

Installation of traffic mirror angers councillor's neighbour

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and lights from Robson's vehicle will now shine into his house when she exits her driveway.

Gould is asking the mayor that the post and mirror be removed "in very short order" and that a qualified arborist be sent to his property to properly prune the damage caused by the installation crew. He

also wants to be reimbursed for any lost plant material in the spring and that the shoulder of the road be remediated to its condition prior to the mirror being installed.

He said if Robson wants the mirror she should raise the issue in a public forum, and "avoid any embarrassment with any thought of conflict of interest."

Robson said that Gould's reaction was "much ado about nothing."

"It was a result of the Glen Williams Traffic Study, not anything I did," said Robson. "I don't believe there's any conflict at all." She said she offered to pay for the mirror because, at that time, there were no other mirrors installed in town.

Robson said the mirror has proven helpful to her exiting her driveway. Previously, she says, she had several close calls—two in the last three months—when exiting onto the road.

Robson, who has lived in the home for nearly 12 years, said, by today's standards, the Town wouldn't allow her driveway to be located where it is in the curve.

"It would have been nice if our staff had told him it's (the mirror) going to put up there," said Robson, adding, however, she knew it was going on the Town road allowance so she didn't give it a thought.

Matt Raj, traffic co-ordinator for the Town, said the 24-inch diameter mirror

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Wayne Gould stands in front of the mirror the Town recently installed in front of his home.

Photo by Ted Brown

Glen Williams resident Wayne Gould was shocked to find a wooden post with a convex mirror in front of his property last week.

The mirror had been installed by the Town of Halton Hills for safety reasons because of the sharp curve and limited sightlines from a neighbour's driveway.

Gould is upset about the mirror, calling it a "real estate burden to my address," and said, to install the "eyesore", several limbs and branches had to be removed from the front trees and shrubs on his property.

"It is not rocket science to figure out this installation is for our neighbour across the road—Councillor Joan Robson," said Gould in a letter he sent to Mayor Rick Bonnette and this newspaper. "I do not believe all other possibilities have been looked at in this situation."

Gould believes Robson, who lives across Main Street from Gould, could have improved the sightline from her driveway by moving her mailbox between the two driveways at her entrance or she could have removed some limbs from the spruce tree at the edge of the road.

"There are things she should have exhausted that affect her property before my rights were violated," said Gould.

Gould said he and his wife didn't receive any notification from the Town about the mirror, nor were they approached by any residents about the possibility of the installation and the thinning of the privacy screen and sound barrier in front of their home.

He said when he and his wife now walk north from their driveway, they have to walk into traffic to go around the mirror,



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