

# Group wants a town art and history museum



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IDEAS AND THE ARTS

To somebody who came to Georgetown in 1955 this town has changed and grown beyond recognition. Not all the changes have been improvements. On the long stretch from Maple Avenue to the Georgetown Motor Inn all the plazas, large and small, with their individual parking lots in front, are architecturally hideous. One of the wonders of our age is that all these dreadful buildings were designed by people with university degrees, whereas the well-proportioned old buildings in town were designed by small town and village masons and carpenters. How come? I have no explanation for it. The only things worth a glance along this shopping highway are the towering signs. I wish they were even bigger and more attention-grabbing. They are, after all, a kind of public sculpture.

Old Georgetown, of course, is much nicer now than 30 years ago. You can feel, walking through the old town, that people are finally proud of their heritage, of the old stores and Victorian churches and the fine old homes in the Park District and near the Station. They

are restoring them and adding to them. They treat them as heirlooms. Which makes me think that the time has arrived to plan a museum.

We are having an archive filled with artifacts documenting the past of our town, from photographs to maps and newspaper clippings, to letters and diaries. All these things that, by design or accident, outlast time and eventually become such priceless witnesses for past manners and fashions. On top of this we have many art works of quality that have been donated to us and it looks as if we might get a lot more of them before the year 2000. The town will also have many more inhabitants, according to the designs of the planning board, that were published recently in the local press.

Keeping all this in mind, wouldn't it be a splendid thing to make a Halton Hills History and Art Museum our community project for the year 2000? I remember the opening of the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre almost nine years ago. Quite a few people criticized the expense of that building at the time. Yet today we all know that the opening of that building marked a turning point in Georgetown's history. The arts are here to stay now, artists have moved to our town since the centre opened, tourists have discovered Halton Hills and are spending their dollars here.

Think of what a drawing card a Halton Hills history and art museum could be, a museum that natives and visitors alike could enjoy and be proud of. We could get from other museums exhibitions that we can not have now, because our present facilities are not up to museum standards. Every time we had a special exhibition in this museum, people would come to Georgetown to see it and go home to sing the praises of this gracious and civilized community.

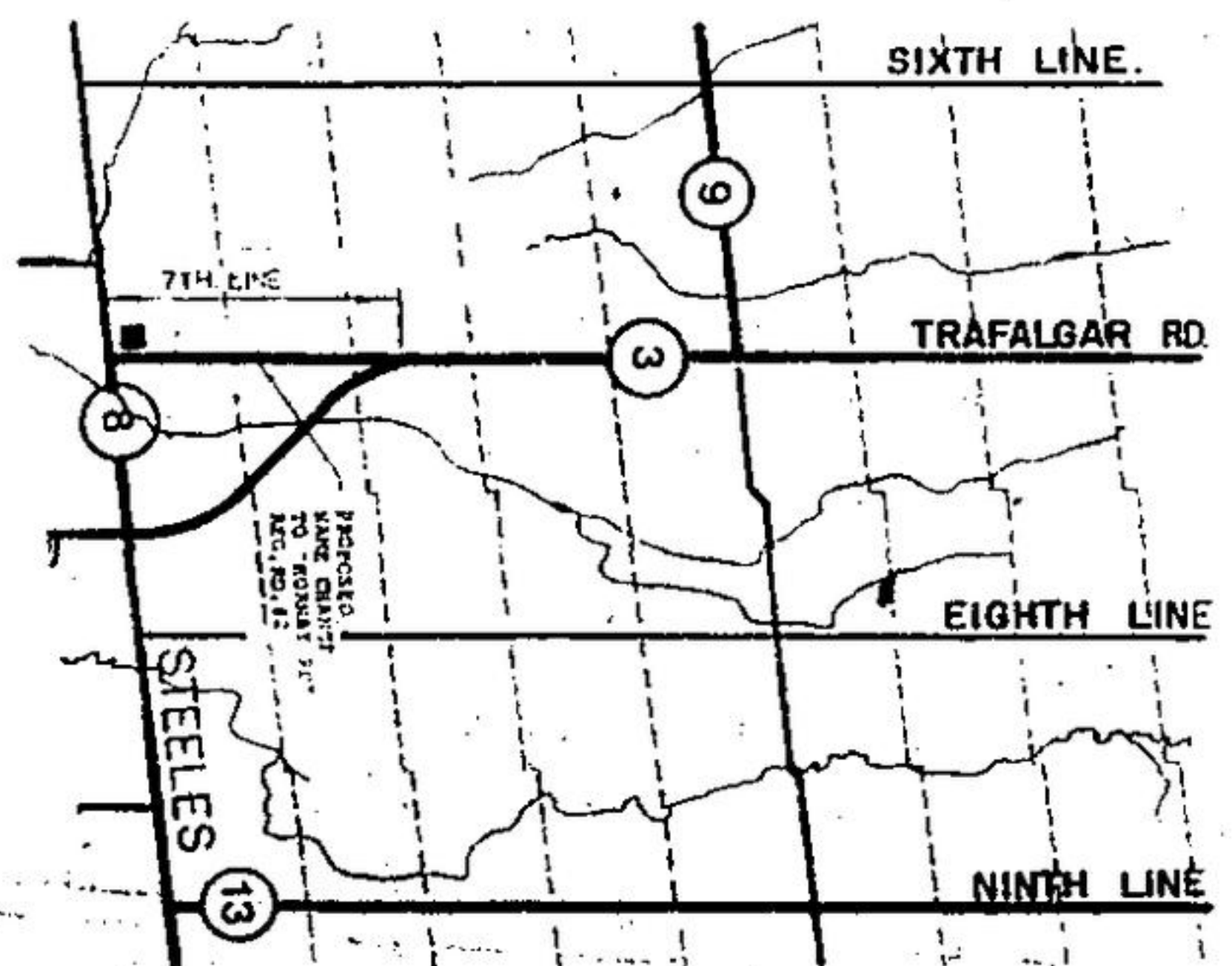
If you like the idea of a Halton Hills history and art museum, join "The Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries" at the gala opening of the exhibition "Hidden Bounty" at the gallery of the Cultural Centre in Georgetown on April 1 at 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. "The Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries" are looking for many new members to help them in their attempt to make a proper museum in this town a reality. This is a major project that will not come about over night. Only a community with zest and enthusiasm will bring about something so big and so worthy. Please give your help. "Hidden Bounty" is an exhibition made up from art works that have been bought by the Georgetown Library Board or been given to the board by private collectors and artists. This board is hidden now. The exhibition makes an attempt to show at least a few of these treasures to the community that owns them.

One day, if we work together and make the right decisions, we might have a permanent place to display most of them all the time.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Renaming of the Seventh Line (Regional Road No. 3A), between Steeles Ave. and Trafalgar Road, Town of Halton Hills, to Hornby Road (Regional Road No. 2).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 210, subsection 105, of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 302 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on **May 23, 1990**, to pass a by-law for the renaming of the Seventh Line (Regional Road No. 3A), between Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road, Town of Halton Hills, to Hornby Road (Regional Road No. 2).



On **May 16, 1990** at 9:30 a.m., in Committee Room No. 1 at the Regional Administration Building, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council through the Planning and Public Works Committee will hear in person, or by his/her Counsel, any person who claims he/she will be adversely affected by the by-law and who applies to the Regional Clerk, no later than **April 20, 1990** to be heard.

Rebecca Bentham  
Acting Regional Clerk



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