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RESTORING HISTORY

Final touches are checked out by Artcast employee Jim Wilson of Rockwood on a large statue recently restored at the Armstrong Ave. company. The Saltfleet Memorial of Stoney Creek was brought to Artcast for restoration after it had received water and frost damage and needed a good cleaning as part of the refitting. It honors the war dead from both world wars and Korea and has stood at its location for more than 70 years. Constructed of bronze, the statue stands 10 feet five inches to the top of the head and 13 feet to the flag and weighs approximately 1500 pounds.

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Council agrees to proceed with new urban review

By STUART JOHNSTON

The planning process is going to get "bogged down in a quagmire" should the Region pursue its goal of reviewing new urban developments in north Halton under the Province's Environmental Assessment Act (EAA), councillors charged Wednesday.

The "greening" of the Region's draft Urban Structure Review, where environmental concerns and public consultation will be heard at the beginning stages of planning for new urban developments, is the first of its kind in the Province.

It is a plan for new urban growth focussing on Halton Hills south, near Hornby, and parts of rural Milton.

The province has promised \$1.4 million to fund the urban review, but it has not yet finalized the deal.

Regional Council approved its consultants Wednesday to proceed with the study, but some council-

lors are skeptical that "marrying the EAA and the Planning Act" together will streamline the process.

"In 1982, I watched council enter into the quagmire of the environmental assessment act for its landfill...It has taken us 10 years instead of one, and our budget has risen by 1,040 per cent," Burlington rep Rob Forbes said.

"The costs for this review is no more than just seed money from the Province and I've seen many times in the past how seed money grows to strangle our treasurer...While it seems an easy way to deal with the public's concerns and the environment, we are really slipping back into the quagmire of the EAA."

In response to fears that Halton will be left with the bill, Planning Commissioner Rash Mohammed assured council that he has "every intention of getting the commit-

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Plenty of activities on Acton Fair weekend

For the second weekend in a row, Halton Hills residents can be treated to a midway, lots of shows and exhibits—this time at the Acton Fall Fair.

Lots of events are planned for the fair which began Friday evening with the crowning of Miss Acton 1991. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Guse family.

Saturday at 11 a.m. the horse and pony shows are to be held, followed by the annual Acton Fall Fair Parade at noon, starting a McKenzie-Smith School and heading down Mill St.

The horseshoe pitching competition begins at 1 p.m. and the baby show goes at 1:30 p.m. Sheep dog demonstrations will be at 2 and 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. In the evening, a heavy horse pull is scheduled for 6 p.m. with a teen dance at 7 p.m.

Sunday is also action-packed,

starting with several events at noon, including a western horse show, an antique tractor pull, a 4X4 truck pull and the dairy show.

Remote control car races and a pet show begin at 1 p.m. and the pedal tractor pull and gospel singing is at 2 p.m.

Fair board members have tried to keep the old favorite events in the fair as well as adding some new ones, like the sheep dog demonstrations and an exotic petting zoo.

Admission for adults and students is \$4.25, seniors can get in for \$2.25 and children are admitted for \$1. Parking is \$2.

Also on Sunday will be the annual Terry Fox Run at Acton High School.

The Acton run is one of the most successful raising some \$23,000 last year. Organizers are inviting all to come and join them or make a donation to the worthy cause.

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