

# Clock ticking on Third Line issue

By **STUART JOHNSTON**  
Staff writer

Time is running out for Halton Hills to enforce the reconstruction of the Third Line through the Acton Quarry, according to Dr. Len Landry, but town councillors and staff appeared skeptical about the urgency of the situation.

Nevertheless, councillors asked for another legal opinion and called a last minute meeting on the matter late Friday afternoon. The results of that were not known at press time.

Landry approached council Tuesday night, "as a private citizen," urging it to immediately take legal action and proceed with the road's reconstruction across the quarry.

Landry, who has been quite active in past POWER and FOAD events against the quarry's landfill proposal, explained that there is only two weeks remaining to enforce the agreement. He argued that quarry owner United Aggregates Ltd. (UAL) will have its updated rehabilitation plans approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources in that time, therefore

the town will have lost an opportunity to comment on the new road.

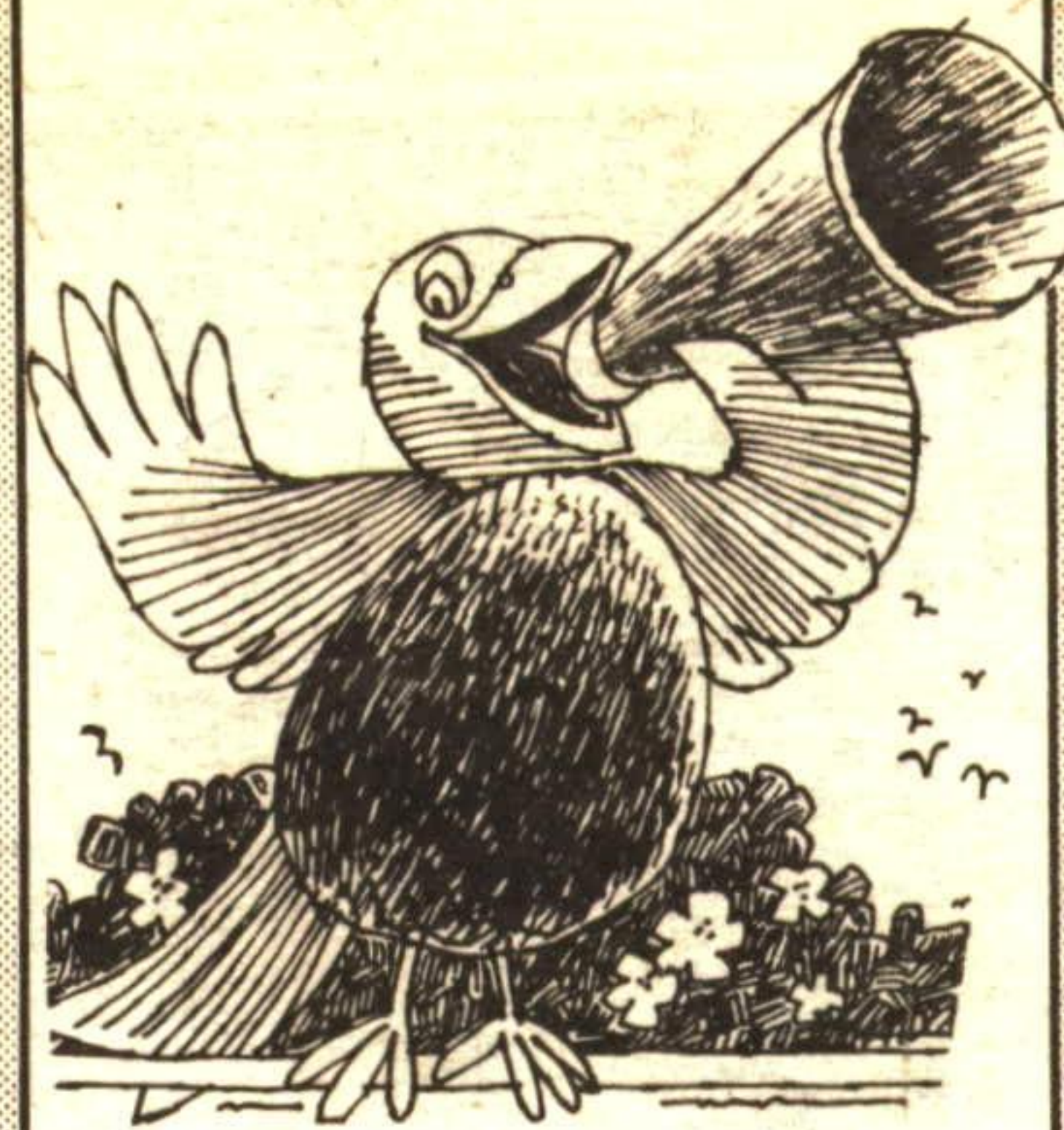
He also produced a copy of a letter from the MNR to the town stating the road reconstruction is not under its jurisdiction unless it is a specific amendment to the document. However, only the ministry or UAL can amend the plan, he added.

