

Rebel Review

Students at GDHS becoming environmentally aware

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 Herald Special

The depletion of the ozone layer, the cutting of the rain forests, air pollution, nuclear energy, trapping, endangered species, recycling... These are only a few topics that students are learning about in Environmental Geography.

Now more than ever, humans are having major problems with their environment. From the depleting ozone layer to major oil spills in our oceans, we are now surrounded by environmental catastrophes.

When is it going to stop? When are people going to realize what is going on? Maybe never, but now young children are being educated and they are learning things about the environment at a very young age. It's not a bad idea, educate the little people so that when they grow up they will have some sense of stewardship toward their Earth. Well it sounds good, but no one can really predict the future and if in fact we'll be able to do something about it.

At Georgetown District High School, there are a series of geography programs, but one stands out in particular. The Grade 13 Environmental Geography course. I enrolled in it

myself, and I have learned more about the environment, myself, and others in three months than in all the years I have gone to school. This course is different than most. It teaches us to think and feel for ourselves.

The class involves many discussion periods where the teacher talks to us about various issues, combined with fact and personal knowledge, we are very informed and then we are able to give our opinions and ask questions. We also present seminars in front of our peers, regarding issues that affect our environment. We do a lot of the research, reading, thinking and listening in this course and that is how we learn. There is a kind of freedom you get in this class, not like in English where you are told what to think, not like in math that is just an equation, we think for ourselves and that is the best part of all.

This is the way we are learning about our environment, through education. Of course it does not mean that we are going to fix all the damage that has been done when we go out into the "real" world, it simply means that we will understand and know more about it.

What we can try to do, is to prevent the environment from

destroying itself at a faster rate than predicted. We have already gone over the hills and we are the main cause of this problem. How many humans are willing to

change their lifestyle to save the environment?

Environmental geography, live it, learn it, love it! So next time your children enrol in a course,

think about this one, I can assure you that they will become better persons with some real knowledge about the outside world!

Professional Development Day

By BRYN DAVIES
 Principal, GDHS

This Friday is Professional Development Day for Secondary Schools in Halton County.

This day is set aside once a year to give teachers an opportunity to focus on their own learning by attending workshops on a variety of topics.

Very often these sessions are ideal opportunities for teachers to hear about Ministry and School Board priorities, new course guidelines or new teaching methods.

This year's format will involve the Georgetown staff remaining together as a group to consider

the theme of "Teachers Using Teamwork to Manage Change."

We have invited speakers from Scarborough to help us look at the implications of "restructuring" Grade 9. This is one aspect of the Transition Years initiative currently being considered by the Ministry of Education.

We shall also have an opportunity to hear about Evaluation from Damian Cooper, one of our own Instructional Consultants. Damian, who was previously at the Ministry, has spoken all over the province on this topic.

In addition, teachers will have a chance to try out some of the new technologies that are available for classroom use. For example, the GDHS library has a CD ROM, which has the capacity to store a whole encyclopedia on

one computer disc.

There will also be a series of mini-workshops hosted by GDHS teachers. Some of these topics include team teaching, student peer tutoring and classroom management.

What I find most pleasing about this event is that it has been totally planned by our staff, and over a dozen of our own people are doing presentations.

In addition to learning new skills and knowledge, our teachers are also exercising their own leadership in the interests of their colleague's professional growth.

This is an aspect of the Board's priority on "school-based decision-making," where teamwork and collaboration are viewed as essential to effective schools.

Teachers honored

Today (Wednesday) 10 teachers will be honored for their years of service to the Halton Board of Education at Club Silver in Milton.

Each honoree will be presented with the Boards' Service Pin.

Dave Katz of the North Education Centre and Jack Reed of Glen Williams Public School will receive a pin for their 30 years of service to the Board.

