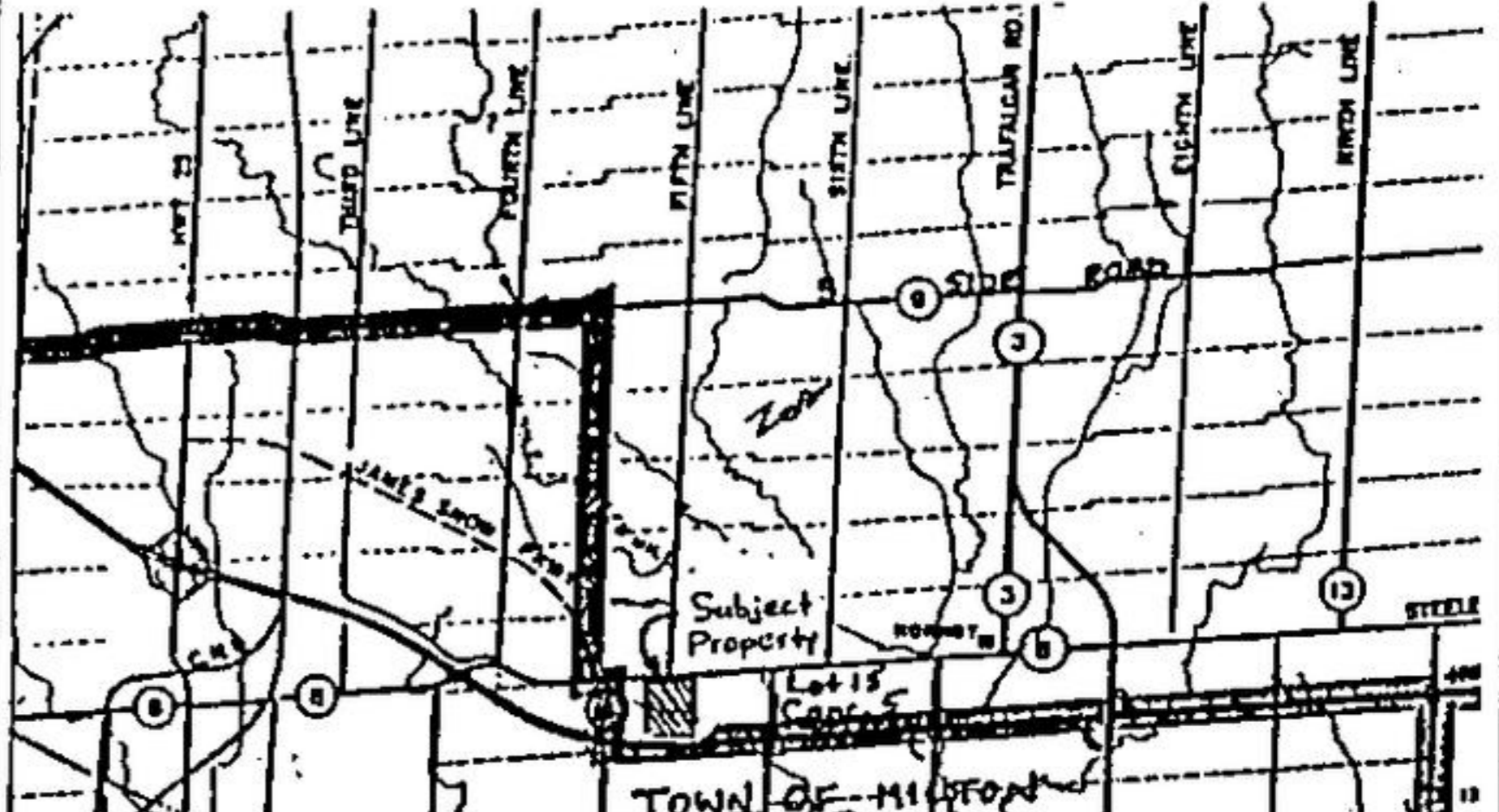
said. Mr. Elliott, himself a representative on the library board, said a report to be written by the committee to review library needs should be completed in three months.

It would cost about \$900,000 to fund the library's present space needs at the cost of \$100 per square foot. It would cost \$1.5 million to fund the town's space needs for a projected population of 30,406 people in 1995.

The library report says that the town will need an additional 39,000 books by 2001, and another 33,000 books in 1995. At today's prices, 39,000 books would cost \$975,000 to buy and process. The books needed for 1995 would cost \$825,000.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
WARD 2/STEELES AVE./HIGHWAY 401/  
JAMES SNOW PARKWAY



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss an industrial plan of subdivision and rezoning proposal for a variety of uses relating to the trucking industry.

The subject property is located on the south side of Steeles Avenue, east of the James Snow Parkway/Highway 401 interchange with the property being described as Part Lot 15, Concession 5, Town of Halton Hills (Oakville).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.  
**ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.**

Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Date: Monday, November 13, 1989  
Location: Council Chambers  
Halton Hills Civic Centre  
1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown, Halton Hills

Ad. No. 1165 File No.: H-86-004-B

## Halton councillors dispute survey

Halton Regional councillors said last week that a survey presented by four top food store chain executives to support their claim that Halton Region wants Sunday shopping, is invalid.

A survey produced by Goldfarb Consultants for the committee for fair shopping, which includes representation from A and P and Dominion, Miracle Food Mart, Loblaws Supermarkets Ltd. and the Oshawa Group Ltd., says 73 per cent of Halton residents say stores should be allowed to open Sunday.

