

Council approves installation of speed humps on Kingham Road

By: Dawn Brown

Residents on Kingham Road can expect to see the installation of asphalt-based speed humps at two locations between Main Street South and Duby Road. Halton Hills Town Council approved

the installation at the council meeting on Monday, September 28.

The installation of the speed humps with the appropriate signage is intended to reduce the operating speed of cut through traffic. Each hump is expected to cost

approximately \$7000.

After residents expressed concerns for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians in the area—most of which were young children—town staff conducted speed studies and collected Annual Average

Daily Traffic (AADT). The studies showed an operating speed of 55km/h for both directions despite a 40km/h posted speed limit, and an AADT value of 1,268 vehicles per day.

According to Traffic Calming Protocol, 35 per

cent of households in the study area must participate in the survey with 60 per cent supporting the proposed measures. In the Kingham Road study area, 36 per cent of households participated with 88 per cent in favor of the speed humps.

While town staff expects the speed humps to reduce the average speed on Kingham Road, the report issued to council notes that staff do not expect to see a significant drop in traffic volume as there are few alternate routes.

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Local twins turn 100 years old

By: Jane Dougan.

1915, Canadian troops have entered the front lines of World War I, Nellie McClung is petitioning for women's suffrage and John McCrae pens "In Flanders Fields". On September 15 twin daughters — Marjorie and Phyllis Edwards, are born in Wales. A decade later, their mother will bring them and their eight siblings to Canada, following her husband who has gone ahead to seek his fortune. He is never reunited with his family. Undaunted, their mother settles in Georgetown and raises her brood. She is so beloved that her photograph is still with Marjorie and Phyllis at Eden House on September 15, as the twins mark their 100th birthday.

I'm reminiscing with Marjorie's daughter, Debbie Winter, in her

cozy kitchen just outside Acton. Her grandmother never remarried; "the boys got educated, the girls went to work" mostly at Smith & Stone Ltd in Georgetown. All raised families in the area. Debbie's parents, Marjorie and Frank, settled post-war at 209 Mason Blvd in Acton. "It was known as 'Diaper Alley' because post-war every home had 3-4 children in it. It was a wonderful street to grow up on. As kids, we'd come home, change out of our school clothes and go outside to play, home at 5 o'clock for supper and then back out until the streetlights came on."

Phyllis eventually moved to Hamilton but the twins were always close. Phyllis was the more feisty, independent one. "For Mum," Debbie recalls, "it's always

family, that's what she treasures and values." When Marjorie moved to the Birchway Apartments, Phyllis followed her there. "She didn't want to come to Acton at first because she was a 'city girl'. The people in Birchway were fabulous. When Mum couldn't see the dials on the washing machine, she'd knock on someone's door and ask 'Can you turn it on for me?'. The super, Norma, was above and beyond helpful."

At 98 they moved to Eden House Care Home. "They walked in independently. No crutches, no walkers. They only just got wheelchairs this spring. They both know they've turned 100. When I told my aunt, she exclaimed, 'What? WHAT!' My mum just said, 'I know, everyone's telling me that!' The only time



Marjorie and Phyllis Edwards - Submitted photo

they panic is when they can't find one another. In the picture, with their balloons, they're hold-

ing hands. People ask 'Have you checked to see if they're the oldest living twins?' and I say

'It really doesn't matter. They're my oldest living twins' says Debbie, with a wry smile.

Town commissioner retiring after 33 years of public service

Terry Alyman, Commissioner of Community & Corporate Services, is retiring after a distinguished 33 year public service career, including the last 14 with the Town of Halton Hills.

"Terry has been a terrific public servant and his contributions have made our community a better place to live, work and play," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Brent Marshall, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer, added, "I'd like to thank Terry for his years of service to the Town and wish him health and happiness in his retirement years. The Town benefitted greatly from his energy and creativity."

During his time with the Town, Terry served as Director of Recreation & Parks, before being promoted to Com-

missioner of Community & Corporate Services earlier this year. Under his leadership, the Town enjoyed a number of notable achievements including the expansions of Mold-Masters SportsPlex and Acton Arena, Gellert Community Centre, Cultural Centre revitalization, renovation of Hillside Active Living — both Acton and Georgetown (underway), High 5 Accreditation, Play Works Youth

Friendly Community designation and much more.

As a result of Mr. Alyman's retirement, Warren Harris will serve as interim Commissioner of Community & Corporate Services. Samantha Kleinschmidt, Manager of Recreation Services; Stephen Hamilton, Manager of Facilities; and Cindy Bodrug, Administrative Coordinator will all report to Mr. Harris.



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