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Halton Regional Police have responded to a Globe and Mail report that found 30 per cent of sex assault cases were determined as unfounded by the police in 2016.

On Feb. 16 HRPS responded to the Globes feature on the unfounded rate.

In a media release, the police stated 57 cases of sexual assault were concluded as unfounded by the police: 15 of them were closed because the crime could not have occurred based on the initial report, and the other 42 were closed because after an investigation, the offence was concluded to not have been committed.

Our service is committed to the thoroughness of all criminal investigations and we pride ourselves in our victim-centered approach to supporting those impacted by crime. Halton Police Chief Stephen Tanner said.

The release added that concluding a case as unfounded does not mean the police do not believe a victim or person reporting. All reported incidents are fully investigated.

The police service stated all of the 57 cases were determined to have been properly and thoroughly investigated.

The police added that when a sexual assault allegation is received, they have a number of steps to take in order to proceed with an investigation, and if necessary lay a charge.

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RAIDERS ROCK N ROLLING FOR BBBS: Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette dropped by the OJHL regular-season-champion Georgetown Raiders practice last week at the Alcott Arena to discover that (from left) Josh Dickinson, Andrew Court and Jack Jacome have been tuning up for this Sunday's Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake Mayor Bonnette Challenge at Georgetown Bowl. The event has a full slate of teams registered but local residents are encouraged to sponsor the participants in support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters Halton in their biggest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds going to mentorship programs. The Raiders have eight teams signed up and several local businesses are back to support BBBS as well. To make a donation visit www.bbbshalton.ca Photo by Eamonn Maher

Glen Williams residents frustrated by lack of input

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Residents in Glen Williams remain unhappy with a recent decision by council to allow an unpopular residential development in the Halton Hills hamlet to move forward.

The 31-home development by Eden

Oak Creditview Heights Inc., currently under review by Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), met stiff resistance at a Jan. 24 special meeting of council at Town Hall.

At least two delegations, including the Glen Williams Community Association (GWCA), are scheduled to speak at a Feb. 27 hearing at the OMB on the matter, after expressing frustration with the town s public review and input process.

However, according to Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonette, the odds of a reversal by the OMB at this point are almost nonexistent. But that s not stopping residents from taking their case to the hearing anyway.

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