



CREEK CLEANUP: Approximately 135 Junior students from Robert Little School staged their annual clean-up of Black Creek on Friday, doing their part for the environment and the community. – Frances Learment photo

Students clean up Black Creek in annual blitz

From rusted pop cans, garbage, pieces of wood and bicycle parts, students from Robert Little School pulled all manner of debris from the Black Creek, which flows across the bottom of the school property and into Fairy Lake on Friday.

It was the ninth or 10th annual cleanup by the junior students at the school, a chance to take classroom talk of recycling and environmental stewardship to the real world. "It is a mission to return something to the community," said teacher Ken Crozier and he, several teachers and four high school student helpers, led the 135 Grades three, four and five students in a massive cleanup.

"We're probably some of the major contributors to the debris in this creek – our kids cross it every day and some of our stuff ends up in the water and along the banks – so this is a way for us to give back to the community. It is also a way to ensure the viability of the species that we find in the creek. We have Brown Trout that spawn in the creek and I saw a beaver, crayfish, frogs and tadpoles and we want them to thrive," Crozier said as swarms of boot-wearing kids collected debris. He said their work improved the look of the creek and banks and probably also improved the water quality for the wildlife.

Crozier said he walked the creek before the kids'

cleanup to ensure there was nothing unsafe. One year, students found needles and other signs of drug use, but this year there were no hazards, except for broken glass which the students were told to point out to the teachers and student helpers to deal with.

For Grade four student Jaiden Kriticos, cleaning up the creek was a matter of pride and ownership. "It is important to do (the cleanup) because of the animals. Its just good to have a nice clean creek – its good to look at, its fun to look at and if you want to cross it, its good to know that you won't be stepping on glass," Kriticos said, adding he was disappointed to find so much wood and glass on the creek bed.

For Grade five student Matthew Marousis, cleaning up the creek was fun and helpful. "We need to take care of nature. Look at all of the stuff that was in the water that could have hurt the fish," he said, pointing to a large pile to debris that he and his classmates recovered from under the bridge.

Crozier said from one-third to one-half off all of the debris pulled from the creek will be recycled. He said they are looking into expanding the students' clean up to the banks of Fairy Lake next year because it takes them less time each year to complete the creek clean up as there is less debris each year.

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 1

Concerning Applications to Amend the
Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law (2010-0050)

For lands legally described as
Concession 4, Part Lot 27, Former Esquesing Township
Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton

Town of Halton Hills File: D09OPA12.001/D14ZBA12.005
(388 Queen Street East, Acton)

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss the proposed applications to amend the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended.

The proposed amendment applications apply to the lands legally described as Concession 4, Part Lot 27, Former Esquesing Township, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton. The subject lands are municipally known as 388 Queen Street East (Acton), Halton Hills. Below is a map showing the location of the subject property.

The purpose and effect of the amendment applications are to permit commercial uses, including a 2,650 m² (28,500 ft²) supermarket on the property.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment applications, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

NOTES:

1. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law amendments are adopted/passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

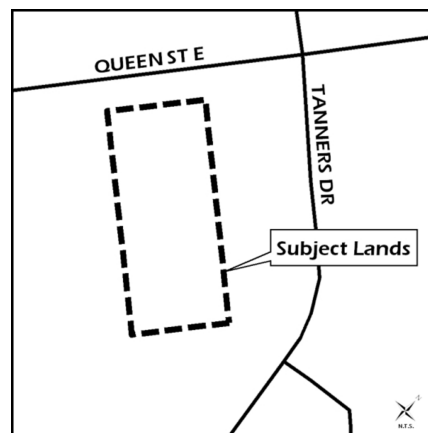
2. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law amendments are adopted/passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

3. Any written comment/objection submitted to the Town of Halton Hills regarding this application(s) which is being processed under the Planning Act 1990, may be made public as part of the application process.

Further information is available in the Planning, Development & Sustainability Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON, L7G 5G2, or contact the Planner assigned to the file, Charlie Toman at 905-873-2601, ext. 2338. A copy of the related Staff Report will be available on Friday, October 26, 2012, on the Town's website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/calendars>.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

DATE/TIME: Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre
FILE NO: D09OPA12.001 & D14ZBA12.005 (388 Queen Street East, Acton)



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