

Community

Highland Games losing public's support

The Georgetown Highland Games Association considered the possibility of holding next year's games later in the summer in an attempt to improve over this year's attendance figures at a meeting Thursday.

The idea of holding the games on the July 1st weekend instead of in early June, as has been the tradition, said Association president Marty Hughes, is something being discussed but it will be some time before a final decision is made. That would only happen if the fairgrounds were available and the association wasn't infringing on any events put on by other groups, he said.

Having the games later in the summer may attract more people because this is the time when the eight or nine other highland games in Ontario happen, said Mr. Hughes. He suggested the Georgetown games would benefit from "spill over advertising" connected with the other games if the date was changed.

The various other games are each separated by a week, so each benefits from each other's advertising campaign, explained Mr. Hughes. The Georgetown games however are a month earlier so it misses out on some of that publicity, he said.

Mr. Hughes explained the association is having to consider new ways of marketing the games because attendance figures "have just not been

enough." Approximately "2,500 people attended the Scottish festival this summer in Georgetown resulting in a loss of \$3,000," said associa-

tion treasurer Colin Munro. The 1990 attendance figures are down almost 6,000 from the association's peak of 8,000 seven or eight years ago, he said.

Police Task Force planned

After almost three months in the planning stage, 11 Division Halton Regional Police will be sending a "proactive task force" into the community starting Jan. 1, said Staff Inspector Richard Kivell.

Four officers will be on the task force, one from every platoon, Insp. Kivell explained, and each month a new officer will come on, taking the place of one task force member.

They "will work on whatever we determine is a problem area," he said, adding that the officers will "be seen" by members of the community, for example parking their cruisers and walking around neighbourhoods. "They may even stop in for a cup of tea," he added.

Although Insp. Kivell and Inspector Ean Algar have met with several members of the com-

munity in recent months regarding vandalism in the area, they say that this task force was thought of long before any of the meetings with residents and councillors took place.

"We like to think in the future," said Insp. Kivell, "to provide the best level of service in the community."

Regarding vandalism on public property, Tom Shepard, Director of Parks and Recreation for Halton Hills, said that more community involvement is needed to combat the problem.

About the police role, he said, "I think they're doing as much as they can." In fairness, I think they have a priority system."

He made references to nuisances like picnic tables being thrown in a lake. "I don't think three cruisers should be "on the scene. We as people, ignore what

we see and leave it for someone else to clean up or repair," he said.

Incidents like the picnic tables, mentioned above, cost taxpayers money by disrupting normal maintenance schedules of city workers, Mr. Shepard explained.

We used to drop everything to go and fix light fixtures that had been vandalized at the ball park, he said, and the people at a game that night would never know that anything had happened. "It would put us over budget," he said.

He suggested the answer would be to save money by doing repairs when the town could afford the time, which would disrupt residents but might make them more aware of vandalism in the area.

Mr. Shepard would like to see more help from the community and service groups, he said.

Children and violence

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treatment care for children, explained Ms. Ewart.

People at the focus group complained most of the mental services are based in the south part of Halton, she said. At the same time, explained Ms. Ewart, this makes sense because the population is larger in that area.

The commissioner commented a lot of points raised about Georgetown were similar to those suggested at the Acton focus group. People attending that meeting also said more children seem to be violent today.

They attributed the increase in violence to poverty, broken homes or violence in the home. Contributing to these causes, said Ms. Ewart, is Acton's isolation from the rest of Halton. People at the focus group said parent's sense of isolation due to the lack of available transportation means when they can't solve a problem and they think they have no place to turn, said Ms. Ewart.

As for possible solutions for both Georgetown and Acton, Ms. Ewart thought CSCAG would consider such ideas as establishing a program which would enhance parenting skills. These could include prenatal classes, single mother programs and parent networks. Parent networks would allow parents to call other parents for support when needed.

said Ms. Ewart.

Discussion Tuesday also centred on teaching school children about life skills, to deal with a example, said Ms. Ewart. Public awareness about the problems facing children also must be improved, added Ms. Ewart.

At the government level, new partnerships may have to be formed between different provincial ministries. Presently, a grey area of responsibility exists between the province's Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health, she said.

That means important children's services are falling through the "cracks," said Ms. Ewart.

Specific solutions for Acton discussed Tuesday, said Ms. Ewart, include a one-stop centre where people can go and find out about the available agencies, said Ms. Ewart.

