

News at a Glance

Developers pleas go unheeded

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Local builders will have to live with new Town-imposed development charges despite their claim the charges are based on faulty methodology.

Development charges are fees developers pay the Town to build in Halton Hills. The fees go towards covering the cost of services needed to accommodate new construction.

Builders will have to pay \$5,605 to build a house in Halton Hills. The fee for industrial development will be phased-in over five years starting with \$0.18 per square foot this year and ending at \$1.88 per square foot in 1996.

The residential charge will mean taxpayers won't pay for any service accompanying new housing development through their taxes. However until the industrial development fee kick-in at \$1.88, taxpayers will pay a portion towards the cost of servicing this type of development.

Several delegations appeared before Council at a special meeting Tuesday contending the methodology used to arrive at the charges is economically unsound.

The methodology is based on the premise that existing taxpayers shouldn't pay for new growth. That means, with every percentage increase in population, there should be an equal increase in services and associated capital growth expansion.

Calling the methodology flawed, Dave Page, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce President, told councillors an existing level of service can be maintained in light of a population increase without necessarily expanding capital costs.

Using the example of a church, Mr. Page explained, if the congregation grew by 33 per cent, then church officials wouldn't automatically increase the size of the church by 33 per cent to accommodate the new people. They would first consider other alternatives such as holding extra services, in order to keep costs down.

Georgetown resident and Ward 3 Regional Councillor candidate, Bill Hyde said there is a good chance the data used is inaccurate.

Mr. Hyde finds fault with the data

growth. He claims the population capital project predictions should be confined to five years to achieve more accuracy.

Town Treasurer Ray King replied the province is urging municipalities to do 10-year instead of five-year capital budget forecasts, as a way of better ensuring money is available to meet future capital expenditures.

Despite the presentations, councillors supported Mr. King's contention that the method used follows provincial guidelines, and is based on the most accurate data available.

Councillors compromised on the issue of phasing-in the development charge for commercial and industrial growth because of a slow economy.

Town staff had recommended the \$1.88 per square foot charge be phased-in over a three-year period. However at the urging of Coun. Pam Johnston, councillors decided on a five-year period.

The building and development community seemed to agree the lower the charge now, especially given the slow economy, the more likely commercial and industrial development will happen in Town in the near future.

because it is based on 10-year population projections and the corresponding capital projects needed to service the expected

Special bank day

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce shows its appreciation to its most valuable asset ... the customer.

Join CIBC at its Guelph and Mountainview and Main Street branches in Georgetown for hot apple cider and hors-d'oeuvres. The Acton branch has something special too. Activities run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. this coming Tuesday.

Quality Day is for the kids too ... pick up coloring contest details and drop entries off before 4:30 Monday, September 30.



United we all stand

Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion helped kick-off the United Way of Halton Hills 1991 campaign in fine style Wednesday at a special luncheon by presenting the local organization with a cheque for \$1,000. Representing the Georgetown

Legion at the luncheon were, pictured above, left to right, Paul Yates, Marlon Carney, Marjorie Tutty and Branch 120 President, Bob McNeilly. Accepting the cheque on behalf of the United Way of Halton Hills were Bev and Alex McKee. (Herald Photo)

Flu serum is now available

Shipments of influenza serum have arrived at local doctor's offices.

Dr. Alex Furness of the Georgetown Medical Association on Princess Anne Dr. said the serum has arrived at his office and will be

given free to high-risk patients.

He said this year is being considered a bad year for influenza.

"Flu strains change every few years and when a new strain comes along, many people aren't resistant to it," he said. That's what is hap-

pening this year. "A new strain has come along that could catch a lot of people."

The flu shots will protect people until next year's flu season.

Persons at high-risk to contract influenza include people over 65, residents of nursing homes, anyone with chronic lung disease, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, tuberculosis, cystic fibrosis, asthma, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, cancer or anemia.

The Georgetown Medical Association clinic is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Georgetown track star shines in competition

Georgetown track and field star Matt Brain set an Ontario record in his age group for the quadathlon (4 events) last weekend at Etobicoke Centennial Stadium.

Fifteen-year-old Matt, a grade 10 student at Georgetown District High School, beat the old Ontario quadathlon record by roughly 1,000 points, scoring in the 2,300 range.

The four events of this quadathlon included: 100 meter hurdles, shot put, high jump, and the 400 meter relay.

"I was pleased with my results," said Matt. "It was the first time I

had competed in a multi-event competition and since I had never done the hurdles or shot put before, I have a lot of room for improvement."

This is Matt's first official year of competing in independent provincial track and field competitions. He explained he hopes to follow in Canadian track sensation Michael Smith's steps and compete in the decathlon. (10 events).

Matt trains for track competition at York University. He also plays hockey, swims, and is a member of the boy's junior volleyball team at GDHS.

Quarry review near completion

By PAULINE JOHNSON
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TORONTO - The government's review of Reclamation Systems Inc.'s application to put garbage in the Acton quarry is nearing completion.

Environment Minister Ruth Grier told Halton North MPP Noel Duignan in the legislature on Tuesday that the review was almost completed in her ministry and was complete in other ministries.

"The next phase ... is for it to be released for public comment," Grier said in Question Period, "and I hope that can happen very shortly."

However, Grier told Duignan that she could not accede to his request, and that of 12,000 local residents, that no environmental assessment hearing would take place if the site was found to be environmentally unacceptable.

"The company has a right under the Environmental Assessment Act to proceed to a hearing, if that is their wish," she said.

New Crime Stoppers exchange

Local residents with information for Crime Stoppers can now use a new local exchange, according to Sergeant Dan Farr of Halton Regional Police.

"It is anticipated this new local exchange will increase the number of tips called into the already successful Crime Stoppers of Halton

program," said Sgt. Farr.

The new telephone exchange will allow tipsters to call 24 hours a day and speak directly to Crime Stoppers information takers.

The new number is 825-8477 (TIPS) and can be used along with the original number, 1-800-668-5151.



Open Door opens arms

The Open Door, a social agency for Halton Hills teens, has announced its teen programs are now in full swing. The Teen Drop-In program will operate out of the St. George's Anglican Church basement located on Guelph Street beside Georgetown District High School. The program runs Wednesday's from 1 pm to 5 pm, Thursdays from 11 am to 6 pm and Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. The Young Parents program, a support group for young mothers, operates out of St. Andrews United Church on Mountainview Road in Georgetown. The

program's hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Pictured above is the 1991-92 Open Door Executive. The executive includes (left to right, front row), Joan Yakimis, Acton Village Constable Bill Riddle, Cindy Lawrence, Georgetown Village Constable Nick Leoni, Bridget Rosser. (Left to right, back row), Cathy Oomen, David Meyler, Susan McNally, Julia Arnold, David Leech, Ann Scheepers-Nevins. Absent, Arlene Buckley. (Herald Photo).