#### Community

## Controversy swirls around McNab burial ground

By BEN DUMMETT The Herald

The Town of Halton Hills should take over the upkeep of the old abandoned McNab burial ground on Pinecrest Road in Norval, claims Bruce McNab a family descendant.

The burial ground's protection has become an issue because Norval resident Julian Reed has submitted an application to the Town to establish a five lot plan of subdivision in the area of where the burial ground is reported to be located.

Unless the Town takes steps to preserve the burial ground, Mr. Reed's plan could eradicate the plot, said Mr. McNab.

In response to direction from Town planning staff, Mr. Reed has done a geo-physical study to determine the boundaries of the burial ground, and if any bones remain buried on the site.

Contacted Monday Mr. Reed said the study has been submitted to the

Come hail or high water, the

The board's policy 5000-47 Plan

The policy states that the decision

Halton Board of Education has a

for Inclement Weather dictates

exactly what will happen in case of

to close schools and cancel bus tran-

sportation will be made by 5:30

a.m. instead of at 6:00 am. in for-

Once the decision has been made,

the transportation officer will im-

plement the decision beginning

with radio communication at 5:45

students, staff and parents to listen

It is the responsibility of the

plan for inclement weather.

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province for examination. He didn't know when the results would be released.

He did say some test scrapings had been done, in which top soil was removed in an attempt to find any grave shafts. However none were found, Mr. Reed said.

"However I have reason to believe there is one burial without a headstone on site," he said.

Town Planner Glen Wellings said Monday the McNab burial ground did exist but two questions still remain. One centres on the burial ground's exact location, and the other on whether or not any bones remain buried on site?.

Mr. McNab acknowledge's some of the bones in the McNab burial ground were transferred at some point to the Hillcrest Cemetary in Norval. However, he is convinced some bones are still buried in the McNab burial ground.

Dan Costea, Town Administrator, said if bones still remain on site

School board plan now in place

to deal with inclement weather

to the radio for decision of school

-Acton, CJOY 10:40, CFRB 10.10,

-Georgetown, CFNY 102, CFRB,

10.10, CKFM 99.9, CKOC 11.50, CH-

-Milton, CKFM 99.9, CFRB 10.10,

When bus transportation is can-

celled at 6:00 a.m., it is cancelled

for the entire day. Field trip and

school- to- school transportation will

also be cancelled if bus tran-

The following schools will be

designated closed when bus tran-

sportation is cancelled for the day:

Pineview, Stewarttown, and

CBC 740, CKOC 11.50, CHFI 98.1

closure. Stations are:

sportation is cancelled.

CKFM 99.9

FI 98.1

then the Town is obligated under provincial legislation to oversee the cemetary because it is no longer operated by a congregation or any other group or indivdual.

According to Mr. McNab, the burial plot dates back to the first half of the 1800's when Captain James McNab received a land grant for his participation in the 1812 war. Aside from the establishment of the a burial plot, the McNab family built a mill, a grist mill and a wooden mill in the area.

In a copy of a letter obtained by the Herald that was sent to the Town dated Oct. 18, 1991, Mr. Mc-Nab writes, "I realize that some bones and tombstones were moved to and interred in Norval (Hillcrest) cemetary. Most of the stones were thrown off the cliff down to the river's edge by exuberant teenagers but I am sure many bones are still buried in the plot."

Mr. McNab said there seems to be too many stories going around

School closure during the school

day will only occur when the most

severe weather conditions are

predicted or occur and the decision

to close will be made by 11:00 a.m.

with communication to close

The policy states no pupils from

kindergarten to Grade five will be

sent home until parents have been

notified. Parents of Grade 6 to OAC

pupils may designate their wishes

for their sons or daughters

Catholic School Board is much the

same as the Halton Board of

The policy for the Halton Roman

schools completed by 12 noon.

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Education.

concerning the burial plot.

Mr. McNab is referring to the fact it is his understanding records concerning who was buried in Hillcrest Cemetary when it was originally established were stolen several years ago. That being true, it's impossible to know for certain if all the bones buried in the McNab

burial plot were transferred to Hillcrest, he said.

Mr. Reed, however contends these records were destroyed in a fire.

Mr. Reed also said he has a deed indicating the bones buried in the McNab burial ground were transferred to Hillcrest.

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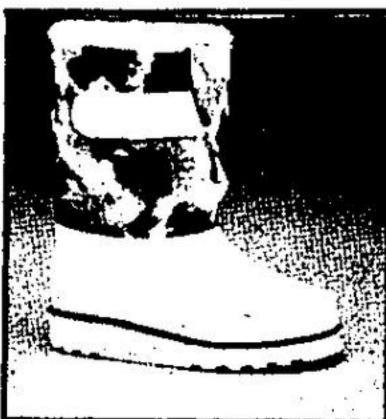
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