"After the site plan is approved, UAL will apply for an amendment to change rehabilitation to a dump. MNR does not appear to have any serious objections to this after use."

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**GEORGETOWN**

## Think Spring

It may still be two weeks until Spring is officially here, but one robin doesn't seem to know it. Thursday, May Frank spotted the first robin of the year in her backyard on the Dublin Line, Acton. Mrs. Frank was feeding the birds at 8 a.m. when she noticed a red breasted songbird clamoring for feed. Thinking it was her long-lost cardinal that had come back, she was very surprised to see that it was actually a robin. So ... think Spring!



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### Digest

#### Computer needed

Acton Food Share is appealing to the community for a computer.

Coordinator Joan Waldie said her organization needs to keep statistics on the amount of food they receive and give out, the number of clients and other information which has to be sent into the government each month.

"It's just taking too long to do it all manually," she said. She is hoping a local company or individual might have a computer which they could donate to Acton Food Share. Or, perhaps one could be purchased at a good price, Waldie suggested.

Anyone who thinks they might be able to assist the organization should call Waldie at

#### Recreation and Parks brochure enclosed

Enclosed in today's newspaper you will receive a copy of the Recreation and Parks Department's Spring and Summer Community Brochure, featuring many opportunities for active living. Rural drop-off locations will be delivered as of Monday, March 9. Please call the Rec. Dept. at 873-2600, ext. 268 if you don't receive the brochure.

Please note that in an effort to provide greater customer convenience, the Recreation Department has combined the Community Program and Aquatic registration process. Check out the brochure for specific registration details and information.



## Citizen of the Year

Georgetown's Citizen of the Year for 1991, Lena Johnston, was presented with her plaque by Georgetown Lion Carl Hansen, at the dinner held in her honor, Tuesday night at the Lions' Hall. Lena was honored for her many years of volunteer service in Georgetown. For more, see page 6.

TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend

## Welfare, police costs are blamed for budget hike

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Despite efforts by a handful of regional councillors to cut the budget even further Wednesday afternoon, Halton residents will be charged an additional \$22.32 in property taxes this year.

Describing this year's budget as the "toughest in all of his years on council," regional chairman Pete Pomeroy defended the 7.65 per cent property tax increase, noting councillors had very little control over the final figures.

He blamed soaring welfare costs, increased demand on the Children's Aid Society and a Halton Regional Police budget increase of just shy of 10 per cent for not being able to wrestle taxes any lower.

"About 98 per cent of the increase is to pay for the mandatory programs forced upon us by the Province," Pomeroy told reporters before council finalized the budget. "Overall, we (council) control one third of the final figure that gets approved, and we think that's unacceptable...It's frustrating to people like myself - we could have been less than zero if it wasn't for those other programs."



**PETE POMEROY**

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