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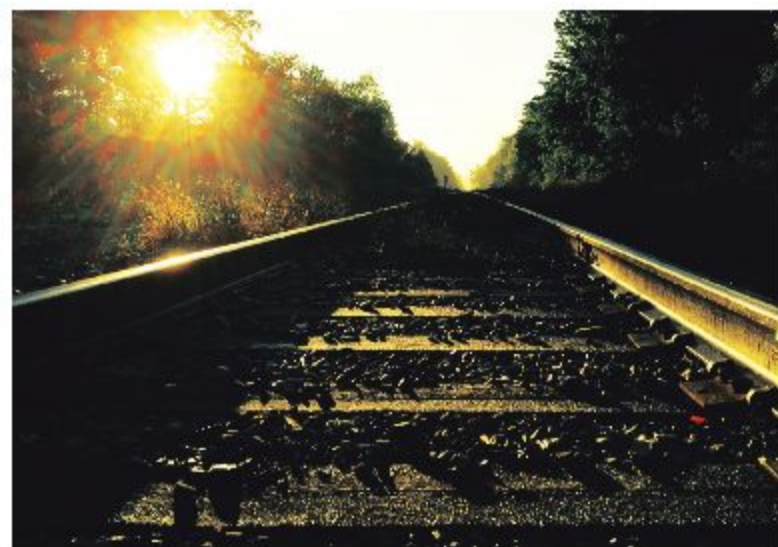
The way we were



In this undated photo, sheep lie on the front lawn of the farm located where the original Hwy. 7 joined Trafalgar Rd. at the north-west corner of Georgetown. McCulloughs Corners featured not only the family's farm, but contained the town's first cemetery, attached to the Methodist Church. When Greenwood Cemetery opened, families were encouraged to move their loved ones from McCulloughs into town. Most did, but three grave stones were still standing there in the 1960s, and the site is still recognized as an official cemetery.

Photo courtesy of Equestrian Historical Society/Text courtesy of Heritage Halton Hills

From our readers



MORNING BEAUTY

Acton resident Matt Woudstra took this photo last Friday morning as he walked home from getting a coffee. This is in Acton at the rail crossing on Queen St., east of the GO Station and The Olde Hide House.

Have a photo to share?
Email cvernon@metroland.com
with details.

Partnering with FCM to advocate for a high quality of life

This week, Halton Region hosted the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) fall Board Meeting, which concludes this Friday in Oakville.

FCM is the national voice of municipal governments, improving the quality of life in Canada by promoting strong, effective and accountable municipal government. Its members work with the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and other federal leaders to represent the priorities of almost 2,000 Canadian municipalities. They highlight the need to align federal and local priorities based on the principle that strong hometowns make for a strong Canada.

The fall Board Meeting in Halton assembled FCM's Board of Directors, comprised of nearly 100 elected municipal officials from across the country. It allowed us to join other municipalities in highlighting priority issues facing our community and others like it, advocating on behalf of all Canadians.

Halton is strongly represented on the national stage. Regional Councillor Clark Somerville of Halton Hills was elected President of FCM in June, and has been a strong representative of Halton in FCM for several years. His leadership, strategic perspectives and collaborative approach have greatly contributed to this meeting's discussions about our nation's future.

A strong Halton helps build

a strong Canada, and this Board Meeting will help ensure that the voices of all Canadians are heard.

Our work with FCM is just one way that we advocate on your behalf to help maintain a high quality of life for all people of Halton, today and into the future. Many of the priority issues under discussion this week closely align with those that Halton Regional Council has raised with other levels of government. These include funding for affordable housing, adapting to climate change and transportation infrastructure, as well as water and wastewater infrastructure.

The Region continues to advocate to the provincial and federal governments for long-term, predictable funding and legislative amendments on issues facing the region through our Advocating for a Strong Halton campaign. To learn more, please visit halton.ca/advocacy.

As Halton bids farewell to the FCM delegates, I would like to thank them for their service and dedication to Canadian communities. By working together with our friends and neighbours nationwide to achieve our common goals, we help keep our country a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region



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