

# Council votes against 8th Line designation

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Allegations, misinformation and confusion flew across the council chamber recently during a discussion of the designation of the Eighth Line.

Council voted eight to four against the arterial designation of the road between 15 Sideroad and Maple Ave. in the Regional Official Plan, even though it already has the equivalent designation in the Halton Hills Official Plan, passed by council in 1985. The council chamber's public gallery was packed and a Main St. resident and two electoral candidates spoke on the topic, while others clapped in appreciation or groaned in disgust at comments made by staff and councillors.

Director of planning Ian Keith said that council approved the designation of the road as a secondary arterial in 1985 and the Minister of Municipal Affairs approved it in 1987 on the map, but the policy and text was deferred by him. Nothing about the width has been finalized from the ministry, he said.

During discussions between the region and municipalities over the regional official plan review, the terminology was changed, to make it the same in all the plans: secondary arterial became arterial, according to Keith and Ho Wong, director of policy research at Halton Region. But this wasn't clarified during the meeting.

This misunderstanding was the basis of the public's and councillors' comments.

Somehow the Eighth Line had become designated as an arterial road, without council or the community being involved in that decision, said Main St. resident Richard Clague.

He said the secondary arterial designation of the road disappeared while it was in the hands of staff, and instead it became designated

as arterial, the definition of which included up to six lanes of traffic, according to Councillor Gail Rutherford, Clague and photocopied information circulated among the public at the meeting.

Clague compared designation of a road as being similar to zoning of a property, since it describes the size of the road and what can be done to it. He said he is opposed because not only would the designation affect property values and quality of life, but would add to the traffic problems at Main and Maple Streets, since heavy trucks would be going north/south as well as east/west.

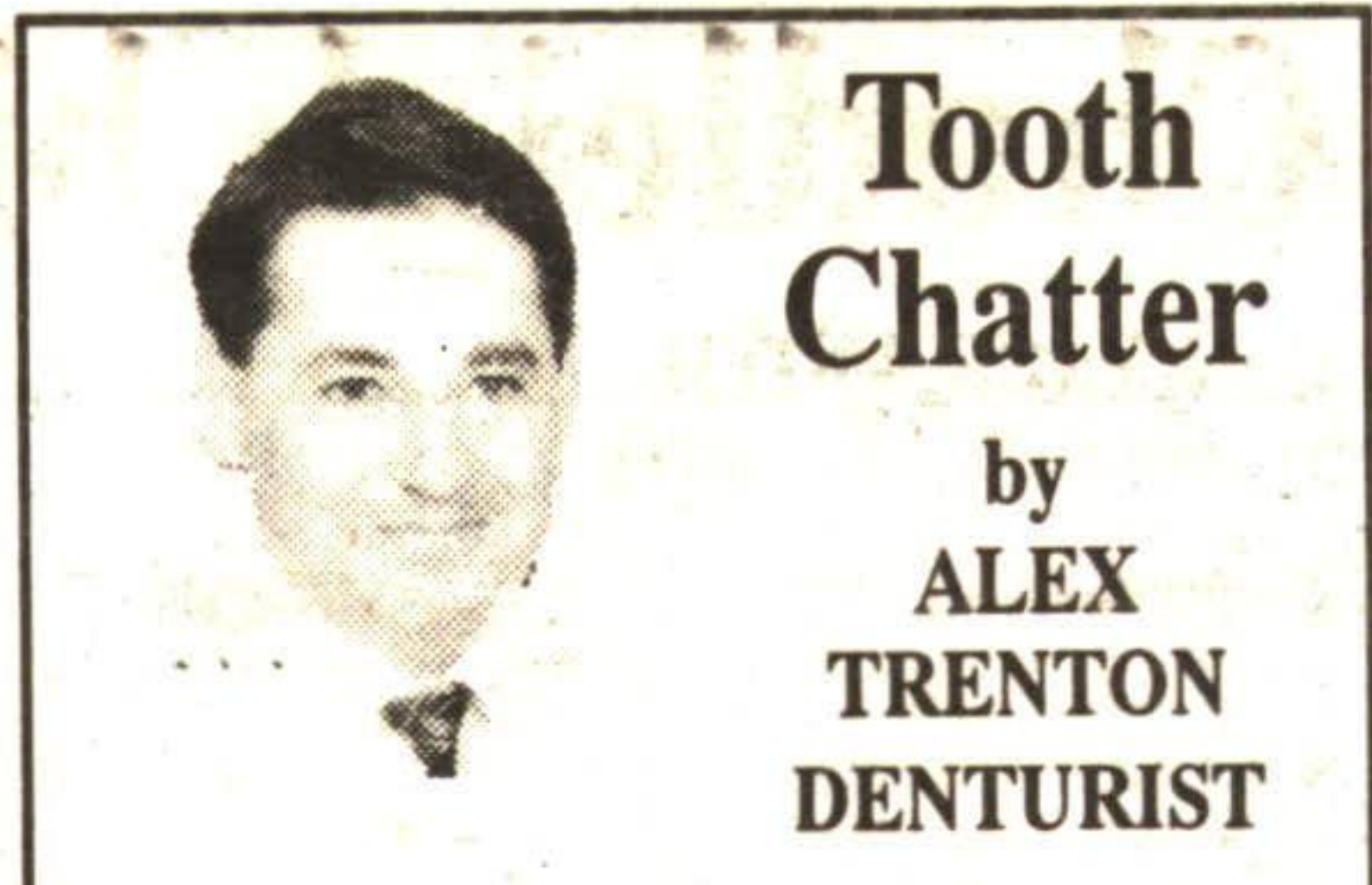
"The road can be changed without any intervention on the part of council, because you all have approved that use of the road," he told councillors.

Councillor Gail Rutherford said Clague's explanation of what had occurred on the Eighth Line was the best she had heard and urged her fellow councillors to oppose this designation in the Regional Official Plan.

But Wong said there are no plans to increase the road to six lanes, and any changes would have to go before council. He said what is more important than the designation is the approved right of way, or width of the road. A 20 metre right of way would allow room for two, and a maximum of four lanes of traffic, he said.

Councillor Anne Currie said she wanted to reassure the public of what council members already know: plans for the road consist of two lanes of traffic, a sidewalk and a bike path.

Council's decision to oppose the arterial designation has been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Halton Region. There's still an opportunity to make changes like this before the Minister of Municipal Affairs



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