

Happy McReading

Richmond Chandler, owner of McDonald's Georgetown, donated 25 books by Canadian authors to the Halton Hills Public Libraries in celebration of McDonald's 25th anniversary in Canada. Helping celebrate were little Elizabeth Imhof, 2 1/2, and Maureen Wilson, library assistant in the children's department.

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Land use meeting slated for Jan. 6

By Dianne Cornish

Halton Hills residents and interest groups will get an opportunity to comment on proposed residential and commercial land use policies for Acton and Georgetown during a public meeting at the Civic Centre,

Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

Council decided to devote an entire meeting to its consideration of the final Urban Area Study report which was released last week by the Toronto-based firm of planning consultants, Walker, Nott, Dragicevic Associates Limited. At

the same time, council will accept submissions from the general public.

The 105-page report is basically a blueprint of what Halton Hills could look like in 20 years. It focuses on the town's current Official Plan (OP) in relation to commercial and residential policies and makes recommendations on future land uses.

The study is designed to lay the foundation for managing the projected population growth in Halton Hills up to the Year 2011. It's projected that Georgetown's current population of 18,000 will grow to about 40,000 within the next 20 years. Acton's population is expected to climb to 10,000 from its current 6,000 within the same time frame.

Among key recommendations for commercial land use planning in Georgetown is the development of a sub-regional shopping centre on the Dominion Seed House property. The centre, which would include a department store and supermarket, would occupy between 190,000 to 230,000 square feet.

Georgetown's Central Business District (CBD) will also be encouraged "to become a focus for specialty retail, restaurant, residential and office uses," the report states. It's also recommended that the existing OP policy be maintained "to encourage a grocery store to locate within the CBD."

With the majority of residential development expected to occur in east Acton over the next decade, the study recommends the development of a 25,000-30,000 square foot supermarket and 40,000-45,000 square foot department store on the south side of Highway 7 in eastern Acton.

As a result of input from various groups and individuals from Halton Hills early this fall, the report recommends a number of changes to preferred development options.

Among these are: "Inclusion of the Barber Mill property for 63 medium density residential units, with the balance of the site designated for low density residential uses; inclusion of a six-acre portion of Georgetown Hospital property for medium density residential uses (triplexes and townhouses) for the provision of supportive housing for seniors and the disabled; modification of the amount of Dominion Gardens property to be used for residential purposes from 30 acres to 25 acres (with the residual development capacity being re-allocated to the downtown) and exclusion, at this time, of all existing designated industrial lands within the Acton Urban Area for residential uses until additional servicing capacity becomes available.

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1. Replacing your old strings of lights? Look for energy saving 5-watt holiday lights.
If you're buying new strings of holiday lights, pick up the ones with the energy-saving 5-watt bulbs instead of the old 7-watts. They are CSA approved, come in the same colors, and they use up to 30% less electricity.
2. Put your decorative lights on a timer.
A timer is an effective low-cost way to control your outdoor holiday lights. If you're planning to use a timer outdoors, be sure to buy a weatherproof, sealed unit that is specifically approved for outdoor use.
3. Timers work well indoors too.
Consider using timers for a few indoor lamps to make your house look lived-in when you're out in the evening and to save energy.
4. Remember turn off outdoor lights when you go to bed.
If you're not using a timer for outdoor lights, remember to hit the switch before your head hits the pillow.
5. Think about making all of your lighting energy-saving.
While you're shopping for holiday lighting, look at the other energy-saving lighting that's available. This could be the perfect time to make the switch to compact fluorescents, halogens, and energy saving incandescents.
6. Decorate creatively with fewer lights.
Plan your lighting scheme. You may find a few well placed strings of lights an effective decorating solution.
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