As well, another option considered was a well-publicized telephone line for parents and children who need help, said Ms. Ewart.

Once the results of the Tuesday meeting have been tabulated, said Ms. Ewart, CSCAG will approach the various agencies dealing with parents and children to determine if they would support and help implement the final plan of action.

This won't happen until at least next year, she said.

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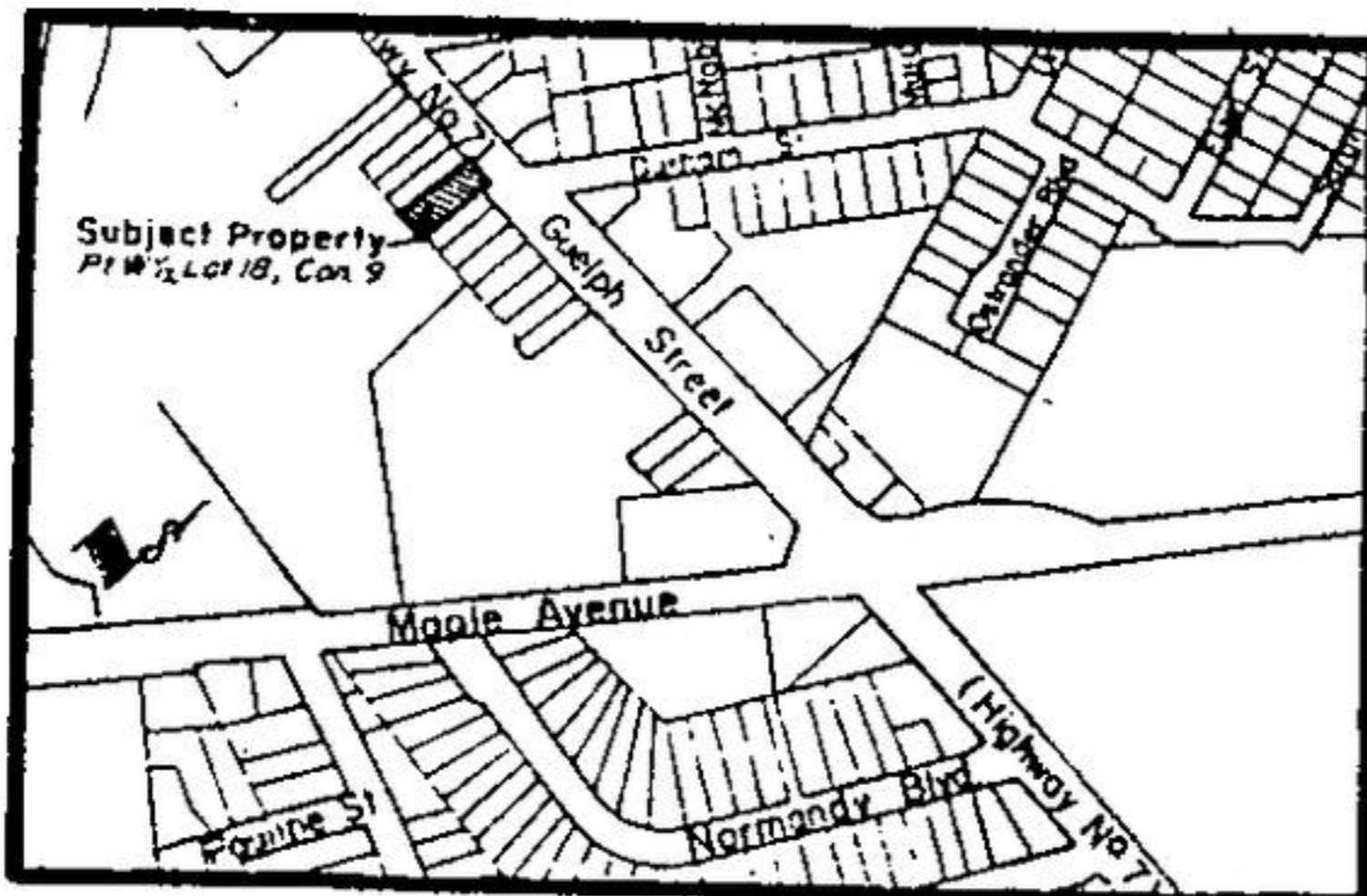


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 3/GUELPH STREET/DURHAM STREET



General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to the Halton Hills Official Plan and Georgetown Zoning By-law 57-91 to permit a chiropractic clinic with commercial/office uses.

