

# Developers won't be able to sit on water allocations

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Carruthers Rd., church projects and even possibly a Town twin-pad arena. "We're eager to have more than 1,200 SDEs if I could put it that way," said MacLean.

As a result of the demand, allocations will come with strings attached— developers will be expected to meet planning "milestones" by a certain date including payment of all fees and charges. Gone are the days when developers can get a water allocation and sit on it for decades.

"If someone doesn't perform, we'll take the water back," MacLean added, explaining, "activity on the ground is important" because it generates assessment growth and revenues, which can then be used by the Town/Region to pay for infrastructure improvements in the community.

Also new will be a voluntary financial contribution of \$1,000 per unit to be collected at the building per-

mit stage. This special Municipal Act capital contribution will help finance community infrastructure projects.

"I know development doesn't pay for itself but at least this will go a long way," said Mayor Rick Bonnette, who appreciated the development industry's support for this initiative. He said it would be used for community projects such as the new arenas that are needed in the town.



**BRUCE MACLEAN**

A report will be coming to a future meeting— possibly August 23— specifying who gets the water and how much they'll get and when.

On its major development application list, released in March, the Planning Department has 36 residential applications, 22 commercial, 20 industrial, 17 institutional/recreational— some now under construction, others waiting for water and other planning steps.

For more details go to the development review category under planning at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca).

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