



**Flood Warning!**  
Halton Regional Police Service Constable Derek Hetherington, with Georgetown 11 Division, was spotted checking the swollen waters of the Credit River by the Barber Mill Dam. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has issued a flood warning for waters in its jurisdiction and this includes rivers and creeks within the confines of Halton Hills. Division 11 acting Staff Sergeant Dave Gwilliams bluntly stated the obvious. "Just keep them (the children) away from the fast running water." Spring is a particularly dangerous time because of melting snow and ice. He explained children don't realize once they fall in, it's very difficult to get out because of the extreme cold of the water and force of the current. He urges parents to be especially vigilant at this time of the year.  
photo by Simon Wilson

## Hydro charges queried

By Oksana Buhel

Georgetown resident Jurgen Kandziora first noticed his hydro bill was higher than usual at the beginning of March. He had paid \$300 of his \$451.04 bill at the end of February, which left a balance of \$151.04. On top of this amount, he expected to be charged a late fee of 5% on the balance. This is a standard practice for Ontario Hydro. Instead, Kandziora's bill was for \$172.29. The reason was that he was charged 5% on the initial amount.

Kandziora claimed that when he called Halton Hills Hydro to inquire about the charges, he was told by manager of billings, Norma Weir, this practice was standard as long as she had been employed there.

Section II of the Standard Applications Rate book, a set of rules by which the hydro utility of each municipality must abide, states the "late payment charge or the forfeiture of the prompt payment discount shall apply only to the amount of the bill outstanding at the due date exclusive of arrears from previous billing."

Kandziora complained to Halton Hills Hydro about his bill and as a result, an adjustment was made to his account. This, however, was not

enough for the Georgetown man.

"What about the other people who may have been overcharged?" he demanded. "And how long has this been going on?"

Gerry Trudell, manager of Halton Hills Hydro, explained the problem began when the new rates were entered into the computer system. The new system was introduced in January of this year. Attempts to contact Weir to determine how long she has worked at the hydro proved futile.

Trudell insisted Halton Hills Hydro is looking into the billing discrepancies. He explains the process may take a few weeks, but if inconsistencies are found, they will be adjusted.

Roger White, superintendent of policy for Ontario Hydro, said he

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## Halton Hills snubbed by region

By Dianne Cornish

Acton isn't on the map and Georgetown appears to have been overlooked in Halton's long-term urban expansion plans as far as the latest reports on the Halton Urban Structure Review (HUSR) are concerned.

Two progress reports on the ongoing planning study, which looks at how Halton will respond to population growth pressures over

the next 20 years, were presented Wednesday at a special meeting of the region's planning and public works committee.

Over the next 20 years, it's anticipated Halton will be pressured to accommodate another 200,000 to 250,000.

While existing urban areas of Halton can accommodate most of the forecast growth, new urban land will be needed to house a range of 80,000 to 100,000 people.

Milton and north Oakville are identified in the reports as the principal areas of urban expansion.

Four alternative development options to accommodate growth are identified in the report, but the preferred option chosen by the HUSR team drops the Halton Hills 401 corridor out of the picture of future urban industrial expansion. That move, although still open to public consultation and review, has raised the ire of at least one Halton Hills councillor.

Marilyn Serjeantson, who also represents Halton Hills on Halton

regional council and is chairman of the region's planning and public works committee, said Thursday she's "disappointed" by the review's recommendation on the 401 corridor and would like to see that part of it changed.

"Speaking for myself, I think the 401 corridor is one of our (Halton Hills') aces in the whole," she said. However, without water and sewage services, the area will be developed in "a haphazard way" and Halton Hills won't reap the benefits of "quality development" along its lands north of the major highway, she continued.

A master plan for growth along the 401 corridor is needed, Serjeantson said, adding that planned growth in that area would strengthen the town's tax base and increase employment opportunities without impacting the major urban area because of increased heavy truck traffic associated with development.

Serjeantson expressed some of

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DOWN TOWNER.

I've worked all my life for the kids, now they tell me I can go out and work for myself.

Georgetown Kinsmen president Randy Schaefer presented a cheque for \$3,500 to Laura Ellison of the Georgetown Love in Christ Foodbank at Georgetown Marketplace Monday evening. Schaefer was also there to promote the Kinsmen T.V. auction which will take place on Halton Cable System's channel 4, 6 p.m. May 3.

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