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The agony of defeat

Georgetown Raiders' Brendan Woods (11), Caleb Apperson (25) and goalie Steven Racine show their dejection just after the Stouffville Spirit scored at the 11:15 mark of overtime to win game 7 4-3 in their playoff series at the Alcott Arena in Georgetown Saturday night in front of a near-capacity crowd. **For more see page 12.**

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Town among many to challenge Province on ROPA 38

By **CYNTHIA GAMBLE**
Staff Writer

The Town of Halton Hills is among the 41 organizations appealing the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing's changes to the Region's Official Plan amendment related to growth.

ROPA (Regional Official Plan Amendment) 38 was approved by the Minister, but was modified, with 165 changes, in November. Some of changes are in areas dealing with such things such as prime agricultural

land, future strategic employment areas, transportation corridor, quarrying and the natural heritage system.

"The good news is that most of the changes from the Province are technical in nature and do not change the overall intent of ROPA 38 as adopted unanimously from Regional Council," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "The Town's appeal has been scoped to few key items such as the (inclusion of the) GTA West Corridor and the deletion of Future Strategic Employment Areas (along Winston Churchill Blvd)

that may go beyond 2031.

The Town is also filing an appeal due to the deletion of "parking and adequacy of urban services" as criteria in which to evaluate a property for a second residential unit.

"We are pleased that the decision confirmed Town Council's position regarding moderate growth for the Town to 2031," said Bonnette. "This means that the Province, Halton Region and all four Halton municipalities have all endorsed the manner in which

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