

Editorial appointment at Halton Hills This Week

Halton Hills This Week publisher Ken Bellamy is pleased to announce the appointment of Colin Gibson as editor.

No stranger to Halton Hills, Colin is the former managing editor of the Halton Hills Herald, which was closed in February, 1992. He also served two stints as sports editor with the Herald, and was sports editor of the Nanaimo Daily Free Press and has done news and feature writing for several other daily newspapers as well as providing a column.

"I am looking forward to renewing old friendships and forging new ones," he said when his appointment was announced.

Born in Scotland, Colin grew up in Northern Ontario and majored in history and minored in political science at Laurentian University in Sudbury. He also studied for a term with the Asian Studies Branch of the political science



Colin Gibson

department at the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland. As well, he studied journalism at Sheridan College in Oakville.

In a jovial mood following his appointment, Colin quipped, "Since there are no walls in the editorial department at Halton Hills This Week, obviously, my door is always open to the general public."

He can be reached by calling the newspaper at 873-2254.



Hockey award winner

Jim "Tubby" Ford's longtime dedication to Georgetown hockey was recognized Monday night as he was named the winner of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council's 1993 award. Photo by Colin Gibson

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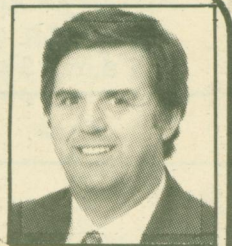
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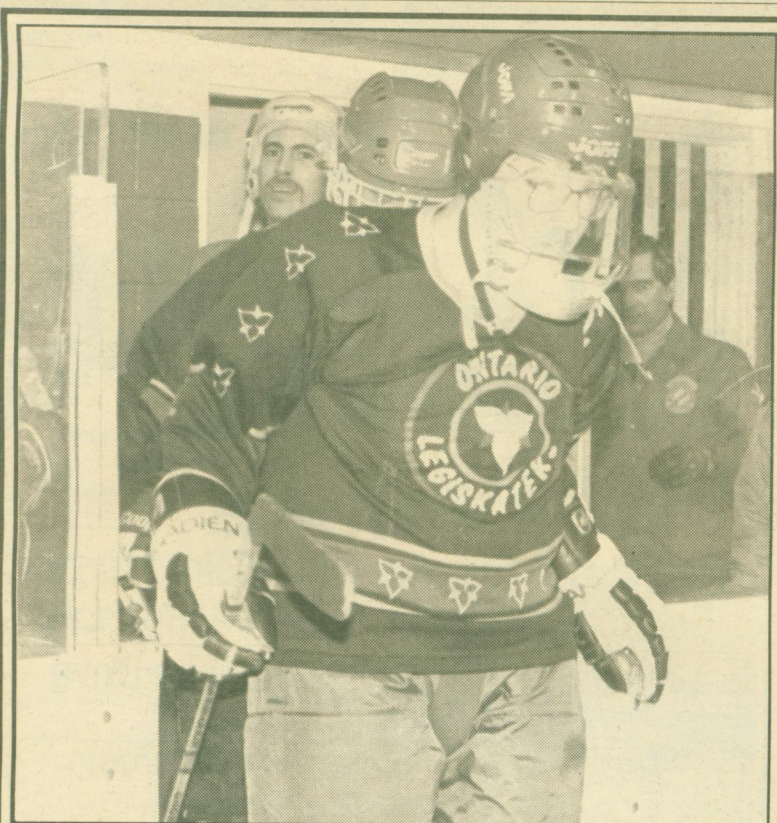


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Ontario Premier Bob Rae took to the ice in full battle gear Sunday as the Legiskaters (Queen's Park MPPs) took on the Toronto NHL Oldtimers. The premier was warmly received by the fans at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Photo by Colin Gibson

Escarpment control debate erupts at council

By Dianne Cornish

"I don't understand why you're so gung ho to download and add service costs," Limehouse area resident Rob Barlow told town council Monday night as the Niagara Escarpment control debate resurfaced for another round. Barlow was referring to the ongoing regional and municipal debate about the possible transfer of development control of Halton escarpment lands from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to Halton Region.

Speaking at council's committee meeting, Barlow said a report prepared by regional staff and discussed last week at a regional planning committee meeting indicates that additional costs associated with the transfer of development control will amount to \$180,000 to \$200,000. Because town council passed a motion in early February that it isn't in favour of a tax increase to cover costs of development control delegation to the region, Barlow demanded to know how regional council representa-

tives from Halton Hills will vote at this afternoon's meeting of Halton council in Oakville.

Five members of Halton Hills Council sit on regional council and will be asked this afternoon to support a regional planning committee recommendation that the Region continue to pursue the transfer of escarpment development control. At the same meeting, regional staff were directed to investigate the possibility of an amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act which would allow Halton to charge a development application fee if the region takes over development authority. Staff was also directed to continue to inform council of the costs resulting from the proposed control switch.

Referring to the recent regional staff report on costs, Barlow said, "What that report says is you're going to have to spend more money."

Barlow took aim at Councillor Rick Bonnette who voted in favor of planning committee resolutions

last week. Bonnette argued that he isn't in favor of additional tax increases. He described the NEC as "probably the fastest growing bureaucracy in Ontario."

He asked Barlow to justify the NEC budget, which tripled in three years from \$1.5 million in 1989 to \$3 million in 1992. The NEC is supported by all Ontario taxpayers. Barlow said the NEC has just completed an extensive Five-Year Review which took considerable time and money to complete.

Bonnette told Barlow he favors development control of local projects in regional hands. "What's wrong with being master in your own yard?" he said.

Council also heard opposing arguments from Doris Mittwollen, a member of a Halton Hills-based environmental group called EAGLE (Ecology Awareness Group Landscape and Environment) and Herman Turkstra, a Hamilton lawyer representing the Niagara Escarpment Landowners Coalition (NELC).

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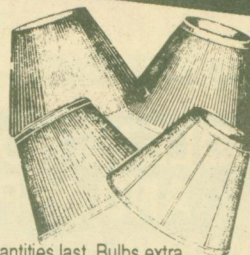


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