How an endangered minnow stops Halton Hills in its path

Saving the minnow and the bridge

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This little-known minnow has a lot of power and not just because it leaps out of streams to gulp unsuspecting flies and other annoying bugs.

The Redside Dace, an endangered species notable for its red stripe, has stopped the Town of Halton Hills from finishing a pathway and bridge over Silver Creek in the Hungry Hollow ravine near Georgetown since 2013.

With a little help, of course.

"They really fly out of the water to grab insects," says Mark Heaton, a biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, which is working with the town as it develops a plan to complete the path while protecting the habitat for the tiny fish.

"It's like the canary in a coal mine," adds Heaton.

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The redside dace have slowly been pushed to the upper reaches of the GTA, the top end of their natural range.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and Town of Halton Hills By-law 2008-0020 regarding the following temporary road closure for the purpose of the following community event:

Rock and Roll Classics Car Show - Friday, August 25th, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. to Saturday, August 26th at 12:30 A.M. Main Street from Church Street to James Street. Organized by the Georgetown BIA.

If you require any additional information regarding this road closure, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department 905-873-2601 x2273.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Halton Hills Council will be considering the passage of a by-law to prohibit or regulate Site Alterations in the Town of Halton Hills and repeal By-law 2010-0119 at the meeting to be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 in the Civic Centre Council Chambers, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown. Please consult the agenda on the Town's website for the meeting start time at http://www.haltonhills.ca/calendars/index.php.



The Draft Site Alteration By-law is available for viewing at http://www.haltonhills.ca/sitealterations. Inquiries regarding the proposed by-law should be directed to Steve Grace, Transportation & Public Works at 905-873-2601 ext. 2315.

Persons wishing to be heard must fill out the Application to Appear Before Town Council located on the Town of Halton Hills website http://www.haltonhills.ca/forms/delegation.php by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017.