

Community



Andrea Smith is happy she's alive to give Acton resident, Dave Nakeff (left) a hug since he helped save her from the second-floor of a burning house where she and her husband, Larry Milley (right) lived in Brampton. After the fire, Mr. Nakeff con-

tinued to help the couple by enlisting the aid of the Acton Lions Club, of which he is a member, to donate \$200 to help the couple to begin replacing all the uninsured items destroyed in the home. (Herald photo)

Acton Lions club member a hero to Brampton woman

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
The Herald

If it weren't for Dave Nakeff of Acton, a Brampton woman might now be lying in hospital in serious condition or even in a cemetery instead of being alive and healthy and able to talk about her horrible experience.

"I'm glad to be alive," said Andrea Smith, who is still recovering from the shock of having been trapped on the second floor of a house engulfed in flames.

On April 4, Ms. Smith was alone in her two-storey home, sleeping. She woke up suddenly from what she describes as an explosion and saw smoke coming from the bottom of the bedroom door.

"I knew better than to open the door," she remembers. Instead, she ran to the window and started screaming and screaming.

It was the screaming that alerted Mr. Nakeff who was in the area picking up a vehicle to two back to his Acton business, Bearly Used Auto Parts.

"I looked up and saw a woman screaming from the window, but I thought she was just screaming at somebody," he said. "When I heard someone yell that somebody should call the fire department, I took off towards the house."

He tried to get in the house by breaking a front window to unlatch the front door lock but there was so much smoke, he couldn't get in.

Then a neighbor of Ms. Smith's, Phil Watt, brought his van up to the house and Mr. Nakeff climbed on top to help carry Ms. Smith down from the window.

"I kept telling her not to jump. I was so scared she was going to jump," said Mr. Nakeff.

And even though there was only hard concrete below the window, jump she would have, said Ms. Smith if it hadn't been for the quick thinking of Mr. Nakeff and

her neighbors, Phil Watt and Doug Roberts.

"I was scared to death," she said.

Ms. Smith, her common-in-law husband Larry Milley and Mr. Nakeff were remembering the events of that day last Thursday at the Brampton home of a friend where the homeless couple are staying until they can rebuild their lives. Everything in the house was destroyed by the fire and since the couple were just working on insuring their belongings for theft, they've been left virtually penniless with only the clothes on their back.

Realizing their plight, Mr. Nakeff took his story to the Acton Lions Club, of which he is a member, and was able to donate \$200 to the couple on behalf of the club Thursday.

Mr. Milley said the support from Mr. Nakeff and people like him has been tremendous. "I

can't begin to thank everybody for all they've done for us."

The couple's only great sorrow is that their two pet dogs were killed in the fire. The neighbors tried to save the dogs but there was no way they could be saved, said Mr. Nakeff. The dogs were in the basement where the Brampton fire department said the fire started after a chair was pushed too close to an electrical backboard heater.

Both dogs died of smoke inhalation and were cremated by the Brampton Humane Society.

"I wished we could have done more for the dogs but we couldn't," said Mr. Nakeff. "I'm thankful we could save her."

Despite the personal loss of their pets and belongings (fire damage was estimated at \$100,000) the couple are optimistic about their future and grateful to Mr. Nakeff who is now a 'hero' in their eyes.

