

LETTERS

Reader opposes condos

Editor's note: The following letter to Halton Hills planning director Ian Keith was filed with the Herald for publication.

Re: Application for Re-zoning - Lot 17, Concession 8, Halton Hills (Georgetown) Ontario. - Proposed Condominium Development. Dear Mr. Keith:

I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms and to formally go on record to state my opposition to the application made to the Town of Halton Hills by 870215 and 815519 Ontario Ltd. in their request to make amendments to The Official Plan, Section 7.8 and to the Zoning Bylaws 57-91 and 74-51.

This proposal for a condominium development on this site is completely inappropriate in our 'park' area, an area that is quietly proud of its place in our community. This is an area that is used by the whole town, an area where we all share the Civic Centre, the fairgrounds, schools, library, parks and churches.

This exploitation of the com-

munity in search of profits is unconscionable and I believe that the town council and the planning department have a responsibility to the public to not allow our town to be 'raped' by developers. As of now there seems to be a lack of regard for planning in both the short and long term, which I believe demands a special resilience and resourcefulness to control.

Perhaps more importantly, our success will demonstrate that many hundreds of people speaking with one voice can be a challenge to those developers who cause us so much stress and mental anguish and are quite confident before they buy property, that they can change an established area that has R1 zoning status to R4 zoning status. I object to this blatant disregard for our community and as a resident of 39 years, paying R1 level taxes for 26 years, I have a right to protest.

Dr. Esme Ball
Georgetown.

\$8.00 shock

Editor's note: The following letter was filed with The Herald for publication.

Dear Mr. Miller:

While attending an evening recital at the John Elliott Theatre, I was shocked to discover that an \$8.00 parking ticket had been placed on my windshield at 8:40 p.m. I noticed similar tickets on several other cars.

I have resided in Georgetown for 35 years and never imagined that the parking meters were operating after 6:00 in the evening. I do not know of another community where this ridiculous annoyance exists.

I encourage others to inform the council and BIA (Business Im-

provement Assoc.) that the revenue collected during the evening hours could not possibly be worth this harassment.

Sincerely,
Brenda Sisnett,
Georgetown.

Dear Sir:

I have just finished writing a cheque to the township for the taxes and I am still burning. I know some who are simply not paying at this time as they cannot afford it and of course they will have to pay interest.

Which brings me to my first point. Are the dates of payment deliberately designed to incur penalty interest? June 27 and Sept. 26 coincide with nothing in the working peoples world. As both dates fall on a Wednesday, they do not help the weekly wage earner. Worse the dates are a killer for those paid monthly. Twenty-seven days have gone by since your last cheque and this tax bill saluting our politicians and school trustees extravagance sits waiting to be paid from an empty checking account.

So to add insult to injury many are going to pay interest on top of this grossly inflated tax bill.

A second point is the delightful news from our local Hydro that our bill is to increase by 15%. Mr. Trudell, general manager, informs us that the increase of 7.9% due to inflation and power cost increases plus Mr. Wilson's seven per cent will encounter no opposition from the Ontario Energy Board as it is within the provincial guidelines.

Mr. Crow continues to bludgeon us with high interest rates to get inflation below five per cent and from government and their fellow travellers comes a non-stop flow of defeating price increases.

Reader 'burning' over tax bill

A third point for this report is the No Fault Insurance Plan. I thought this was going to reduce costs. Not so as the costs are going up a minimum of 8 per cent with the government's blessing.

But I digress, and the local scene

is where we, the local population, can watch and criticize the spending habits of politicians and trustees. Be watchful. Be vigilant. We can get local increases down to the cost of living!
D.B. Morrow
Norval.

Town needs vision

Dear Editor:

The proposed high-rise condominiums on Maple Avenue should not concern just the people in the immediate neighborhood. This development highlights an issue affecting all Georgetown citizens. Namely, what will our town look like in the future?

I, like many others, am alarmed and horrified at the prospect of Georgetown being mass-developed like our neighbouring communities of Brampton and Mississauga. Farmland and green space continue to be eaten up, clearing the way for high-rises, industrial "parks," strip malls and houses. In most cases, the houses, which stretch as far as the eye can see, are tightly crammed together. One gets the impression that if the developers could have stacked them one on top of the other, they would have done so.

If you don't believe this is happening to Georgetown, look at the

development south of Hungry Hollow and travel to the empty hole on Maple Avenue where one of Georgetown's older homes was demolished to make way for a condominium.

Right now, Georgetown is a charming town, with few traffic problems, little crime, clean air and space to breathe it in. Do we really want to change this? Georgetown does not have to become a mini-metropolis.

If you, too, are concerned about Georgetown's future, please make it known. We must act now if we want sensible and controlled development. Write the mayor. Call your councillor. Join the growing band of citizens opposing these developments.

Make it known that developers are not the only ones with a vision for Georgetown.

Sincerely,
Michele Fisher,
Georgetown.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

GEORGETOWN & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



The Annual Meeting of the Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital will be held in the Recreation Room on the ground floor of the Bennett Health Care Centre at 7:00 P.M. on June 28, 1990. Honorable Life Members and 1990 Members are urged to attend.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 22, 1989.
2. Reports.
3. By-law Amendments.
4. Appointment of Auditors.
5. Presentation by Andy Barry, morning talk show host on CFRB Radio.
6. Other Business.
7. Election of Directors.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

G. Goebelle, F.C.A.
Chairman Of The Board

M. Rochon
Secretary



RABIES

The Health Department has received notification from Agriculture Canada of positive rabies in wild animals in Halton Hills.

The animals involved are foxes and raccoons. These incidents have raised a number of questions on the subject from concerned citizens. The following are some facts about Rabies in Halton:

Rabies is an invariably fatal infectious disease transmitted to humans through the saliva of a rabid animal.

Ontario has the distinction of having the highest concentration of rabid animals in North America. Foxes and skunks are the principal transmitters of the disease. They, in turn, infect livestock, dogs, cats and other animals. Humans may become involved through contact with any infected animal but it is dogs and cats which account for the majority of exposures, particularly in the warmer months when they are permitted to run loose in rural and semi-rural areas.

While the incidence of the diagnosed animal rabies in Halton is low when compared with the rest of Ontario, there is no room for complacency. There are certain simple, basic precautions we can all take to reduce the risk of exposure to the disease. These are:

- Have your dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies by your local veterinarian.
- Keep dogs and cats on a leash.
- Don't pet or pick up stray cats or dogs or other animals, particularly those which are acting strangely or appear to be injured.

If rabies contact is suspected, thoroughly wash the affected area with soap and water and then apply an antiseptic. Immediately consult a doctor and the local Medical Officer of Health. Rabies treatment may be required.

If you feel that you may have been exposed to rabies, or if you wish additional information, please contact Mr. David Stronach, Environmental, Communicable Disease Co-ordinator at Halton Regional Health Department: 878-8113 - Halton Hills.

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