



Curious Cubs

The First Cheltenham Wolf Cubs stopped in to learn all about Halton Hills This Week on Wednesday. The visit helped the cubs work towards their Blue Star. Curious cubs were Scott Anderson, Matthew Carnwell, Derek Coleman, Stephen Frost, Scott Jameson, Jonathan Mountain, Brian Nelson, Lee Symmes, and Robert Wright with Leaders Rod Symmes and Moe Anderson. Cub Julien Warshafsky was absent. Pizza Hut generously donated pizza for the little guys.

Voting tactic keeps escarpment issue alive

By Dianne Cornish

In a surprise but calculated move, Councillor Pam Johnston of Halton Hills made sure Wednesday that the door was left open for further debate on who will control development along Halton's portion of the Niagara Escarpment. After stating that she supports the transfer of development control authority from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to Halton Region, Johnston voted against a regional council resolution which asked for exactly what she wanted.

Her reasons for doing so became clear within minutes of the vote. Realizing during debate that the motion didn't have enough council support to pass, Johnston chose to vote against it because only a councillor who votes in the majority on an issue can ask for reconsideration of that issue. Within seconds of the vote which ended with council rejecting the region's bid to try to obtain development control, Johnston rose to give other councillors her notice of intent to have the matter reconsidered by regional council at its next meeting (March

31).

By way of explanation, Johnston said she "feels strongly" that the issue of escarpment control is important enough that it be voted upon by all council members. Three members of regional council were absent Wednesday, including Mayor Russ Miller of Halton Hills who was said to be sick with a cold.

Johnston's tactic clearly upset many environmentalists in the crowd who argued at regional council that control of the escarpment should remain in the hands of the NEC. Commenting on Johnston's stated reasons for reconsideration, Barbara Halsall, Georgetown resident and president of POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources), said, "That would be nice (to have a full council for the vote). However, do we take back every close vote because councillors are absent?" she asked.

Another Georgetown resident Daphne Shropshall of the Hickory Falls Ratepayers Association was also upset by Johnston's action.

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Region rejects escarpment control bid

By Dianne Cornish

After hearing more than two hours of delegations Wednesday, Halton regional council voted 12-9 against pursuing development control powers over Niagara Escarpment lands inside regional boundaries. However, the whole issue is expected to resurface March 31 because Councillor Pam Johnston of Halton Hills gave ver-

bal notice immediately after the vote that she will call for reconsideration at council's next meeting.

Among those addressing regional council were three Halton Hills residents, all of whom oppose the transfer of development control powers from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to Halton Region.

"The Niagara Escarpment is an area that has to come first before any other consideration," Limehouse area resident Rob Barlow told the councillors. He asked that council give "a statement of its support for the NEC and the environment" and reminded them that a recent report by regional staff indicates that there'll be close to \$200,000 in additional costs if the Region takes over development control authority.

"Why are you considering delegation of development control?" Daphne Shropshall, a Ballinfad area resident and representative of

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Citizen of the Year award

The late Sandy Booth, was honored as Halton Hills Citizen of the Year by the Georgetown Lions Club Tuesday. Citizen of the Year committee chairman Mark Rush presented the Booth family with a plaque. Pictured above from left: Craig Booth, Mark Rush, Mrs. Phyllis Booth, Trudy Booth and Neil Booth.

Photo by Simon Wilson.

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March came in like a lion, will probably go out like a frozen lamb.

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