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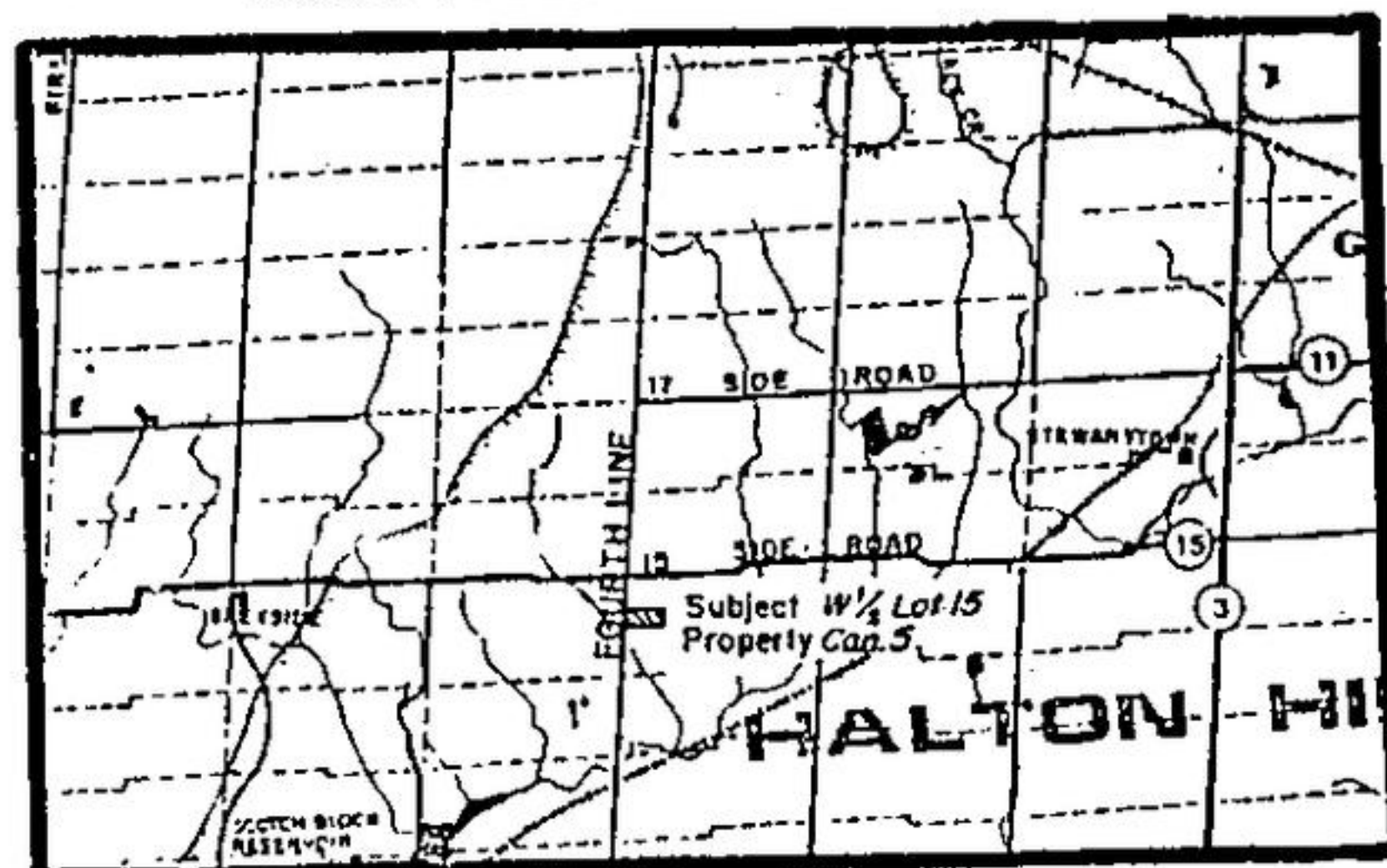
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2 / FOURTH LINE / 15 SIDEROAD



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 Esqueving Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit a light industrial undertaking including warehousing, open storage and office use.