Other honorees, who've given 25 years of service to the board include: Bruce Andrews of Acton District High; Jim Atkinson of Centennial Public; Irene Balogh of M.Z. Bennett Public; Gord Bassett of Stewarttown Middle School; Bill Bingham and Kathy Bowman of Georgetown District High School; Joy Penttila of Robert Little Public School and Dave Shrubsole of M.Z. Bennett Public School.

"This evening is an important recognition of the tremendous amount of service these staff members have given to the young people in Halton," said Chair of the Board, Bill Harrison.

Board meeting

The inaugural meeting of the Halton Board of Education will take place Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the J.W. Singleton Education Centre at 2050 Guelph Line Burlington.

The event features the declaration of the Oath of Office and the Oath of Allegiance as well as the elevation of the chair and vice-chair of the board.

Students will be greeting guests as they arrive, serving refreshments and making special presentations to each trustee.

Halton students will also highlight the evening with music performed by students from Georgetown District High School, Burlington Central High School, and White Oaks Secondary School.

The public is welcome to attend the inaugural meeting but because of limited seating should RSVP to (416) 335-3663 or (416) 878-8451 ext. 3350 by Nov. 24.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE 5 SIDE ROAD CULVERT AND RELATED APPROACH WORK - 5 SIDE ROAD, CONC. 9

The Town of Halton Hills invites you to attend a Public Information Centre to view the preliminary design proposal for the extension of the above-named culvert.

The Public Information Centre will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 1991
 Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

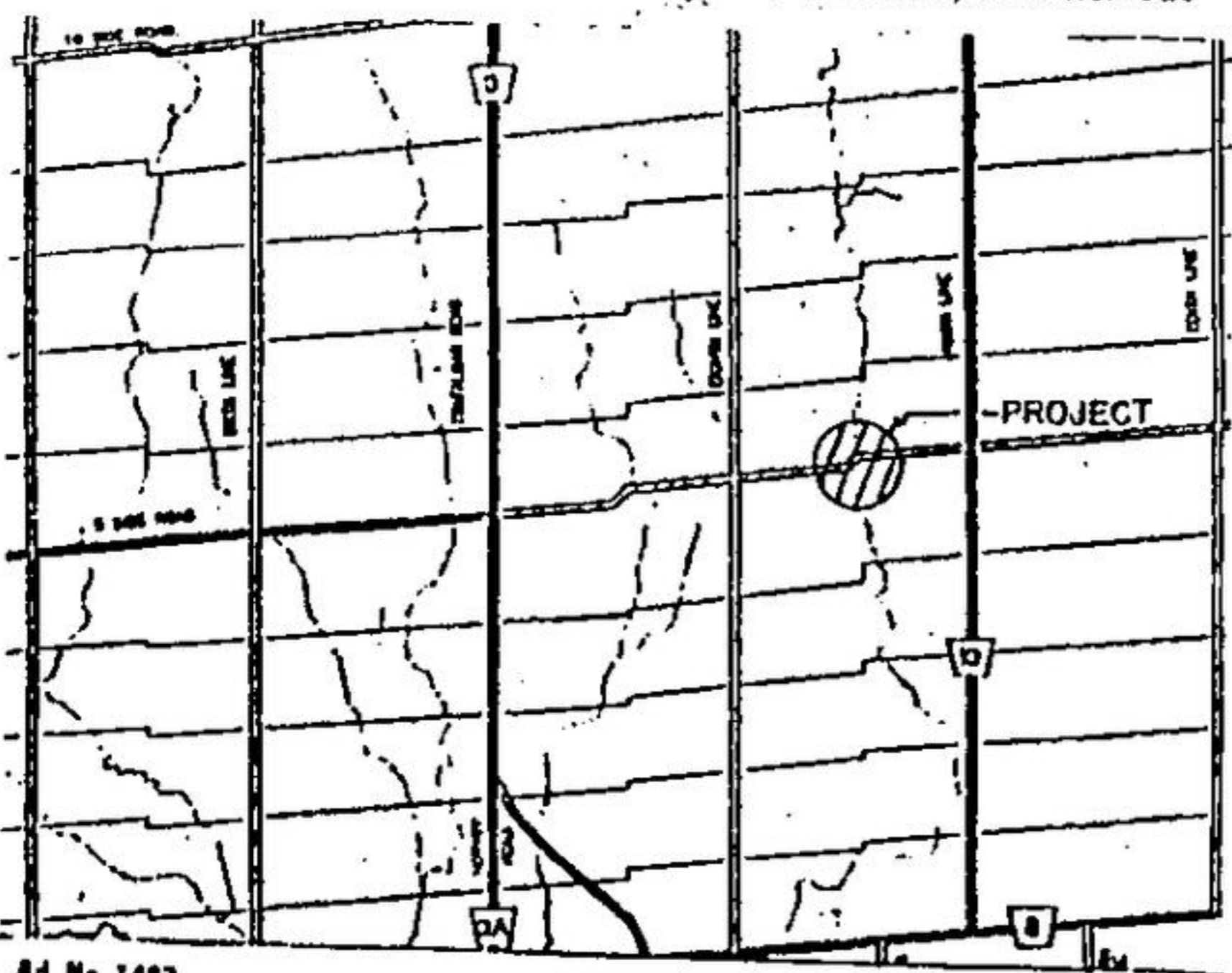
Place: Committee Room
 1 Halton Hills Drive
 Georgetown