The property is located on Guelph Street at Durham Street in Georgetown. The property has a municipal address of 80 Guelph Street, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

Further information is available in the Planning Department

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, January 7, 1991
Location: Council Chamber
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills (Georgetown)

File No.: D09/SWEENEY
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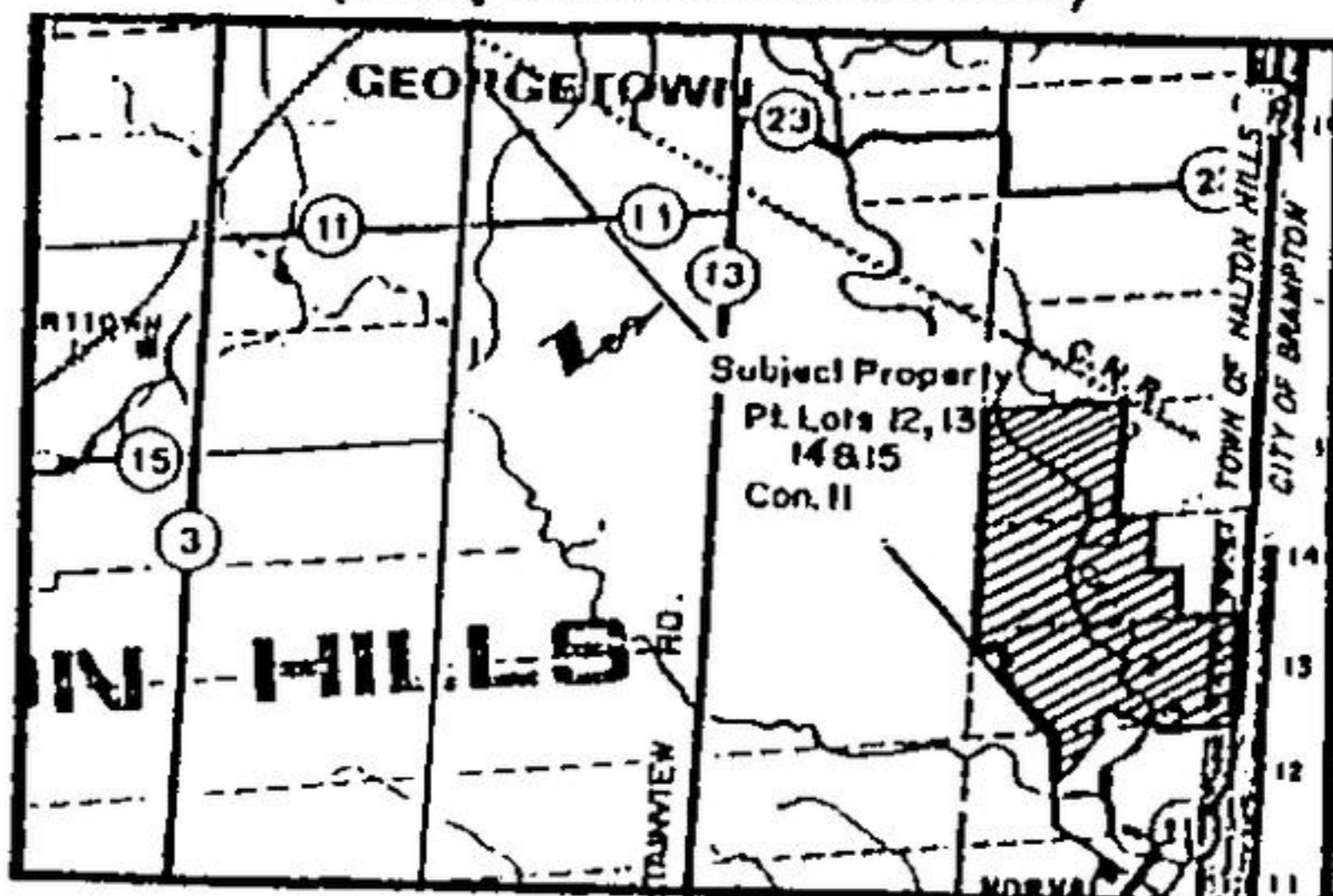


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COURTESY NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2/WARD 4 (Guelph/McFarlane Streets)



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a modification of the land use designation 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.

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Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, December 10, 1990
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