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News

Digest

Tender awarded

Despite Councillor Gail Rutherford's urging not to award the tender to the same company that did the Guelph St. reconstruction project, council approved a recommendation awarding the tender for the Ewing St. and Riverview Dr. reconstruction project in the amount of \$699,780 to Memme Excavation Co., Ltd.

Rutherford recommended awarding the tender to the next highest bidder, which would have meant a \$20,000 increase in cost to the town.

Police warning

Halton police are cautioning area residents from doing business with companies that operate over the telephone. Police report an area resident received a phone call from a company offering a photo deal. The company representative told the resident they were supported by the local police. Police say they have no knowledge of the company.

Boiler go-ahead

Monday night council gave town Recreation and Parks staff the go-ahead to tender for the replacement of the hot water boiler system at Cedarvale Community Centre. Funding for the new system, likely in the range of \$32,000, will come from the town's unallocated capital reserve fund.

Gas leak

Hills Fire Halton Department responded to a natural gas leak on Argyll Rd. in Georgetown south Tuesday at around 6 p.m. A fire department spokesperson says the leak was caused when a bulldozer grading the road struck a four-inch gas line. Homes in the immediate area were evacuated while Union Gas shut off the gas and repaired the line. The fire department stood by at the scene for an hour and forty minutes.

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Flower power



Area residents have been busy over the past few weeks grooming their gardens as local horticultural groups prepare for judging in their annual contests. Residents, like Acton's Wannetta Stiles, have had several days of good weather to work in their gardens this year. Stiles

was busy enjoying Wednesday's weather and took time to spray her hollyhocks for any pesky creatures. The Acton Horticultural Society will be judging gardens this week while the Georgetown Horticultural Society will begin judging July 25.

Photo by SIMON WILSON

Drainage concerns residents

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Concerns about the road allowance and drainage were raised by area residents at a public meeting Monday night dealing with the creation of an additional residential lot on a parcel of property on Main St. in Georgetown.

The property is located on the west side of Main St. S north of Maple Ave. Owners of the property, Bruce and Margaret Harding, already have four separate lots on the land, and they have filed a part lot control application with the town to shift the lot lines and create a fifth lot.

The resulting lots would range in width from 50 to 69 feet.

Alan Binks, a planner with the town, explained the town's engineering department has stipulated that an easement be granted to the town for drainage, and the water which drains through the property be enclosed. The town's Environmental Advisory Committee wants the stream to remain open.

The committee also wants to see a tree saving program implemented to ensure as many trees as possible on the property remain.

The engineering department requested three metres off the front of the lots go to the town for road allowance.

R.E. Clipsham, representing the owners, said the easement and road allowance would result in only a 10 to 12 foot building envelope on the fifth lot.

Lloyd Sankey, a 23-year Georgetown resident, was very concerned about the three metre road allowance requested by the engineering department. He is concerned that could mean a wider Main St. in downtown Georgetown in the future.

Main St. resident Richard Clague was also concerned with the request for road allowance.

"I don't feel the town should allow for the possibility of road widening," said Clague. He added the public never intended for the road to be widened.

Market St. resident Kirk Gabil was concerned about the drainage and grading pattern proposed for the lots, and wanted to know how they would affect existing higher elevations.

Town planning staff are to bring a report back to council.

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