The property is located on the Fourth Line, south of 15 Sideroad.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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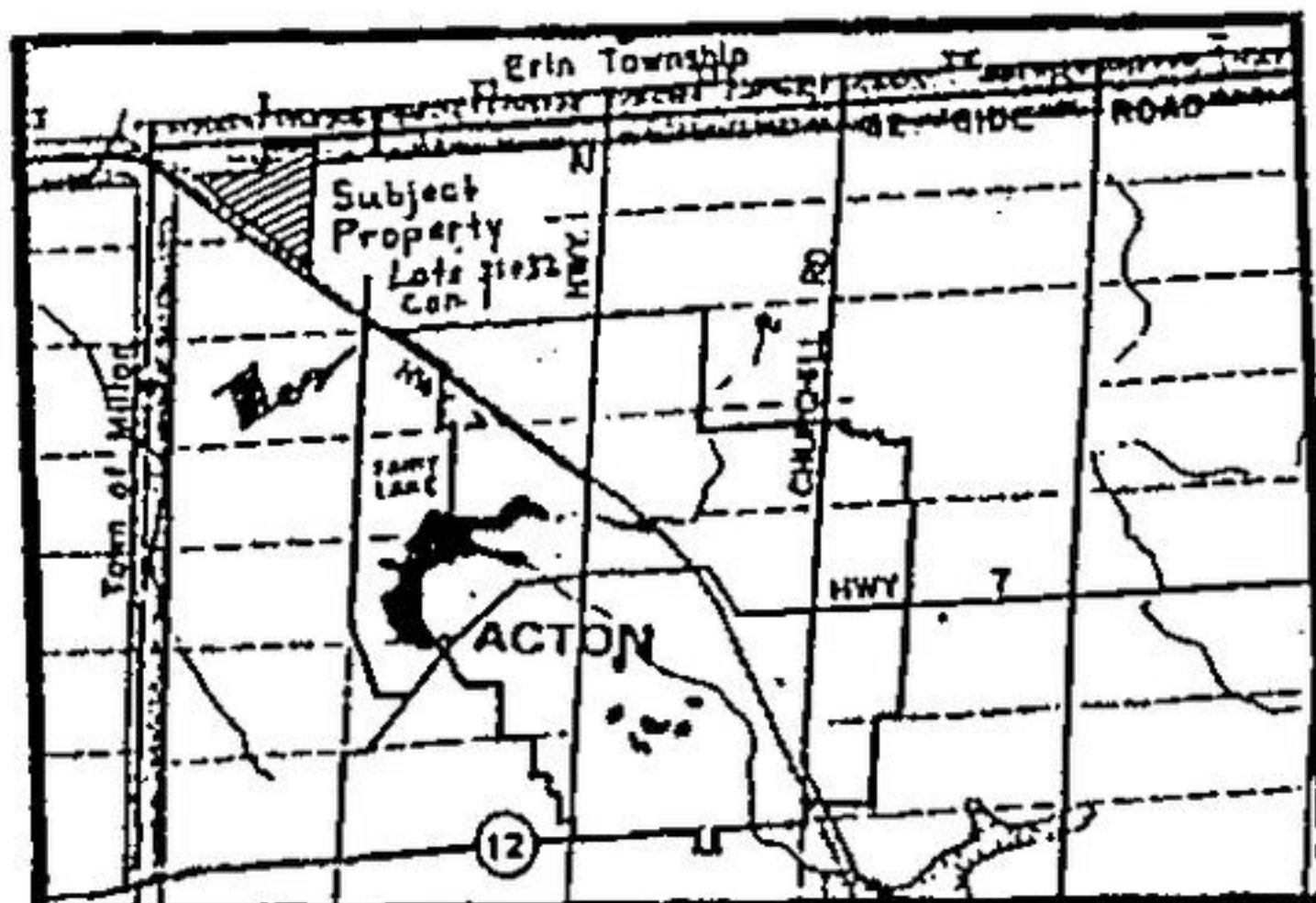
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 1991
Location: Council Chambers
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
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File No.: D09/WICKENS

AD No. 1343

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2 / NO. 32 SIDEROAD / MILTON / HALTON HILLS TOWN LINE



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit a fourteen (14) lot residential plan of subdivision.

