GO on track with Georgetown plan

By LISA TALLYN Staff writer

GO Transit is one step closer to providing full service from Georgetown to Toronto. But despite that progress, full service isn't expected to be introduced until at least 2011.

A study of the environmental impact full service to Union Station could have along the rail corridor has been completed and reveals the work could be done with only minimal impact on the environment.

Through April 15 the public will have a chance to comment on the study and Lester Keachie, project engineer with GO Transit, said those comments and

concerns will be addressed before GO receives approval to proceed with plans.

When full service is provided Halton Hills residents will be able to choose from nine trains to Toronto during the peak times of morning and nine trains home during peak hours in the evening. Between peak times and in the evening trains will run every 60 minutes.

Keachie said the expansion of services along the Georgetown corridor is planned in stages, at a total cost of \$200million. By 1999 full service is planned for Bramalea. He added those timelines aren't firm, and funding cuts could have an effect on the timing.

Included in the first phase of work to be done in the Georgetown area is the

twinning of the track over the Credit River. That could be done in the next five

In the report GO recommends not moving the Georgetown GO station to Armstrong Ave., but to keep it where it is and eliminate some tracks to accommodate more parking.

GO's layover station would be moved to Armstrong Ave. so some of the tracks could be removed. By removing the layover station and redeveloping adjacent industrial lands north of the station the number of parking spaces would increase from 375 to between 500 and 700.

Anyone interested in looking at the environmental study report should contact the town's planning department.

Harrison to be honored

There will be many special visitors to Georgetown on Monday evening to honor long time minor hockey volunteer Karen Harrison.

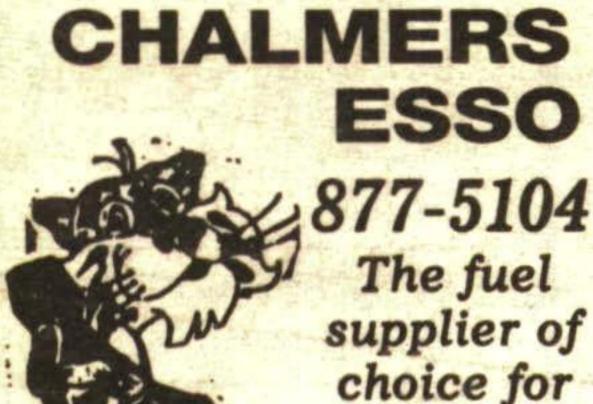
Hockey Hall of Fame President Scotty Morrison and Director of Officiating for the National Hockey League (NHL)/Georgetown resident Bryan Lewis have been added to the list of speakers for this year's Georgetown Hockey Heritage banquet, slated for tomorrow evening at the Holy Cross Church .

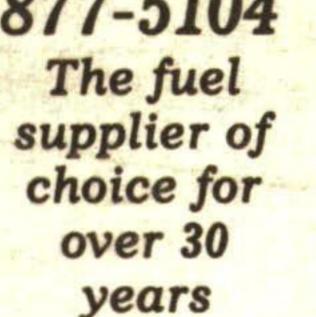
Morrison and Lewis will be joined by guest speakers Jim Ralph and Alan Eagleson, and of course Master of Ceremonies Ron MacLean.



KAREN HARRISON

Only a few tickets are still available for the dinner including some father and son packages (\$50). For tickets, call Knectels Food Market at 873-3963.







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Reason to Smile

The third in the series of three plays sponsored by Acton Social Services Information Centre will be presented by the Smile Theatre Group, at the Acton High School, on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. The play, "Hey Ruby" is a dance musical about Halifax's Ruby Keeler who tap danced her way into the hearts of many. Tickets are \$6 each and are available at the door, ASSIC or from the Village Constable.

Chimney fire

Firefighters were called to a chimney fire on Guelph Line in Nassagaweya at 8:37 a.m. Tuesday. When they arrived they found the Milton Fire Department on the scene.

Still looking

Georgetown Hospital is still looking for a new obstetrician to replace Dr. Valerie Kumar at the end of July. Dr. Don Trant reported at the January board meeting that he found someone, but last Thursday he said that person is heading for North Carolina.

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Citizen of the Year



Georgetown's Citizen of the Year, Lou Darcie (centre), was joined by his wife Hilda as he was honored by Georgetown Lions Club member Dennis Borotsik at the annual Georgetown Citizen of the Year Dinner, at the Lions Hall on Tuesday night. Darcie was honored for his many years of volunteering with several groups in the area, and his commitment to the betterment

of the community. In addition to the presentation from the Lions, he also was honored by both the federal and provincial governments, Halton Region, the Town of Halton Hills, Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

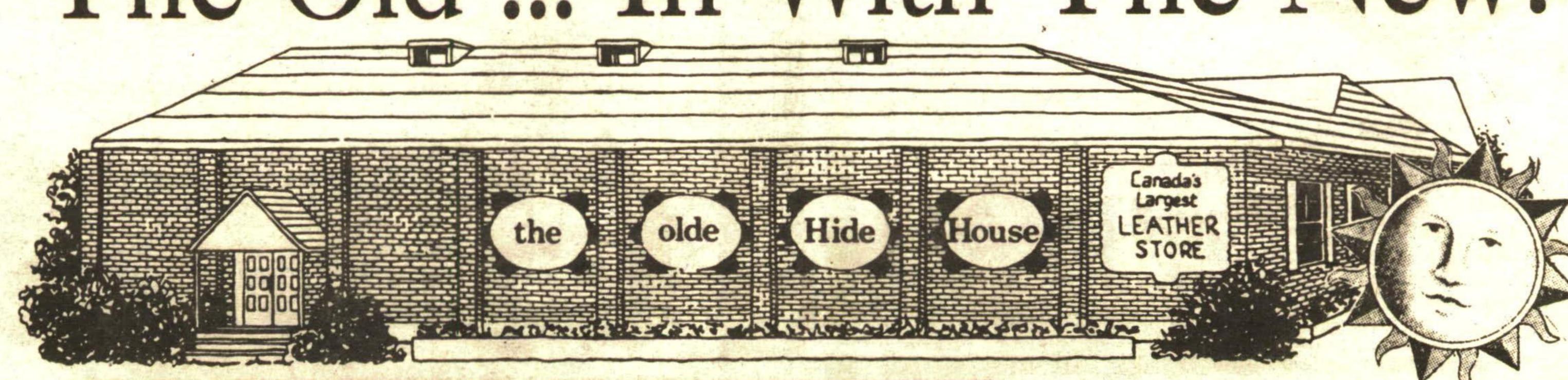
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