

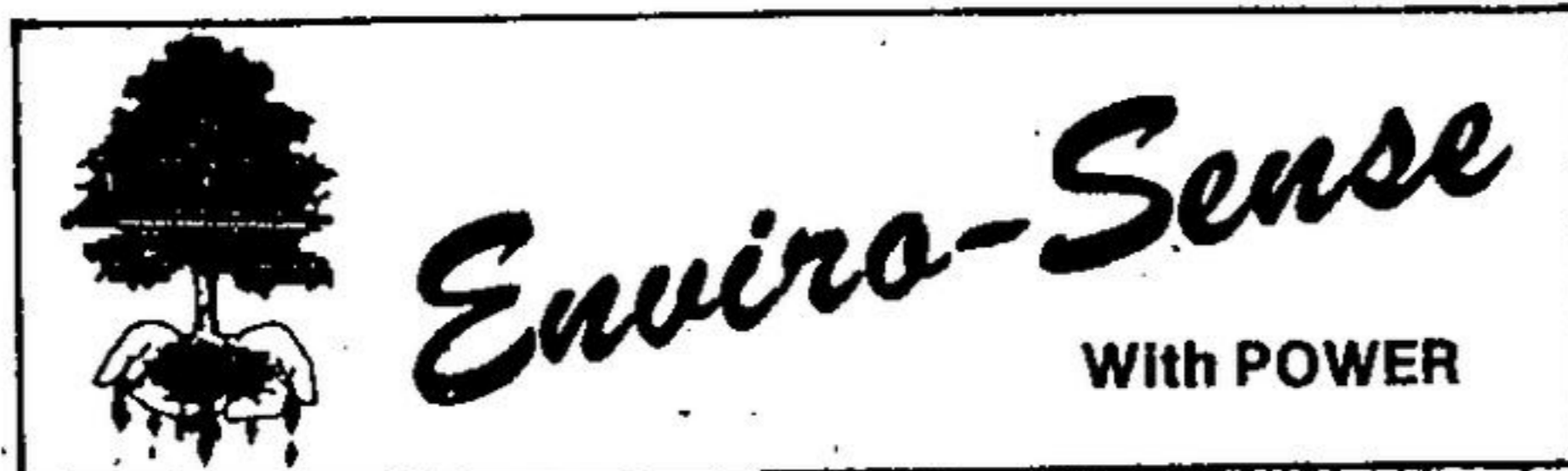
Environment

Environmentalists leaves valuable legacy

Many readers may have known John Alexander as a Caledon councillor or a member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Some of you probably read a column that John wrote for Enviro-sense that appeared on June 23, 1990 on the importance of becoming involved. Still others may have heard him speak in April at P.O.W.E.R.'s Earth Day celebration.

John died recently and all who work to protect the environment are deeply saddened. Anyone who met him could not help but be touched by his good humour and warm manner.

Less well known is the work that John Alexander was doing to protect the escarpment. John had worked to bring the escarpment



to the attention of UNESCO and took great satisfaction in seeing it named a Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations.

The Niagara Escarpment is recognized as one of the world's natural wonders. The escarpment is landform that dates back to 450 million years to a time when the area lay under a shallow warm sea. Now this is known geologically as the Michigan Basin. The outer rim of the saucer is the escarpment edge. In Ontario there are more than 100 sites of geological significance including some of the best exposures of rocks and fossils of the Silurian and Ordovician Period (400-500 million years old) to be found anywhere in the world. Escarpment natural areas contain more than 300 species of birds, 53 species of mammals, 36

species of reptiles and amphibians, 90 fish species, and 100 varieties of 'special interest flora', including 37 types of wild orchids. The escarpment also has 1,000 year old trees discovered by University of Guelph, biologist Dr. Doug Larson.

John founded the Niagara Escarpment Alliance to encourage the preservation of the escarpment in the United States as well as in Ontario. Last summer he took his holiday time to travel to New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin to promote the alliance. Prof. Meeker of Brock University, John Minns from Glen Williams, David Hughes from Caledon and John Alexander's son, Jay, play to carry on with that project.

By his example of persistence in spite of ill health, John Alexander inspires others to work for the protection of what is important. Others must now take up the torch so that the gains that John made will not be lost.

John Alexander supported amendment No. 52 which removes "waste disposal or management" as a permitted utility in the Niagara Escarpment lands. The Niagara Escarpment public hearing for that amendment will begin on December 3rd, 10 a.m. at Halton Hills Civic Center. Naturalists,

Bruce Trail members and all who love the escarpment should support the amendment and attend the hearing.

You can make a difference. John Alexander did.

Hear Anne Reeves at P.O.W.E.R.'s Annual General Meeting, 8 p.m., Wednesday, November 28th at Georgetown District High School.

Correction: The telephone number that appeared in last week's article was incorrect. If you want to reach John McKillop from the Bronte Creek Project at the camp, call 854-2584.