The subject property is located on the south side of No. 32 Sideroad (Erin/Halton Hills Town Line), east of the Milton/Halton Hills Town Line, with the property being described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 1, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueving).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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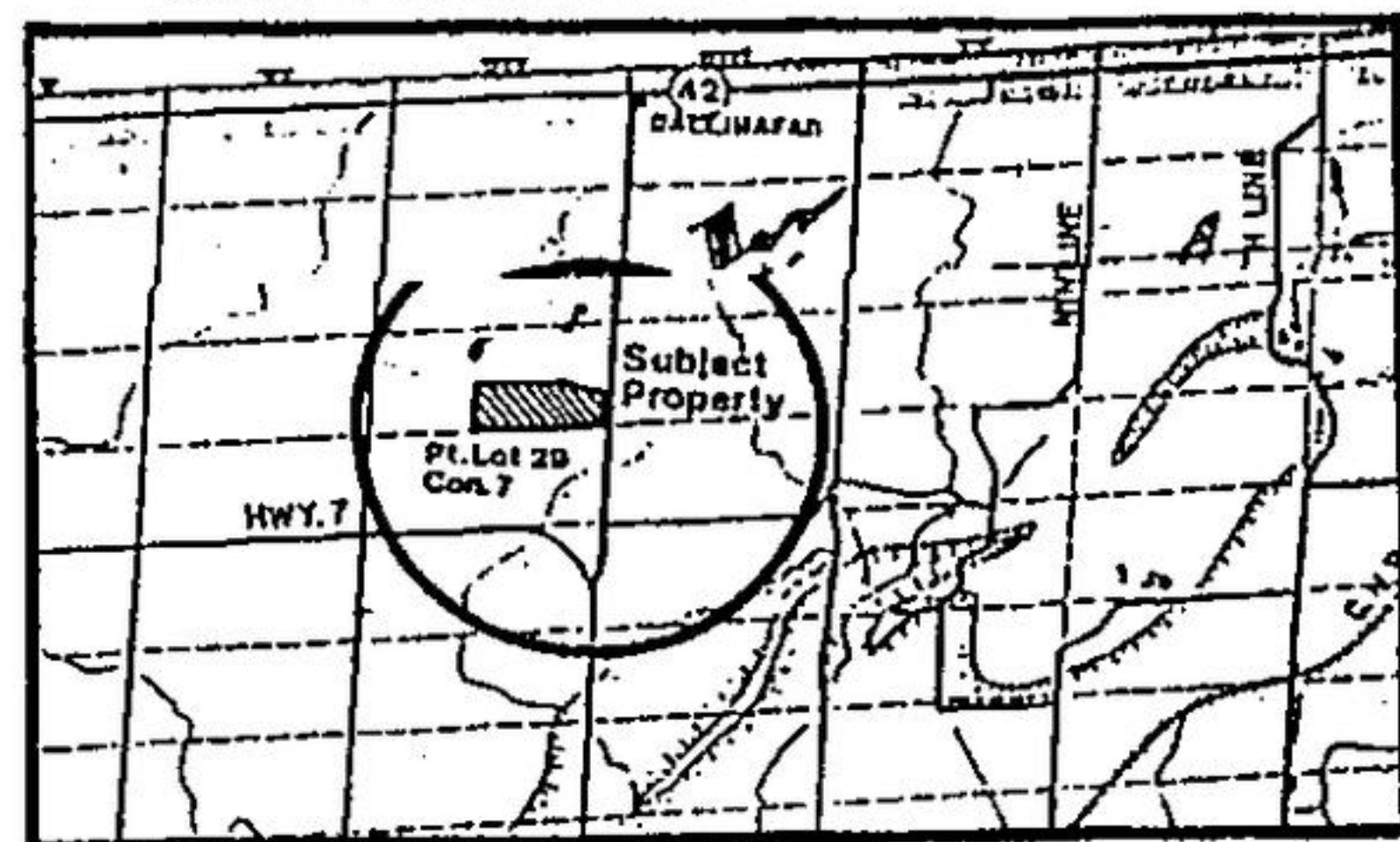
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, June 3, 1991
Location: Council Chambers
Halton Hills Civic Centre
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File No.: D12/Mesich (241-89034)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2 / TRAFALGAR ROAD / NO. 27 SIDEROAD



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit the development of a twenty (20) lot Rural Estate Residential Plan of Subdivision.

The subject property is located on the west side of Trafalgar Road, north of No. 27 Sideroad, with the property being described as Part of Lot 29, Concession 7, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueving).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, May 27, 1991
Location: Council Chambers
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1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills (Georgetown)

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AD No. 1399

Brampton meeting

Halton-Peel Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society meeting April 28, 1991 at Brampton's Chinguacousy Library, 150 Central Park Drive, Second Floor Meeting Room 2:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. Ruth Holt Branch Librarian will speak about "Buried Treasures" in Halton-Peel Branch Library. You may use Jean Ruddell's phone number 877-2803 as a local number for more information. Thank you.