

Body found

The body found in the search for missing Vivian Bremner has been taken to the forensic identification lab in Toronto for laser examination, OPP say.

The body was found May 2 at Concession 4, Lot 27 in Erin, but has not been positively identified as Ms. Bremner, police say.

Ms. Bremner went missing as she was heading for a flag football practice in Georgetown, in a 1986 Merkur at around 10 a.m., April 29.

Timothy Harpur, 21, of Erin, has been arrested for first degree murder and faced a bail hearing on May 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Guelph provincial court.

Halton gets \$1.5 million for growth study

Halton Region will receive a \$1.5 million boost from the provincial government to help the Region plan for future growth.

The money will go towards the second phase of the Region's urban structure review - a planning study that the Region's staff estimated earlier this year would cost \$4.3 million. The review's purpose is to examine how best to accommodate residential, industrial, commercial, institutional and green space land uses in the Region.

The staff will soon bring a report to council on how much the Region will have to pay for the review to

happen.

The province's minister of municipal affairs, John Sweeney, who made the announcement, said "Halton is a pioneer in the development of urban structure strategies." The pilot project could become a blueprint for future Provincial/Regional Planning," he added.

As part of the review, a consultation process involving environmentalists, special interest groups, the private sector and the general public will happen.

To ensure proper growth in

Halton, the Region is proposing the province make a multi-year financial commitment to Halton. The Region can then plan for the future instead of its current practice of adjusting its plans to yearly provincial funding grants, said Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy.

The province agrees "in principle" with this idea, said Mr. Sweeney. A committee will be set up of representatives from the province, the Region and area municipalities to consider different long-term funding methods.

New columnists

The Herald Outlook welcomes two new regular columnists to its lifestyles pages this week.

Les Mellish is the president of the Georgetown Seniors Association - the group which is seeking to build a seniors recreation centre in town. His first column appears on Page 8 today.

Laurie Burns is a well-known fitness expert in town. She will be giving readers tips on how to get fit in the Herald Outlook each week.

You can find Laurie also on Page 8 this week.



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Residents protest Acton development



Musical clowns

These clowns are in junior kindergarten at St. Frances of Assisi school in Georgetown. They were part of a musical extravaganza called Clowns, put on by the whole school - about 200 students - for parents on Tuesday night. Front from left: Francey Cambouris, Stavros Leou,

Bradley Henderson and Gregory Gougeon. Back from left: Brian Cadger, Darryl McPhee, Matthew Bergmann and Elizabeth Venning. (Herald Photo by Brian MacLeod)

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

About 80 Acton residents showed up at a town public meeting last Monday night to protest a developer's plan to build 36 townhouses and apartments between the Cook Street terminus and Victoria Avenue in Acton.

The residents, whose houses surround the proposed cooperative housing development, told town councillors the project is too large for the property, would create environmental and social problems and would devalue the resale value of some of their houses.

No members of the public appeared at the meeting in support of the development.

Councillors will receive a town report on the public meeting in a few weeks, at which time they will debate and then vote on the issue. To build 16 townhouses and 20 apartments, the developers - Cobblehill Homes Corporation - need the town to amend the area's current zoning bylaw.

Several residents said the development will cause flooding in those 7000 sq ft houses where the backyards are just down from the property.

A drainage problem would result because there are no storm sewers on Church or Victoria Streets, said one resident. But the developer's architect, Wilf Ussner, said a preliminary engineering study shows a storm sewer system running from the development to Black Creek can be built to protect neighboring residents from flooding.

The town's engineer, Bob Austin, confirmed the study's findings.

People argued the soil on the property is unsuitable for the housing project. The soil is, in some places, pure white sand, said one man.

Mr. Ussner again pointed to a study as proof the soil was suitable - at which time the man jumped in and said "I beg to differ."

Mr. Ussner acknowledged the residents' fear and said trees will

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