

# St. John's United readies for three-year celebration of anniversary

By **JANET DUVAL**  
St. John's United Church

The church congregation with the longest history of any in the Georgetown area is ready to celebrate a major anniversary.

St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams is marking 175 years of ministry, beginning with an old-fashioned Methodist-style revival meeting on the Glen Williams church property

the weekend of May 28 and 29.

Attending the revival will be a circuit rider preacher, representing the very earliest style of church service for pioneer worshippers. In those days, intrepid young preachers rode on horseback through "interminable wilderness" from village to village to preach to waiting families, all of them re-

cent immigrants living in rough log homes. Episcopal Methodists began holding services in the hamlet of Williamsburg (Glen Williams) in 1836, and built a frame church a few years later. The Rev. Egerton Ryerson sparked a "great spiritual revival" there in 1840, and preached the following year in Georgetown, where several families had established their

own congregation.

The first Methodist church on the present St. John's Georgetown site on Guelph Street was built in 1849. By 1880, a committee that included town founder George Kennedy had raised \$8,000 to put up the brick building that stands now. The congregation of 130 families supported two ministers. On Sundays, they attended a morning prayer meeting, then a worship service, Sunday School in the afternoon, and another service at night. The Ladies' Aid was active, and the sermon topic of the anniversary service in 1881 was "Woman, Her Work and Worth."

When the United Church of Canada formed in 1925, Georgetown Methodists were joined by people of the Congregational Church, who used what is now our public library building on Church St., and by some from Knox Presbyterian Church. The wisdom of the new union may have seemed in doubt when lightning toppled the tall spire over St. John's west tower shortly afterwards.

In 1971, the separate Glen Williams and Georgetown United

Church congregations joined to become one. Today they continue a long tradition of outstanding music and outreach to the community. The church offers free space to groups such as AA and the Saturday Centre. Over the years church members helped found many local agencies including the Legal Clinic,

North Halton Distress Centre, and Georgetown Hospital. The church's motto "Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds" reflects an attitude of welcoming hospitality, spirituality, and generosity.

Celebrations will span three years ending in November 2014. In the interval there will be many projects and events—one of the first will be an anniversary cookbook,

complete with stories and memories shared by present and past members whose culinary contributions were a part of almost every church gathering.

If anyone has old photographs or memorabilia, or contacts with former members who have moved away, the anniversary planning group would be delighted to receive them. Please contact Drew Leverette 905-877-7615 or Janice Campbell 905-877-3040.



An early view of the Georgetown Methodist Church, later to become St. John's United Church at 11 Guelph Street. The tall spire was struck by lightning in the 1920s and never replaced.

## TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

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### DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

#### Notice to Property Owners: Destroy Noxious Weeds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with The Weed Control Act R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5., that unless weeds seeds and noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Town of Halton Hills are destroyed by the date of **June 1, 2011** and throughout the season, the Town of Halton Hills may enter upon the said lands and have weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes as set out in The Weed Control Act.

The purpose of the Weed Control Act is to reduce the impact of noxious weeds on land used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

The Weed Control Act does not apply to noxious weeds or weed seeds on lands that are far enough away from any land used for agricultural purposes that they do not interfere with that use.

The Town earnestly solicits co-operation of all property owners. Complaints and inquiries may be made by telephone to the number listed below. Please note that dandelions, burdock and goldenrod are not considered noxious weeds with the Town of Halton Hills under The Weed Control Act; therefore, complaints concerning these weeds or any anonymous complaints cannot be accepted.

For the information of all property owners, the following are designated as noxious weeds in the Town of Halton Hills:

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| * Common Barberrry   | * Poison Ivy         |
| * European Buckthorn | * Proso Millet       |
| * Bull Thistle       | * Ragweed            |
| * Canada Thistle     | * Yellow Rocket      |
| * Wild Carrot        | * Russian Thistle    |
| * Colt's Foot        | * Scotch Thistle     |
| * Dodder             | * Sow Thistle        |
| * Goat's Beard       | * Cypress Spurg      |
| * Johnson Grass      | * Chess              |
| * Knapweed           | * Leafy Spurge       |
| * Milkweed           | * Tuberous Vetchling |
| * Nodding Thistle    | * Giant Hogweed      |
| * Poison Hemlock     |                      |

Complaints and inquiries should be directed to:

Kelly Withers,  
Community Standards Coordinator  
905 873-2601 ext. 2330

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 13th of April 2011.

Suzanne Jones, Town Clerk

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### NOTICE OF A STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

#### TOWN INITIATED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AFFECTING THE PROTECTED COUNTRYSIDE NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM ZONES

Town of Halton Hills Council encourages you to attend the statutory public meeting on a Town initiated Zoning By-law Amendment affecting the Protected Countryside Natural Heritage System 1 (PC-NHS1) and Protected Countryside Natural Heritage System 2 (PC-NHS2) Zones. These Zones are within the Provincial Greenbelt Plan Area in the Town of Halton Hills.

