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## Fox attack concerns resident

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A Halton Hills woman encountered a fox she believes was rabid early Tuesday morning.

"I want to make people aware so they don't take things for granted. I did that, and I shouldn't have," said Corrie Brown.

She planned to have her dog vaccinated against rabies, but missed the free vaccination clinic held each year in October and hadn't managed to get her dog vaccinated since then.

At 2 a.m. Tuesday Brown heard a commotion outside the Winston Churchill Rd. home, and opened the door to discover her dog and that of the neighbor "going crazy".

Her neighbor was on her porch with a mop, which he kept swinging at the fox, to try and get it to go away, but the fox just kept chasing after the dogs, she said. Eventually it went away, but the neighbor's dog was put down, because it had blood on it and likely contracted the disease, she said.

There were fresh tracks in the snow at 7:30 a.m. which Brown believes was made by the fox, which came back again.

Rick Rosatte, a research scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, confirms that this is unusual behavior for a fox, which is not an aggressive animal.

"The best thing people can do is educate their children," Rosatte said. Children should know to stay away from wild animals, including raccoons, which some people bring

into their homes and try to feed.

People also need to have their pets vaccinated against rabies and then given an annual booster.

"Domestic pets are the main link between humans and wild animals," he said. While any veterinarian can vaccinate against rabies, free clinics are held annually in Brampton in October.

"It used to be that if a fox was seen in the city, it was considered rabid, but now it's not uncommon to see a fox," he said. They can even come into someone's backyard, looking for food. But if a fox is exhibiting aggressive behavior and attacking a dog or a human, or chasing a car, it is likely rabid, Rosatte said.

He noted this is the mating season for foxes, and they are aggressive when they mate.

Jesse Reed, supervisor of Animal Control in Brampton notes that this is the first complaint he has received about a fox this season.

"This is an isolated case we haven't had any reports in our area of rabid animals," he said.

This strain of rabies is called arctic fox rabies, and came down from the northern Canada in the 1950s. A new strain of rabies, called raccoon rabies, is currently in New York State, and the Ministry of Natural Resources is working on ways of preventing it from coming into Ontario.

Brown was told this fox would likely die in four or five days, because the symptoms indicate the disease was in its final stage.

## Halton Urban Structure Review Public Open House - Proposed Development Concept January 20, 1994 and January 27, 1994

The Halton Urban Structure Review identified a need to accommodate about 100,000 people in new urban areas in Halton by 2011. Choices about how to plan for growth were presented at public open houses in April 1993. Based on public and agency comments and further technical review and investigation, a proposed development concept for the urban structure of Halton has now been prepared.

At these public open houses, four important topics related to the Halton Urban Structure Review will be discussed:

1. A growth management strategy for the Region which includes a development concept for the Milton centred area, the Highway 401 corridor area and the North Oakville area between Highway 5 and the proposed Highway 403.
2. Water and wastewater servicing for proposed urban areas within Halton have been considered as an integral component of the Halton Urban Structure Review. As part of the implementation of the Halton Urban Structure Review, a master plan for water and wastewater servicing will be prepared during 1994. The master plan is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements for phases 1 and 2 of the *Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Water and Wastewater projects under the Environmental Assessment Act*.
3. A *Watershed Plan for Sixteen Mile Creek* is currently in preparation to implement many of the environmental protection goals of the HUSR. This watershed plan will address the long term management of water resources and the natural environment of the Sixteen Mile Creek watershed. The plan will also provide the framework for the preparation of sub-watershed plans for the new development areas.
4. The next steps in the process and further opportunities for public involvement will be discussed.

Your input into the *Halton Urban Structure Plan*, the master servicing plan and the watershed plan is critical to their successful completion. To provide further information to the public on these plans and to receive input and comment from interested persons, the following open houses are planned.

