

Bennett Place deal nears end

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Halton Hills council ratified its decision recently not to pursue its road maintenance negotiations with Bennett Place residents.

Since 1996 the Town, based on a verbal agreement, had provided snow clearing and grading on the private road of nine homes in Glen Williams—on the condition the residents pay for it. But in recent years, the Town had been struggling to get payment for the \$2,770 service.

Late last fall, the Town sent a notice to terminate the agreement. But in December, the residents pleaded for time to negotiate a new agreement. The Town continued discussions until April when staff came to the conclusion an agreement could not be made after one of the nine property owners refused to sign the deal.

Councillors made the decision without commenting on a letter that was faxed to the Town the same day, requesting deferral of the ratification until October.

Susan Powell, representing Bennett Place residents, wrote they were looking into addressing the stormwater issue of the holdout resident. The drainage and grading work could involve the Town, Halton Region and a gas company on the placement of water and gas lines.

"A deferral of the vote concerning Bennett Place will enable the owners to address the issues and come up a plan to improve the road and put it into effect. We would then be in a position to continue negotiations with the Town concern-

ing the maintenance of the road," Powell wrote.

But Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis said his notes show that these issues were discussed in 2007, 2010 and this year, and "I could not see that a deferral for four months would accomplish what six years has been unable to do.

"It is most unfortunate that Bennett Place residents did not see the value of work being done by the Town and therefore did not remit limited costing in a timely manner," said Lewis. "It seemed like each time we met, the residents wanted "more" and not desiring to pay the appropriate amount for services rendered."

Wards 1&2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville saw it similarly saying later "it's too bad we couldn't come to an agreement, but enough is enough."

He said council repeatedly gave extensions to the residents, and he too expected the same request would likely have happened in October.

Ward 2 Councillor Joan Robson said Powell's letter was discussed at the in-camera meeting before the council meeting, attended by Powell, but "there was no support for another 13 years of lost staff time, councillors' time and many, many calls from taxpayers who pay for their own property/entry. ... We couldn't have all the other taxpayers in Georgetown, Acton and the rural area continue to pay these residents' costs."

The residents will be advised that the Town will terminate the road maintenance services on the private road in Glen Williams effective Saturday, June 30, 2012.



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Bishop blesses new Catholic cemetery

Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, assisted by Father David Wynen of Holy Cross Parish, blessed the new Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery on 17 Sideroad in Georgetown recently.

John O'Brien, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, welcomed a gathering of parishioners, guests, Town officials and

cemetery staff who participated in the Mass and blessing ceremony.

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