

Construction industry forms new local association

The local construction industry has decided to take a more active role in protecting its interests.

The recently formed Halton Hills Construction Association held an open house Wednesday at the Georgetown Optimist Club headquarters on Highway 7 to explain the group's purpose and to attract new members. The association currently has 35 paid members, said Vice-President Al Pilutti in an interview preceding the open house.

Mr. Pilutti said the group wants to be able to comment on any Town proposed bylaw or policy changes either directly or indirectly affecting the local construction community.

In this way the industry can better ensure that any changes approved by Town council affecting it will be fair, said Mr. Pilutti.

He was adamant the group wasn't formed in reaction to such ratepayer groups as Residents Active in Development Decisions (RAIDD).

The new association's attention is currently focused on the Town's review of its development charges. Those are the fees builders pay to the Town to construct a building.

Mr. Pilutti expressed concern the Town may follow the Region, which recently approved an increase to its development fees.

As far as Mr. Pilutti is concerned, the fees should be eliminated if the Town wants to keep construction activity in the area. "Construction costs are too high as it is," he said.

Town council is expected to consider raising its development fees sometime this fall.

Another of the association's goals, "is to clean up the image of the construction industry," said Mr. Pilutti. Because of a few bad builders in Town, who left behind unfinished work, the entire construction community has been unfairly criticized. The group really wants to bring back the respect the construction industry deserves," he said.



Outstanding support

For their outstanding support, Maplehurst Correction Centre, represented by Chris Carroll (right) was given a plaque by Carolyn Martin, a director for the Halton Social Planning Council at the council's annual general meeting held Tuesday night in Burlington. (Herald photo)

Highland Games organizers planning for family affair

With more activities generated to the children while still keeping the traditional favorites, organizers of Georgetown's Scottish Festival and Highland Games hope to make this year's event on June 8 a family affair.

"We want the festival to be a family outing," said an organizer of the games, Colin Munro. To keep the interest of both the young and the old, children's fun workshops will be offered along with the pipe bands, highland dancers, heavy weight events and Scottish Country dancing.

The workshops will be held throughout the day and will allow children to try piping, drumming or highland dancing.

For the adults, just watching the fancy footwork of the more than 250 dancers expected to compete in the Georgetown games is a treat. To watch these dancers perform is to understand why, in Scotland, highland dancing is considered an athletic event. The vigorous solo dances

were once considered to be the exclusive domain of the highland warriors with the most dexterity and stamina.

Mr. Munro said the heavyweight events are a popular event. Onlookers watch as people with extraordinary strength and stamina accumulate points in each event until at the end of the day, a Supreme Champion is declared as the strongest of them all.

Personally, Mr. Munro said the piping is one of the best attractions at the games since Canadian pipers are the best in the world.

To top the day off, people can view Scottish Country Dancing, a special dance that was developed as a classless activity. Lairds and clansmen join together to dance Jigs, Reels and Strathspeys. Members of the Peel-Halton Dancers will be organizing demonstrations between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

The festivities begin at 8:00

a.m. June 8 at the Georgetown Fairgrounds and will continue to approximately 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for under 12, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for parking.

Watermain Construction

Construction started Monday on a proposed 300 mm watermain in the Georgetown South area of Halton Hills.

The watermain will be constructed along Mountainview Road, Regional Road 10 and the 10th Line to connect the Region of Halton's new 10th Line well to the existing Georgetown water system.

The \$0.5 M contract was designed by Winter Associates and awarded to Memme Construction. The project is expected to take eight weeks. No disruption to traffic or existing water services is anticipated. Construction of this alternate supply will permit construction of new homes planned in the Halton Hills Village subdivision west of Mountainview Road as well as safeguard the existing water supply crossing the Silver Creek Valley.

The entire project is being financed by the developer, Halton Hills Village Homes Inc.

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Volunteer needed

Halton Children's Aid Society is looking for a volunteer to spend time with a fifteen-year-old boy currently placed in a group home in Ajax.

A man or family of Chinese origin would be ideal, as this boy has been separated from his Chinese roots.


He is very interested in sports and is an active, often challeng-

ing young person, so a volunteer who is physically active, enjoys participating in sports and has a good sense of humour would be most suitable.

If you think you might make a good "buddy" for this teen, and can make a commitment to visit with him on a regular basis for at least a year, please call Corrie Galloway at 844-8211.


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