

Upper Canada College, Town reach agreement on lands

By **STUART JOHNSTON**
A tentative agreement has been reached between the Town of Halton Hills and Upper Canada College that will enable a portion of the Official Plan to be approved by the Province.

Upper Canada College originally objected to the Town's designation in the Official Plan of its 450 acres, located north of Hwy. 7 between McFarlane Dr. and Winston Churchill Blvd. The college lands located west of the Credit River lie within Georgetown's urban boundary, while the easterly portion remains in the rural area.

The college objected to the fact that its lands were to be designated as Major Open Space, Environmentally Sensitive Area and Hazard Land.

It did not agree with the constraints an "open space" designation would give the college, nor did it feel that the natural features on the land warranted the entire property as environmentally sensitive, according to a staff report.

Because of its objections, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing deferred the Official Plan designation. To date, the ministry has deferred 47 different parts of the plan because of objections filed.

However, Upper Canada College has agreed to withdraw its objections, which would allow the Province to approve this portion of the plan, if the designation is changed from "open space" to

"urban" on the west side of the river, and to "rural" on the east side. In addition, the "environmentally sensitive" designation be deleted.

The "urban" designation acknowledges "that the long term intent of the Official Plan is to allow the lands to be developed for urban uses," the report stated.

"However, the specific land use (residential, industrial, commercial) would require a...formal amendment to the Official Plan. Any proposed future use would need to be justified by supporting

studies and may involve matters relating to traffic, marketing and environmental concerns."

A public meeting was held at the Civic Centre Monday night but there was no one in attendance. "The proposed modifications represent a fair and reasonable resolution to (the) deferrals...to the Town's Official Plan," the report continued. "The revised designations more accurately reflect the natural characteristics of the site and are acceptable to the reviewing agencies."



Kiwanis Club president Dave Dunlop (right) presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to Richmond Chandler of the Halton Children and Youth Foundation at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Wednesday afternoon. The money was raised during a fund-raising lobster fest recently organized by the Kiwanis.

Acton East study done

A public meeting will soon be set to review the now-completed Acton East Implementation Study.

The study's purpose is to serve as a policy guideline for development applications within Acton's expanded urban boundary. The boundary was expanded in 1987 in order to accommodate a future maximum population of 10,000 people.

Two of the major components of the study focusses on servicing constraints within the expanded urban area as well as a "planning framework in which development may proceed," according to a staff report.

As well as receiving public input, the study will also be circulated to all public agencies for review.

Until the recommendations of the study are finally adopted by council, all development within the urban boundary on Acton's east end is frozen.

Tremaine overpass to reopen within week

The Tremaine Rd. bridge over Hwy. 401 will reopen "within a week," Regional councillors were told Wednesday.

Acting Public Works Commissioner Bruce Kitchen said a single lane will be opened for lighter vehicles only. Structural repairs to the overpass commence in spring.

Milton Councillor Bill Johnson, who had earlier complained about the overpass closure hampering business in the area, called the announcement "music to my ears."

The bridge was closed Nov. 29 after one of its vertical supports was damaged in an accident on the 401, which closed the highway in both

directions for six hours.

Kitchen said Regional and Provincial officials are satisfied that lighter vehicles can safely resume use of the overpass.

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