

# Three hour meeting fails to reassure 200 residents' development worries

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At the three-hour meeting in the Civic Centre, Marshall Macklin Monaghan consultants and representatives of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the ministries of environment and natural

resources discussed plans for twinning the existing Silver Creek valley trunk sewer to service Georgetown West, the next big growth area.

They're not only convinced the valley ecology can be protected, private consultant Ed Hanna said it

can be enhanced. The sewer installation option he's recommending is \$1.6 million cheaper than the next best option, he pointed out, and that money could be spent on rehabilitating the valley after construction.

Although residents were told the Region has obtained water samples in the area to see if the old garbage dumps upstream are leaking, Ministry officials seemed largely unaware that two, possibly three, long-closed municipal dumpsites lie just north of the proposed sewer installation area.

Wes Lammers of the Ministry of Environment said closed dumps cannot be redeveloped for 25 years. John Minns said his research indicates one of the dumps closed for good in 1967, the other in '63, but dumping continued there until 1972.

"Was that a transformer dump?" Jim Walker asked. "Because if you're digging that stuff up, you've got a problem."

Ed Salenieks of Marshall Macklin Monaghan acknowledged that the dump's proximity should be a factor in planning valley developments.

"You wouldn't ignore that kind of information," he said.

## Dump? What dump?

The Town's planning director says he was not aware that three abandoned landfills are located where the Region proposes to install a new trunk sewer line.

"I really didn't know there was one until (Tuesday's public meeting)," Ian Keith said in an interview Thursday.

"Garbage is the responsibility of the Region, so it's out of (the Town's) hands. With old waste disposal sites, I believe the direct line of responsibility was with the Ministry of Environment, and I would think the Region would also know about it as well."

The former garbage dumps are located between Main St. South and Silver Creek, beneath and adjacent to the present municipal toboggan hill. A third site is just north of the point where Silver Creek and Black Creek meet.

Residents claim that tires, hydro transformers, insulators and other potentially hazardous materials were dumped there years ago.

According to Ashley Ransom, Regional officials claimed no knowledge of the landfill sites until they were told about them by area residents at a meeting last July 15. In addition, consultants hired by the Region to review the trunk sewer project claimed they were not informed about the sites.

During a visit to the site behind Sam Jones Welding Ltd. Wednesday, Ransom pointed out an area where he believes garbage was unearthed several years ago by consultants hired to determine the quality of the land for a development proposal. Half buried in the ground are bottles, bits of tires, plastic jugs and other materials.

## Car phones for maintenance employees

# Howitt wants to cut luxury items from \$1/4 billion school budget

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meeting on Nov. 19th at which trustees will hear public input. This is to be followed by trustee discussion of the review process in a closed caucus meeting prior to the start of the normal budget process which traditionally gets underway in February.

Howitt, however, expressed a desire to get to the crunch much sooner than scheduled.

"At what point do I get a chance to say with the existing budget, I think this department is a luxury item we can't afford anymore? At what point do I get to say I think, not only should we not hire any more speech pathologists but we should do away with the ones we've got?" charged Howitt, also pointing out the music program as a potential luxury.

Board business superintendent Jerry Jenkins said trustees would get an opportunity to intervene once the 1991 budget proposal comes forward.

Howitt expressed frustration at not knowing particular details of each department's spending needs. He also followed up on Burlington trustee Anne Barbu's line of questioning about six board maintenance employees whose vehicles have been equipped with car phones.

"This is my first meeting and my frustration level is the same as in the last meeting last year. Now, I hear we have six staff with car phones," said Howitt, adding he wanted to know specifics like how much the board's publication Boardwalk costs, how many secretaries are in the communications department and how much communications officer Brian Woodland makes.

But that led to a charge from Milton trustee Bob Clarke that Howitt was getting a little carried away.

Clarke said the board hired people to look after the details and charged that trustees could be at work until February if it chose to go looking at every detail.

It was at that point Howitt

threatened to go home and a brief recess was called. After an impromptu meeting among Board chairman Pat Hillhouse, finance committee chairman Patty Wilcox, education director Bob Williams, and finance superintendent Jenkins, it was decided trustees wishing to get a more detailed budget review could arrange special meetings.

As always Jenkins advised trustees that slashing for current savings is one option but that long term change can be achieved only through long term planning.

"Taking \$500 out of mileage is not going to reach any targets, you have to look at functions," said Jenkins, adding "There's always the other side, you could totally rip out the guts of support services to pay for contractual things but that's something I hope the board would not do."

Trustees heard that 77% or \$196 million of the board's budget is relatively fixed on direct school and support services. Approximately 76% or \$192 million pays for salaries and benefits.

Oakville trustee Janis Millman called for a reverse wish list — advocating going out to the staff in the

schools and finding out what things they could best live without. Director Bob Williams said that process was already underway but couldn't at this point guarantee that all 5,000 of the board's employees would get an opportunity for input.

"What I'd hope we would do is something like zero-based budgeting, that we would go back and justify every item. I'd like to see every item," said Howitt. "This year I'd hoped to wipe the slate clean and that you could justify every item and program and we could turf out the ones we don't want anymore," said Howitt, disappointed that wasn't getting done Monday.

Trustees will meet again Monday, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5, at the school board's headquarters on the Guelph Line, Burlington.

