

# Town wants to study effects of flooding in Glen Williams

Future developments in Glen Williams will not be considered by the town until a study is completed showing the effects building will have on flooding in the area, council decided Monday night.

This resolution has no effect on Meagan Developments subdivision at Lot 21 and Concession 9 in Glen Williams.

Council also directed town staff to seek money from Meagan Developments to help fund a possible storm sewer on Wildwood Road that would intercept the Credit River tributary to reduce the amount of flooding in the area caused by storms. The town could use the money in another area or storm water management, depend-

ding on the results of the study.

Meagan Developments, using an engineering report by the Rand consulting firm, argues that a storm sewer would only reduce flooding of properties in the Wildwood Road and Confederation Street area by four per cent.

Rand engineers looked at several ways to reduce the flooding in this area resulting from different levels of storms and concluded the storm sewer would be the best solution.

But they argue that a four per cent reduction in flooding due to a storm sewer is a relatively negligible amount. Meagan was unwilling therefore to pay the \$46,000 for the storm sewer.

The town's administrative clerk, Dan Costea, said legally the town could require Meagan to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the town to cover four per cent of the cost of the storm sewer. This is the dollar equivalent to the amount of flooding Meagan Developments is adding to the area.

Mr. Costea said the town would expect Meagan to act as a good corporate citizen and contribute more than the four per cent. But he acknowledged that legally the town is in an "iffy" position to ask for more than the four per cent.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott was adamant that Meagan should be required to enter into a cost-sharing agreement.

He speculated there would be further applications from developers to build in Glen Williams which eventually would require additional storm sewer construction. But if Meagan doesn't have a cost-sharing arrangement then the town would effectively give up its right to ask Meagan for payment in the future, he said.

Coun. Joe Hewitt agreed with cost-sharing in principle but he argued a \$46,000 storm sewer wouldn't be sufficient in size to handle further development in the area.



Co-op closes up

The Georgetown Co-op closed down over the weekend by auctioning everything they could to the public. The auction started at 10:30 to a full house. The United Co-operators of Ontario is the largest farm supply business in the province. Most of the farmers around Halton Hills are selling their farms, said Bill Chamberlain, retail manager. He noted the farmers who are still in town can still go to either the Milton or Erin Co-operator stores. A lot of people at the auction were not farmers. Here Herb Levi, a Georgetown senior citizen, went to the auction looking to buy some plywood, oil and paint. (Herald photo)

# Halton wants to recycle in the Region's schools

The first step in a long process to bring recycling to Halton Hills schools was taken by the Halton Board of Education at a meeting Jan. 25.

The board approved a grant application to the provincial government to help start up the ministry of environment's new program called "Student Action for Recycling" or STAR.

The total grant application was for \$73,000. Half of a recycling manager's salary, \$25,000, will be paid for by the grant. The other \$48,000 will go towards paying for the necessary equipment to collect and store the school's recyclable materials.

Superintendent of business services Jerry Jenkins submitted the grant application to the board for approval.

Mr. Jenkins said the STAR program is a long-term project. He also noted that in its first year a lot of attitudes will have to be changed for the program to be successful.

The provincial government's commitment to the STAR program is only for one year, he noted.

Although he was questioned about the need for a recycling co-ordinator, Mr. Jenkins said he believes there is a need for one to prepare a comprehensive recycling plan and supervise its day-to-day operation.

The co-ordinator will also be the board's chief contact with the municipal recycling co-ordinator, the materials collector, the fire department, the ministry of the environment and the school's "recycling leaders."

Burlington trustee Linda Glover told the board she believes "as trustees we need to make a statement." She noted the school board influences 40,000 or more children.

Halton Hills trustee Dick Howitt pointed out to the board, "we will be doing nothing more than approving the grant application to the province." He said the board does not need to approve the staff at the meeting.

Mr. Jenkins said if the staff member is not approved at a later date the application will simply be turned down at that point.

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