This Public Information Centre will be an informal meeting where plans showing the preliminary design will be available for viewing by area residents and other interested parties. Town of Halton Hills staff will be available to discuss the project. The public are encouraged to attend the centre to review the design and provide comments.

The project is being carried out in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment Process for Municipal Road Projects.

Inquiries on the project may be addressed to:

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APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills will be considering appointments to the Boards and Committees outlined below. Applications together with a short resume will be received until December 2nd, 1991. If you are interested in applying for membership in more than one Committee, please list those you are interested in applying for, in order of priority. Please note that a Committee of Council will be interviewing the Committee applicants and making recommendations to Council.

HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Five (5) applicants are needed to serve until December, 1994. Applicants must be eighteen years of age, Canadian citizens, residents of Halton Hills and not Municipal or Library Board employees. Board members should be prepared to attend regular monthly meetings, plus special meetings and set policy which provides for the management, regulation and control of the Library.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Five (5) members are needed to serve on the Committee of Adjustment until December, 1994. This Committee meets one or two times per month to consider applications for minor variances to the Town zoning by-law and other planning matters.

ACTIVAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Two (2) members are needed for a three-year period to join four (4) others members of the public and two councillors on this Committee. The Committee meets up to six (6) times per year and discusses policy for the Town ActiVan Service. ActiVan is a public transit service for handicapped residents of the Town.

PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

One (1) member is needed to join two other members, for a term ending December, 1994. The Committee meets to hear appeals of property owners from Orders to Comply issued by Property Standards Officers. Applicant should be residents of the Town who are not Town employees.

HALTON SAFETY COUNCIL

Two (2) members who are residents of Halton Hills, are needed to sit on this region-wide committee until December, 1994. The Council deals with traffic, water and family safety matters at monthly meetings.

LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (L.A.C.A.C.)

Four (4) members are needed to serve on this Committee for three (3) year terms. The Committee advises Council on the designation of buildings of historic and architectural interest under the Ontario Heritage Act.

HALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

One (1) appointee is required for nomination to sit on this provincial body for a two to three year term which may be renewed for a total of six (6) years. The Housing Authority acts as the agent of the Ontario Housing Corporation to manage Ontario Housing units in the Region of halton.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD STATE:

- The office or offices for which you are applying.
- The name, address and qualifications of the applicant, as well as a telephone number by which you may be reached during business hours.

For more information regarding the Committee, please telephone 873-2600 and ask for the Clerk's Office and ask for a brochure to be mailed to you. Applicants will be mailed a brochure automatically. Please apply in writing to:

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