Three-quarters of the 304 people surveyed over the telephone said they would like the option of shopping Sunday.

The survey says 58 per cent of residents now shop on Sunday.

Burlington Coun. Tony Whitworth said there is no solid basis for the interview procedure.

"This is only based on 304 interviews. I haven't, in any scan of this (survey report), seen where these people were interviewed and at what time."

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale


said a fair representative sample for a survey include 11 per cent of the population and should survey at least 350 people.

"Quite frankly, I'm surprised at this sampling," the Oakville mayor said. "Is there any willingness to accept he who pays the piper plays the tune," she asked Loblaws president David Stewart and A and P and Dominion executive vice president Wayne Luedtke.

Mr. Stewart said he "can't see

any way these numbers (in the survey) could have been manipulated." He said Goldfarb Consultants has 30 years experience in the industry and the survey is at a "95-per-cent level of competence."

Mr. Stewart argued that even if the survey results were slightly wrong, a "50-50 split" between those who want Sunday shopping and those who don't, should produce some Regional research.



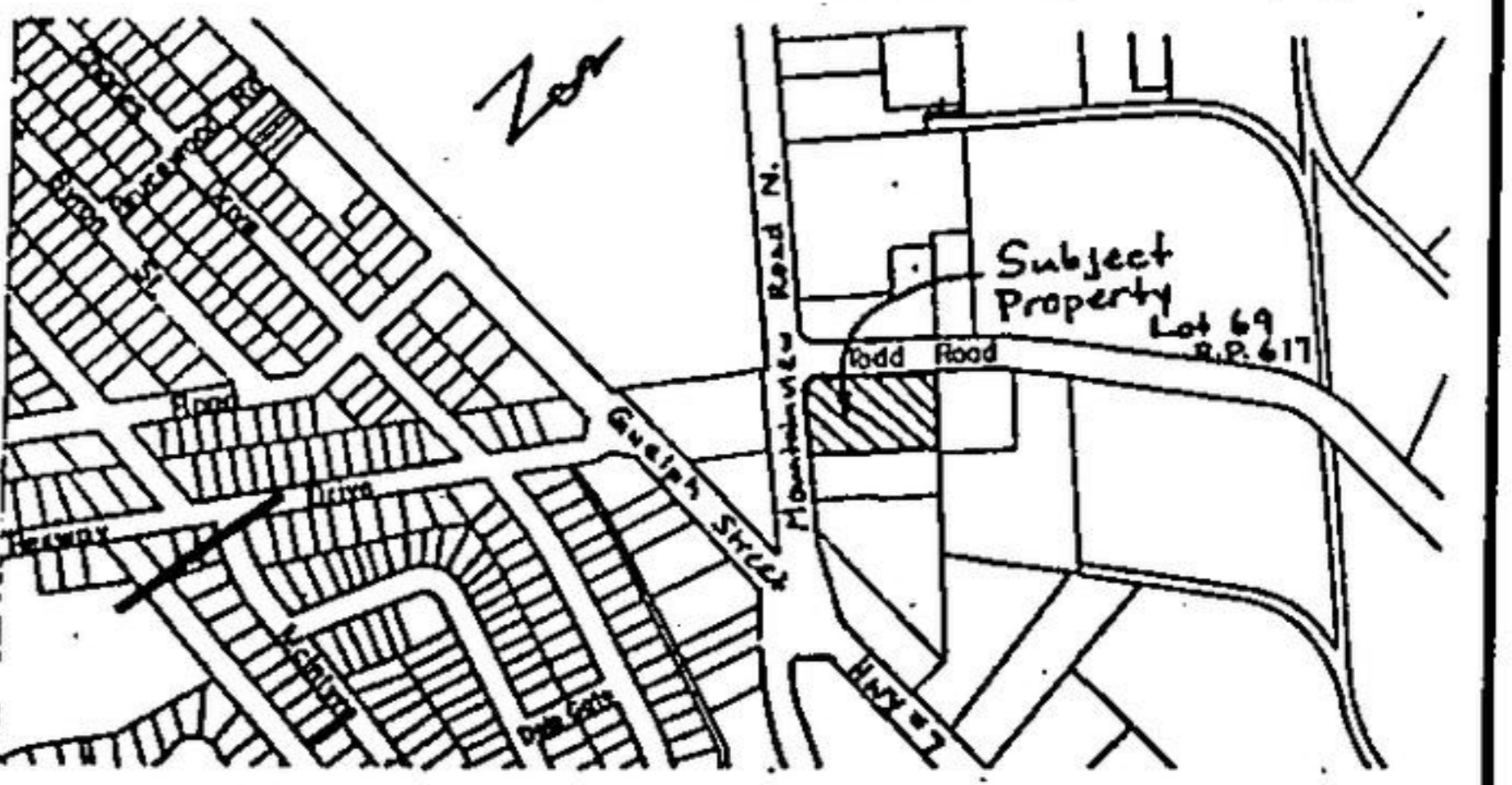
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
WARD 1/MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD NORTH/TODD ROAD



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 57-91 to rezone a property from M2 (Industrial) to C2 (General Commercial) to provide for a broad range of commercial uses.

The subject property is located on the south-east corner at the intersection of Todd Road and Mountainview Road North, with the property being described as Part Lot 69, Registered Plan 617, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.  
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