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Bruce and Ann Clifford welcome their new daughter Olivia, who was born last Friday evening in their car outside Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

Baby born on hospital doorstep

By Wendy Long

A Georgetown woman gave birth to her daughter in her car just outside the doors of Georgetown Hospital's emergency department last Friday evening, not quite making it to the delivery room.

"It was easier in the car than it was on the table," said Ann Clifford, who also has a 3-year-old son.

Ann, a legal secretary in Brampton, worked all day Friday. She felt some pains but figured they were only pre-labour pangs.

She arrived home at 5:45 p.m. unconcerned. The pains were inconsistent, said Ann, and weren't too intense. The baby was not due for another five days.

The Cliffords ate supper and began doing dishes around 9 p.m.

"I wasn't able to keep up with the drying," Ann said, as the contractions quickened, although she still wasn't in a great deal of pain.

Ann and Bruce began to argue about whether or not they should go to the hospital.

Bruce felt that Ann's mother should come to the house, just in case.

Ann and Bruce were going out the door as Ann's mother arrived. Ann had suddenly realized the baby was well on its way.

As Bruce raced to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, Ann felt the baby's head.

Bruce pulled up in front of emergency and ran to get a doctor.

"I tilted the seat back and put my feet up on the dash," said Ann.

Minutes later at 9:52 p.m., surrounded by hospital staff and delivered by Dr. McCormick, Olivia was born.

"She came out screaming," said Ann, who watched the birth in the reflection on the sunroof.

The Cliffords estimate that the total time in the car was about 10 minutes.

The birth took place not more than 20 minutes after Bruce and Ann had been arguing over whether they should call Ann's mother or not.

"Everybody at the hospital was very professional and excellent," said Bruce, complimenting their proficiency.

Council demands walkway schedule

By Dianne Cornish

The Mountainview Road walkway through Silver Creek Valley "has got to be built this year," Councillor Ron Chatten told council at a committee meeting this week after demanding a full work schedule report for the project from the town's engineering department.

The schedule, which will include a completion date for the walkway's construction, will be presented at a meeting of town council, Monday night.

Mayor Russ Miller joined councillors Chatten, Gail Rutherford and Marilyn Serjeantson in expressing disappointment with the engineering department's handling of the project.

Two months ago, council gave the nod to proceed with the walkway, recommending that it be built as close as possible to Mountainview Road. At that time, it was believed that some haste was required because the walkway design included a footbridge over the creek and footings for the bridge would have to be installed

before the end of August if the project was to proceed this year.

However, the town's manager of engineering services Peter Linn told councillors at committee that the Aug. 31 deadline wasn't a true deadline but simply "a guideline to get construction going." Because the bridge abutments won't be in the waterway as had been originally expected, Linn indicated that approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) wouldn't be required for the project.

He also stated that the walkway construction is only a couple of weeks behind schedule and will go ahead as soon as the town receives a permit from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA). He told council there had been a mix-up with the application for the permit and the contractor for the project had told him that the CVCA had lost the application. The contractor is employed by Halton Hills Village Homes Incorporated, which is covering the cost for the design

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"Clear statement" of land use coming from study

By Dianne Cornish

Interest groups and town residents are encouraged to make written submissions to the Halton Hills planning department by September 30 with their recommendations on proposed residential and commercial land use policies being considered by the town.

Last week, the Halton Hills planning department in co-operation with urban planning consultant Wendy Nott of Toronto, held open house sessions in Georgetown and Acton to obtain comments on preferred development options contained in the Halton Hills Urban Area Study.

The study, authored by Nott, is basically a blueprint of what Halton Hills could look like in 20 years. It focuses on the town's current Official Plan (OP) with respect to commercial and residential policies and makes recommendations on future land uses.

According to Nott, the study will

help the town "adopt a clear statement of where it will go" between now and the Year 2011.

The town's existing OP doesn't designate areas for high, low and medium residential development, she said, but once the study is approved there'll be a specific plan in place for residential growth areas.

The study makes mention of projections that Georgetown's current population of 18,000 will grow to about 40,000 within the next 20 years. In the same time frame, Acton's population is expected to grow from 6,600 to 10,000.

The study recommends multiple-family housing for Georgetown's downtown core, in areas near the GO Transit station and on the Dominion Seed House property. In the latter case, the residential development would be part of a mixed use proposal which would see a sub-regional shopping centre with

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