

Slope stabilization begins on Irwin Cr. — finally

After months of delay, slope stabilization work behind four of Georgetown's Irwin Cr. homes is finally expected to begin within the next week.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) recently awarded R & M Construction the contract for the stabilization project, at a cost of \$157,915. R & M Construction completed a similar project on the slope behind Metcalfe Ct. last year.

An additional \$30,000 from engineering reports, design and inspection costs are expected to bump the totals to around \$190,000. The

exact figure hasn't been tallied yet because the original engineering plans were altered due to the lack of participation from homeowners.

Earlier this year, the CVCA approached 18 homeowners affected by the erosion of the slope running behind Irwin Cr., Dawson Cr. and Eden Pl., seeking permission to begin the project.

However, all but four homeowners rejected the project, because they felt that the Town was not paying its fair share of the bill.

According to the agreement, the Province is footing 55 per cent of the cost of the project, leaving the resi-

dents and the Town of Halton Hills to split the remaining 45 per cent.

Each homeowner is responsible for the first \$7,500, with the balance to be split evenly with the Town, which is the same cost-sharing

agreement reached by residents of Metcalfe Ct. last year.

In an earlier interview, Mayor Russ Miller defended the agreement by stating the Town's share is based on compassionate reasons,

not legal ones. He argued that since the Ministry of Natural Resources was the approving agency for the Irwin homes, they should be responsible for the subsequent erosion and not the municipality.

Town to study 'granny flat' impact

"Granny flats" will be one of the affordable housing options to be considered for Halton Hills in the upcoming urban area review study.

Town Council endorsed a staff recommendation to have the study determine the feasibility and affordability of "granny flats" during its

general committee meeting Monday evening.

A "granny flat" (or garden suites as they are also known) is a small, portable home placed on the same lot as a home of a close family member or friend.

The idea is to supply a self-con-

tained dwelling for elderly family members, while at the same time providing support, companionship and security.

According to a consultant's report, the estimated costs to purchase a unit may run anywhere from \$30,000 to \$40,000, plus another \$10-15,000 for installation and hookup to municipal services.

However, the Town's zoning bylaws restrict the use of granny flats altogether, according to Deputy Planning Director Bruce MacLean. Therefore, the urban review study is expected to determine if there is a need in the community for them, he added.

"I expect (granny flats) to go through the rezoning process because it is essentially two buildings on one property," MacLean said. "However, there are too many unknowns right now without having the benefit of the study's recommendations."

The urban review study will focus on re-examining the Town's land-use and development policies, by determining appropriate locations for a vast range of housing types, including their compatibility with existing neighborhoods. Any changes to planning policies as a result of the study are expected to be incorporated into the Official Plan.

Bannockburn W.I. enjoys a 'Trip to Alaska'

The first meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute fall season was held at the home of Ada Sinclair with nine members and five guests present.

Roll Call: Where would you like to trip to and why? was answered by all the ladies. The motto was read by Isobel McDonald, consisting of two poems entitled, "First Day of School" and "Harvest End."

After the business meeting was finished the group was treated to a "Trip to Alaska" by four of the members. Ada, Ruth, Isobel and Ina donned the costumes they wore at a dinner on the lovely boat trip to Alaska. They showed pictures and told of the lovely time they had, and of the beautiful scenery they saw.

A delicious dessert was served by Ruth and Ada. Courtesies were given to Ada by Linda Cairns.

The October meeting was held at the home of Ruth Linham with six members and three guests attending.

Ina Peterson opened the meeting with a poem entitled "Thanksgiving Song." Linda Cairns gave us the report of the District Annual. Isobel McDonald and Ina will attend the Area Convention on Oct. 26. The speaker for the evening was Shirley McKay, a Public Health Nurse with the Halton Unit. She spoke on Foot Care. She said most people do not give the feet the care they certainly need to carry us through our life without trouble. She handed out pamphlets for us to refer to from time to time to keep our feet in good shape. Ruth thanked her and presented her with a gift in appreciation.



For the motto Isobel read a story about "Harvest." A lovely dessert was served by Anne Hollis and Ruth Linham.

The next meeting will be at Anne Hollis' place Nov. 13.

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