

DANCING FOR A GOAL: McKenzie-Smith Bennett teacher Michael Brodie did the chicken dance with his Grade 4 class as promised if they raised at least \$1,000. They exceeded their goal, raising over \$1,100. - Traci Gardner photo

New policy for boundary road maintenance

Halton Hills wants August. the Township of Erin to replace any trees or shrubs it cut down - some unnecessarily - to make way for reconstruction of Erin/Halton Hills Townline (32 Side Road) from Highway 25 to Crewson's Line. The Town stepped in and asked Erin to halt the project after complaints from residents on both sides of the road about the lack of notification that the work, including tree cutting, ditching, knoll removal and resurfacing, was scheduled for mid-

Acton Councillor Jon Hurst, called by Halton Hills residents who lost trees, told his Council colleagues last week said it was a complicated issue, but stressed Halton Hills never intended to object to the road improvements, only to the lack of communication by Erin to affected residents of the Town.

Erin Township officials told at least one resident that trees removed from in front of her and her husband's property, on the north side of the road, would be replaced. One resident complained that the work delay has left the road rutted and in need of regular grading.

Erin also asked Halton Hills to consider upgrades to the portion of the road now maintained by the Town - Town staff said numerous improvements to the road have been made in the last few years, and there is one knoll that needs work, and that work will be included in the Town's capital forecast.

At the request of Erin, the Town will negotiate a new boundary road agreement. A 1975 joint jurisdiction agreement gave Halton Hills responsibility for the section of Erin/Townline from Trafalgar Road to the Third Line, and Erin is responsible from the Third Line to Crewson's Line.

Council studies changes for the futures of the hamlets of Norval and Glen Williams

Commercial development questioned for Norval core.

Norval will "suffer the consequences of so-called progress" until a bypass is built, according to William Pomeroy who said the village is "a shell of itself, a crossroads of much traffic..." during a public meeting last Monday on the latest draft of a Zoning Bylaw Amendment, which will help shape the future of the community.

Pomeroy doesn't like what he sees in the Bylaw Amendment, as his two properties, including one, a boat storage - which he said is the oldest continual businesses in Norval - is not within staff's proposed Hamlet Commercial Core. He asked that with 23 active commercial businesses in the village, most on the main street between the Peel boundary and the west end of the village, how Town staff could ignore 90 per cent of them, and give exemptions to two. Staff said they'd follow up with Pomeroy's concerns.

Former Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle, speaking for members of various Norval community groups, said generally, most citizens are pleased that property outside of the Hamlet Commercial Core will remain residential, or be submitted to zoning and site plan amendment applications.

Gastle said they need Council's support to hold off pressures affecting the quality of life in Norval, and to retain the historic character of the community, which was settled in 1820. She said they've been talking about the incompatible blend of businesses in the residential area, including three auto body shops "smack dab" between two day cares and two churches, since the 1970s, and there needs to be "rigorous discussion" and Town money set aside to approve the Norval Secondary Plan.

Deadline for comments on the Norval Zoning Bylaw Amendment, is October 14.

Glen forever!

Proud Glen Williams residents who want to preserve their community's original identity will likely be able to receive mail addressed to Glen Williams, and not Georgetown. Canada Post agreed to the Town's request to recognize the hamlet as a valid community by having Glen Williams used as the primary mailing name. It can be done without changing any postal codes or delaying mail delivery.

Ward Two Councillor Joan Robson said since the loss of the Post Office in the 1970s "many of folks felt disenfranchised." " ... and people said 'it seems like we don't exist when you can't write a letter with Glen Williams on it," Robson said, adding they don't want to be just a neighbourhood of Georgetown.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said Halton Hills is a community of communities, and this is one way to help the Glen keep its identity. Town staff will notify all affected residents to provide the opportunity of "fulsome public input," and report back at the October 24 council meeting.





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