

COMMENT

The way we were



A sport for the ages

Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club of 1907 was situated off Mill Street, which is now a parking lot. The members were back row: Hugh McKay, Dr. Nickell, G. Graham, R.J. Creelman, F.M. Scarf, J.W. Kennedy, Dr. Elliot, Frank J. Barber, Dr. Webster. Centre row: A.D. Thomson, E. Finlay, Rev. R.F. Cameron, John McDermid, John R. Barber, Lachlan Grant, H.W. Kennedy, W.A.F. Campbell. Front row: John McBean, Rene Barber, young Brooks, A.Harold Coffen, H. Bell and A.E. Hustiss. The Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club is now located at the corner of Edith and William Sts. Drop by for a visit.

Text courtesy of Heritage Halton Hills; photo courtesy of Esquesing Historical Society

From our readers



WOW, THAT SKY IS A HOME RUN

A dramatic sky was overhead as ball teams played in Fairy Lake one evening. Martin Van Optstal took this photo.

Have a photo you want to share? Email jpg with all the details to cgamble@theifp.ca

Concerned, Town, Region continue to monitor Hidden Quarry proposal

Halton Hills Council and Halton Region have been monitoring the Hidden Quarry proposal near Acton at the northeast corner of Hwy. 7 and Sixth Line in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa.

Why are we concerned?

There are concerns about blasting, damage to well water and wetlands, and impacts from truck traffic. Ninety-five per cent of the quarry's trucks are expected to travel through Halton Hills along the provincially-controlled Highway 7. There are 26 two-way truck trips per hour proposed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for up to 20 years.

A key concern with this proposal, and with the prospect of more quarries opening in the area, is Hwy. 7 cannot accommodate the truck traffic, and there is no provincial plan to deal with these trucks.

Creating quarries is mostly in the hands of individual producers. Current provincial rules are weighted in favour of creating quarries over other provincial interests such as protecting groundwater and building healthy, safe communities.

A quarry can be created with no consideration as to whether it is even needed. I have been taking action to change these rules and address concerns with Hidden Quarry.

Council recently endorsed my motion calling on the Province to change the rules. I am meeting with MPPs and Provincial Ministers asking: Why create more quarries if the aggregate is available in existing sites?

Rather than keep creating new quarries on an ad hoc basis, let's use up material in existing sites in a planned and sustainable way before we create new sites. Currently,

numerous quarries can be created in the same area with no ability to question cumulative impacts, including impacts from truck traffic. It is time to better plan for the sustainable use of these resources and to protect communities from unnecessary quarry development.

On Monday, Sept. 21 a by-election will be held to fill vacant Ward 1 council seat. Candidates can register on July 7.

Now that the warmer weather is here; please be cautious of walking in the woods by wearing long pants and sleeves. Those nasty ticks can spread Lyme disease.

There are more and more cases every year in Ontario, including Halton Hills. If you want further information on Lyme disease, please visit the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation at <http://www.canlyme.com>.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who made Canada

Day a huge success in Acton and Glen Williams. Congratulations to Dale and Dave Cox, named "Glen Williams 2015 Citizens of the Year".

Congratulations to Pearly Whites Dental Hygiene clinic in Acton on their recent grand opening.

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