I.C.E. meeting

Incineration Counteracts the Environment (I.C.E.) will be holding a public meeting to discuss various environmental issues, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary School in Milton.

Guest speakers include local Halton Hills environmentalist Diane Vandevalk and Michael Degruchy of the Toronto group, Citizens for a Safe Environment.

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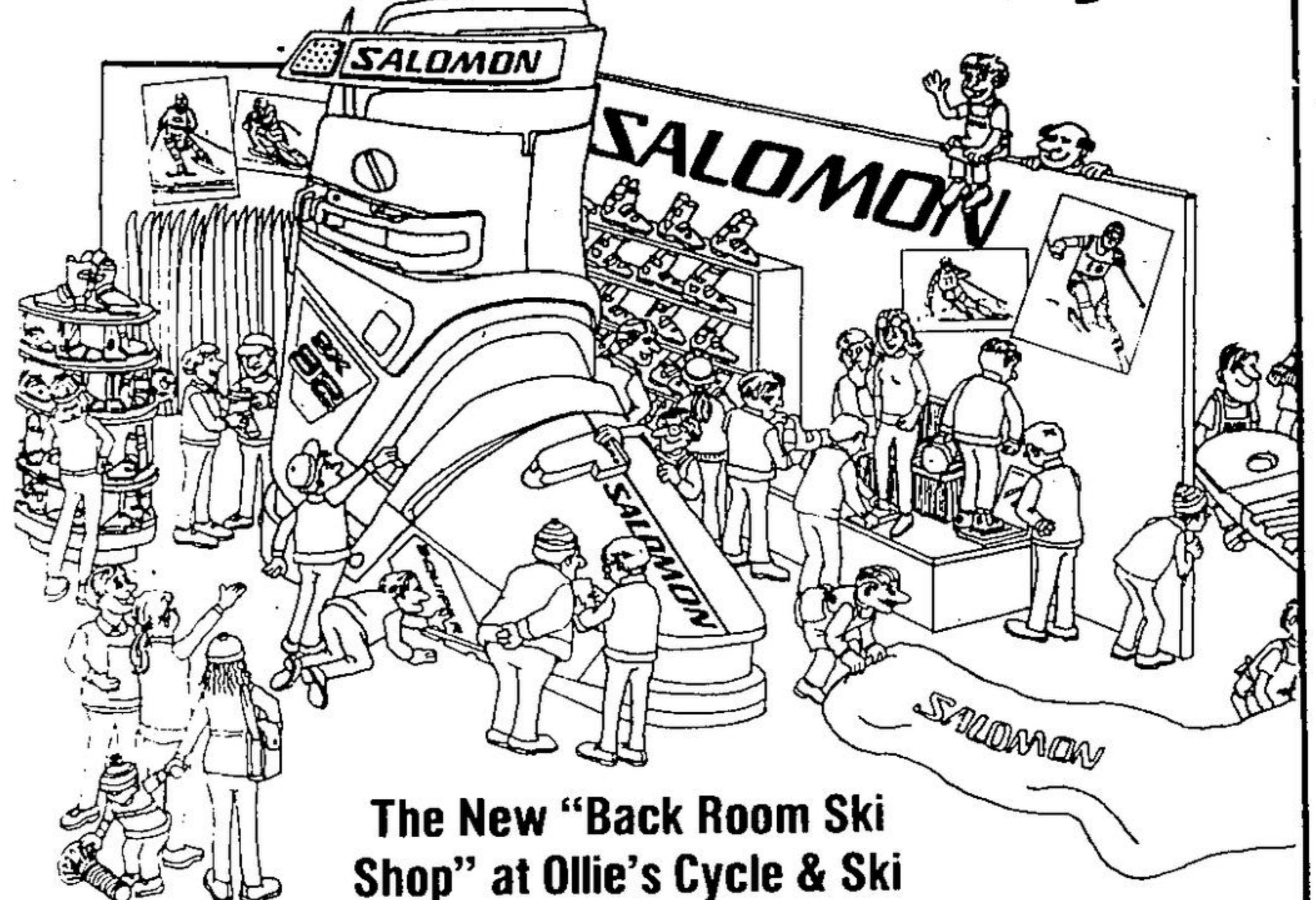
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
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(Guelph/McFarlane Streets)

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a modification of the land use designatin in the Halton Hills Official Plan. The proposed modification involves lands described in Part of Lots 13, 14 and 15, Concession XI, Town of Halton Hills, commonly referred to as the Upper Canada College lands. The purpose of the modification is to respond to a deferral by Upper Canada College of certain policies in the Halton Hills Official Plan. The deferral deals with the land use and environment policies of the Halton Hills Official Plan. Further information is available in the Planning Department. ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, December 3, 1990
Location: Council Chambers
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills (Georgetown)
File No.: D08-UP-DEF.

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