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Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner pins Wheldon Emmerson's honorary commemorative 125th Anniversary of Confederation medal on his granddaughter Amanda Emmerson. Mr. Emmerson was unable to attend Sunday's ceremony at the Cultural Centre.
Photo by Wendy Long

MP honors constituents for "significant contributions"

Some 40 citizens in the riding of Halton-Peel received an official thank you for a job well done at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre Sunday afternoon.

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner held a ceremony to recognize citizens that have made a "significant contribution to compatriots, community and to Canada."

Recipients received a commemorative medal for the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada and a certificate from the Governor-General of Canada, Ray Hnatyshyn.

"I didn't look for people who had scaled Mount Everest or ridden the

space shuttle," Turner said, adding that he had looked for citizens that had contributed to the community in many areas, including business, agriculture, and industry.

"I tried to reflect the balance which reflects the diversity and richness of our community," said Turner. He added that one thing that all recipients share is his deep respect.

Selected from across Turners sprawling Halton Peel riding, those honored included 13 from Halton Hills.

Honored were Frank Anthony, Phillip Armstrong, Leo Beckett, Gary Brand, Joe Caldarelli, Mary

Carley, Ross Carlin, Jim Cassell, Hartley Coles, Steve Dawkins, David Deere, Jim Dick, Walter Dixon, Glen Duff, Walter Elliott, Wheldon Emmerson, Florence English, Ian Fraser, Jobst Gellert, Graeme Goebelle, Rick Goldring, John Harrison, Dawn Howe, Murray Innis, Father Ljubo Krasic, Peter Lambrick, Bob Malcolmson, Catherine McDonald, Gord McIntyre, Harold Middlebrook, Jeff Nurse, Tayler Parnaby, Brenda Payton, Mike Pembry, Doug Penrice, John Seedhouse, Betty Sherman, Freda Snobelen, and Bob Sprostranov.

Plan for Market St. extension rejected

By Dianne Cornish

By a vote of 8-5 Monday night, town council rejected a proposal to extend Market Street from Wesleyan to James Street and directed town staff to plan a public meeting which will look at a proposed downtown residential development for 83 apartment units.

The residential proposal includes the construction of four separate buildings ranging in height from four to six storeys with a two-level parking garage, most of which would be underground but with some emerging above grade to form a platform for the residential buildings.

The Market Street extension and the MacKenzie-Ferraro apartment proposal were debated Monday for more than an hour by council.

The residential proposal was basically in conflict with the street extension because if the road was extended, it would dissect the property where the four apartments are to be built.

A last-ditch effort by Mayor Russ Miller to satisfy the developers and a group of town residents

who have been steadily lobbying for the street extension failed as a result of Monday's decision.

The mayor proposed last week that the Market St. be extended, but not as a straight thoroughfare. Rather, the street would jog around most of the MacKenzie-Ferraro property, permitting a revised residential development to be put in its place.

However, hopes for a compromise were dashed when the developers' lawyer Bert Arnold told council Monday that deviating Market Street to the east of the MacKenzie-Ferraro property and proposing an eight-storey residential building with three underground parking levels "makes this whole project economically unviable."

Councillor Gail Rutherford argued vehemently in favor of the Market Street extension.

"It makes good planning sense," she told council alluding to Georgetown's expected population growth to 40,000 over the next two decades.

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Parents demand town investigate accident

The parents of four Georgetown teenagers have asked town council to initiate an investigation and take action on a traffic accident which injured their children the week before Christmas.

On Dec. 18, at mid-day and "under ideal driving conditions," a car occupied by the teenagers was rear-ended and thrown off the road into a ditch by "an out-of-control tandem gravel truck," a letter from the parents to Mayor Russ Miller said. On Monday council asked staff to look into the problem.

The occupants of the car received minor injuries, but the parents are concerned that someone could have been killed in the accident, which occurred at the intersection of 17 Sideroad and Sixth Line. The parents, Donald and Mary Lou Trant, Helmut and Janice Kron, David and Reta-June Metvedt and Ralph and Anne Dale have written to the mayor, demanding that the accident get "the same type of investigation as though a death had occurred..."

In the letter, the parents charge, "It is well-known to the local residents that these massive trucks barrel down this and other hills along this route at great speed in order to avoid gearing down to get up the next hill! This situation is apparently well-known to the police and some effort has been made to control the truck speed."

"In spite of this effort, the trucks continue to speed and act irresponsibly. If someone had been killed in this accident, an inquest would have been held and the whole ugly truth of this practice would be disclosed to the public."

In their letter, the parents warn that the next incident of this sort might not have a similar outcome. A fatality could occur. "Do we need to wait for a death before something is done?" they wrote.

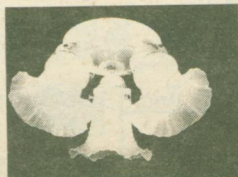
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