### MEETING LOCATIONS

<p><b>Thursday, January 20, 1994</b> Halton Region Auditorium 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville Just north of the QEW</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 27, 1994</b> Bishop Reding High School 1600 Main Street East, Milton East of Highway 25</p>
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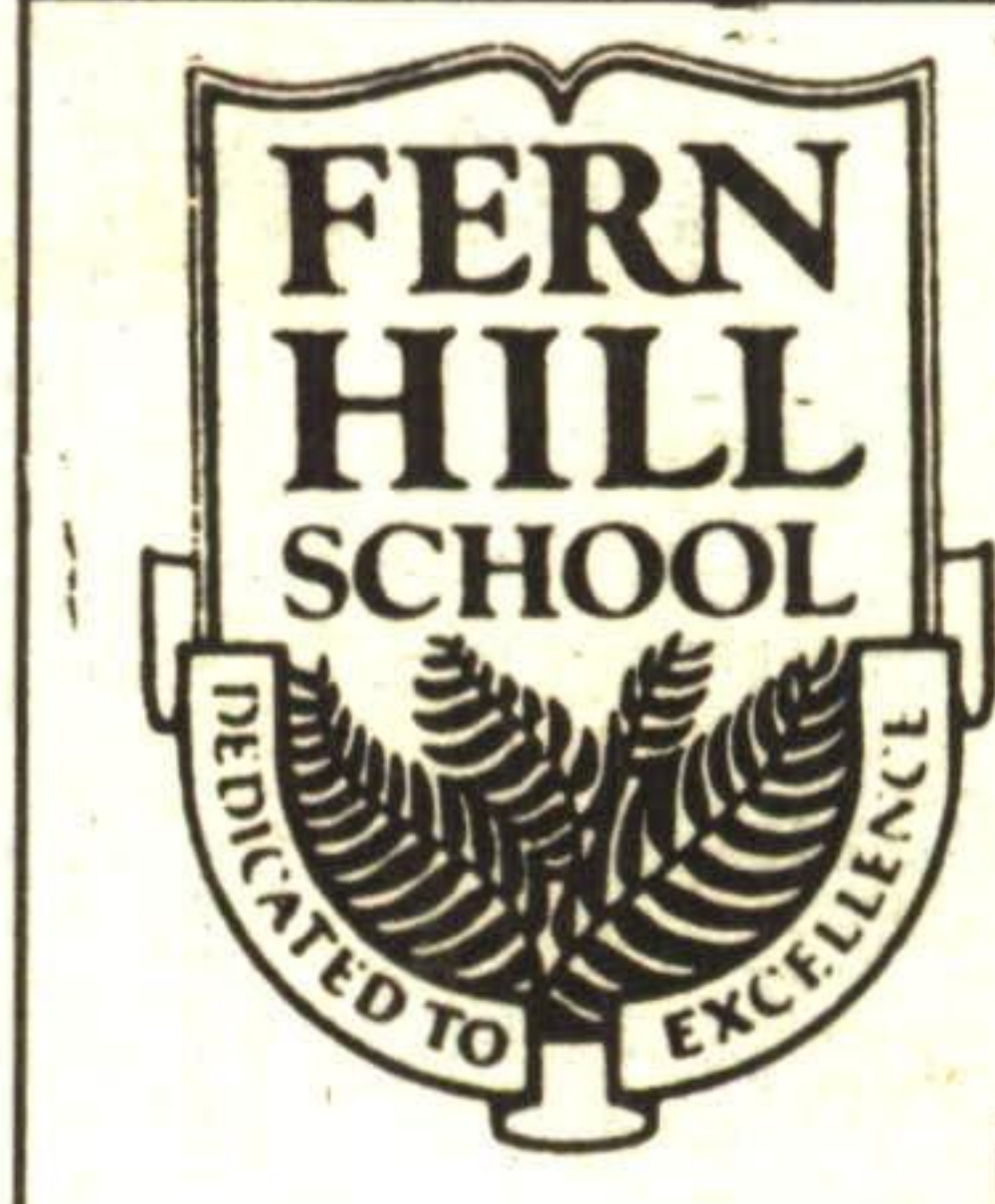
### AGENDA

- 6-7 p.m. Open House
- 7-8 p.m. Presentation
- 8-9 p.m. Open House

For further information call Ms Kathy Kiehl, 825-6161, extension 7200.

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## Public Information Centre For The Construction Of The

**Watermain Extension To The Hamlet  
of Glen Williams  
in the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown)  
Contract W-971-93**

A Public Information Centre will be held:

DATE:	Tuesday, January 25, 1994
TIME:	5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
PLACE:	St. Alban's Parish Hall 537 Main Street Glen Williams

This Information Centre is being held to provide the public with an opportunity to review the construction schedule and drawings for the watermain extension and water services under Contract W-971-93.

Interested persons are invited to drop in any time during the above hours. Regional staff will be available to answer any questions regarding this project.

For further information, please contact Wendy White at extension 7619 at the following telephone numbers:

from Georgetown	878-8113
from Acton	853-0501
from Oakville	825-6000

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