This draft Zoning By-law Amendment is proposing to permit the construction of a new single detached dwelling on existing lots within the PC-NHS1 Zone subject to the removal of a Holding provision. A property owner could apply to have the Holding provision removed upon submission of a scoped Environmental Impact Study that demonstrates that the applicable Town of Halton Hills Official Plan policies have been met and identifies an appropriate location for a single detached dwelling and accessory buildings and structures.

The draft Zoning By-law Amendment also proposes to:

- Recognize legally existing single detached dwellings within the PC-NHS1 Zone and also permit expansions to single detached dwellings;
- Apply Country Residential standards for single detached dwellings within the PC-NHS1 and PC-NHS2 Zone;
- Apply standards for accessory buildings in the PC-NHS1 Zone; and,
- Permit a single detached dwelling on the property described as Con. 1 Pt. Lot 16 RP 20R10472, Parts 2, 3, 4, without any further planning approvals from the Town subject to receipt of the necessary permits from Conservation Halton, on the basis that the applicable Official Plan policies have been met in this case.

The map below shows the Greenbelt Plan Area in Halton Hills. Please visit the Town's website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/ZoningAmendment> to view the boundaries of the zones referenced above.

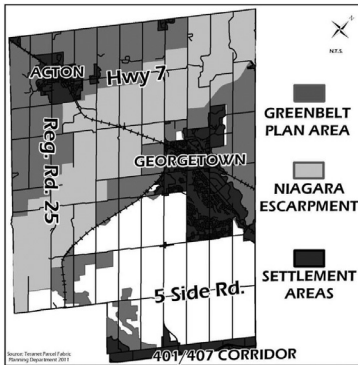
#### Greenbelt Plan Area in Halton Hills

#### STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

**DATE: Tuesday May 24, 2011**

**TIME: 7:45 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
1 Halton Hills Dr., Halton Hills**



Following the statutory public meeting, Town staff will prepare a report to Council which responds to oral and written comments received, and provides a final recommendation to Council on the Zoning By-law Amendment.

Copies of staff reports and the draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for public review and comment in the Town of Halton Hills Planning, Development and Sustainability Department or on the Town's website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/ZoningAmendment>. For further information on this project, please visit the Planning, Development and Sustainability Department, at the address below or contact **Tara Buonpensiero, MCIP, RPP, Acting Senior Planner - Policy, 905-873-2601 ext. 2214 or tarab@haltonhills.ca** or **Steve Burke, MCIP, RPP, Acting Manager of Planning Policy, 905-873-2601 ext. 2254 or stevebu@haltonhills.ca**.

Please provide all comments by **June 10, 2011**.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Notice of this statutory public meeting has been provided pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the statutory public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the By-law is passed:

- The person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- The person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the passage of the Zoning By-law related to the Protected Countryside Natural Heritage System Zones, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills, Planning Development and Sustainability Department, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Ontario, L7G 5G2.

**FILE NO D08-Z01 - Zoning By-law Amendment Protected Countryside Natural Heritage System Zones**

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## Churches & Temples



**GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship\* at 10:00 am**

\*Nursery and Jr. Worship for children  
290 Main Street (south of Maple)  
**905-873-0249**  
[www.togetheratgac.com](http://www.togetheratgac.com)

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*God's Word for Today's World.*  
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**REV. DR. JAMES COOPER**

**116 Main St. S., Georgetown, ON 905-877-7585**

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**Service Dial-in: 905-702-1629**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 11:00 A.M.**

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welcomes you!

Lead Pastor: Rev. Gary vanLeeuwen Youth Pastor: Brian DeBoer

**Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 am & 6:00 pm**

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[www.gcrc.on.ca](http://www.gcrc.on.ca)



Join us **Sundays @ 9:30AM** for a complimentary coffee & light breakfast item. **10:00AM Sunday Worship**, Nursery & Kids Programs  
Lead Pastor: David Tapley  
13619 Hwy 7 West Tel. 905-873-9652  
[www.gcfcchurch.ca](http://www.gcfcchurch.ca)

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

- Lord's Supper 10 A.M. • Ministry Meeting 11:00 A.M.
- Fellowship Lunch 12:00 P.M. • Ministry Meeting 1:00 P.M.

**Meeting In: Georgetown Seniors Centre  
Address: 318 Guelph Street**

Phone: 905-873-1005 Website: [www.haltonhillsbiblechapel.com](http://www.haltonhillsbiblechapel.com)