On Nov. 19, starting at 7:30 p.m., groups or individuals are invited to make their views on the budget known to the trustees. Those wishing to make one should provide a brief summary to the Office of the Director by Wednesday, Nov. 14. Presentations will be up to 10 minutes in length. Presenters will be notified of the time of their presentation by Friday, Nov. 16.

## MPP's opens Georgetown office Dec. 1

While Noel Duignan's office in Georgetown won't open until Dec. 1, his office in Milton is already functioning.

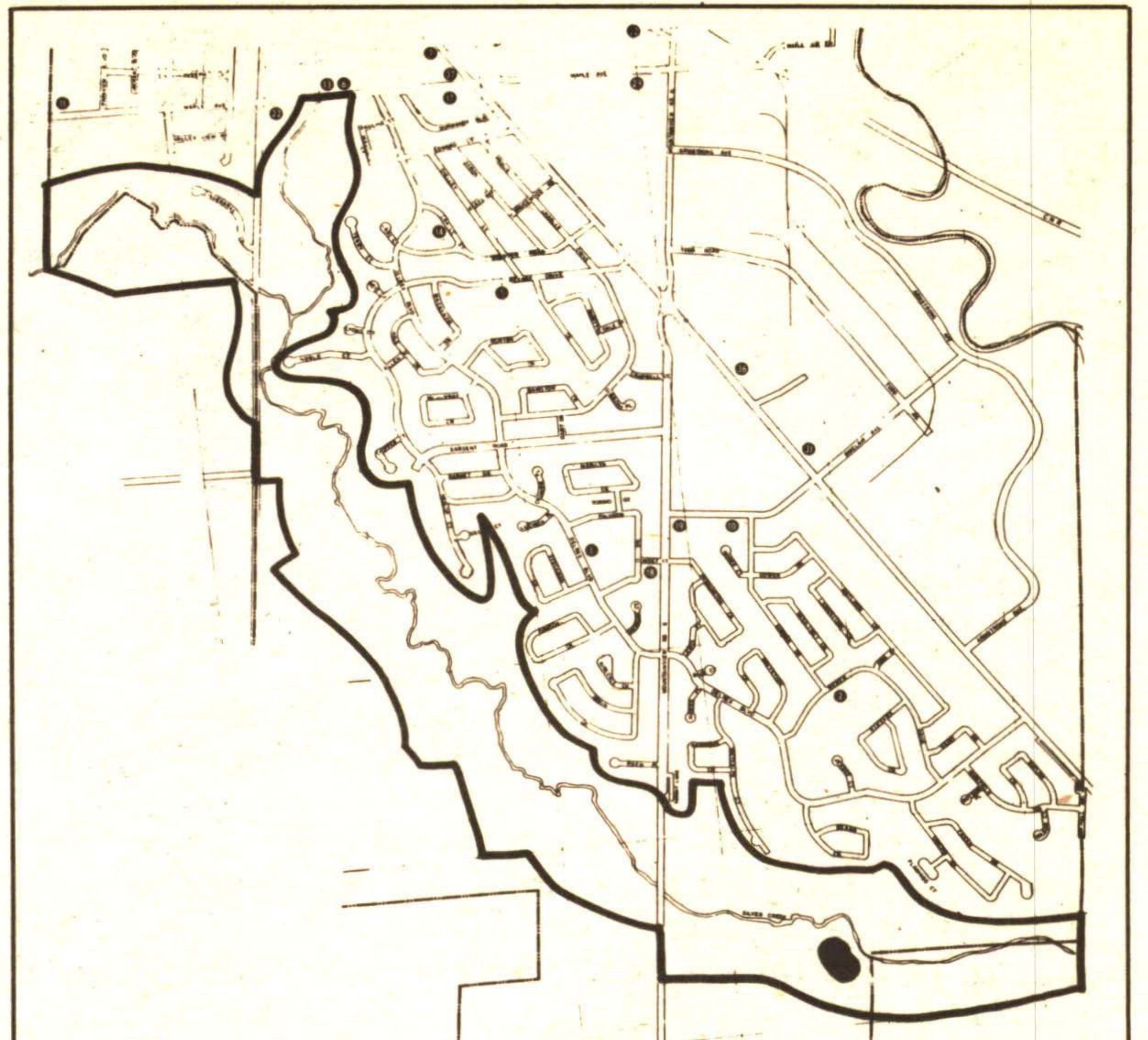
The Georgetown office for Duignan, the NDP MPP for North Halton, will be at 37 Main St. S. Office hours will be Monday and Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4:30 and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

Duignan's staff members are Bill Chard, Norma Peterson and Laura Easdale. The Milton office is at 751 Main St. E., (across from the GO Station) L9T 3Z3 and appointments can be scheduled through his main office in Milton at (416) 878-1729.

Duignan plans to be available to his constituents Fridays in Georgetown 9 a.m. to noon and in Milton 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

At a later date his morning hours in Georgetown will be alternated with office hours in Acton and other communities once arrangements can be made for temporary office space.

Duignan's Milton office will be open Monday and Wednesday noon to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. But it will be closed Nov. 1 so staff can attend a seminar hosted by the Workers' Compensation Board.



Within the black lines is an Environmentally Significant Area where a twinning of the current Silver Creek Sanitary trunk sewer has been proposed. From Maple Ave. and Main St. (top, left), the trunk sewer will follow Silver Creek through the valley lands to the Georgetown Water Pollution Control Station (lower right). Also planned are test wells, a new bridge on Mountainview South, widening of Main St. and a golf course.



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