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Dam project draws extensive public interest

An open house held in Georgetown Thursday night to discuss the proposed rehabilitation of the Barber Paper Mill Dam drew some lively discussion from a crowd of about 100 people.

Conserving the ecology of the area and preserving the heritage of the site were among fundamental issues dominating discussion. The various options of dam restoration and their costs, ranging from \$480,000 to \$765,000, were also discussed.

Before opening up the program for questions and comments from the audience at the Halton Hills Library and Community Centre, speeches were presented by Joan Harris, president of the Public Advisory Committee helping to obtain public input into the project; Charley Worte, manager of watershed planning, Credit Valley Conservation Authority; John Bisset, a representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Rudi Warmé, a representative of the consulting firm, Totten, Sims and Huibicki.

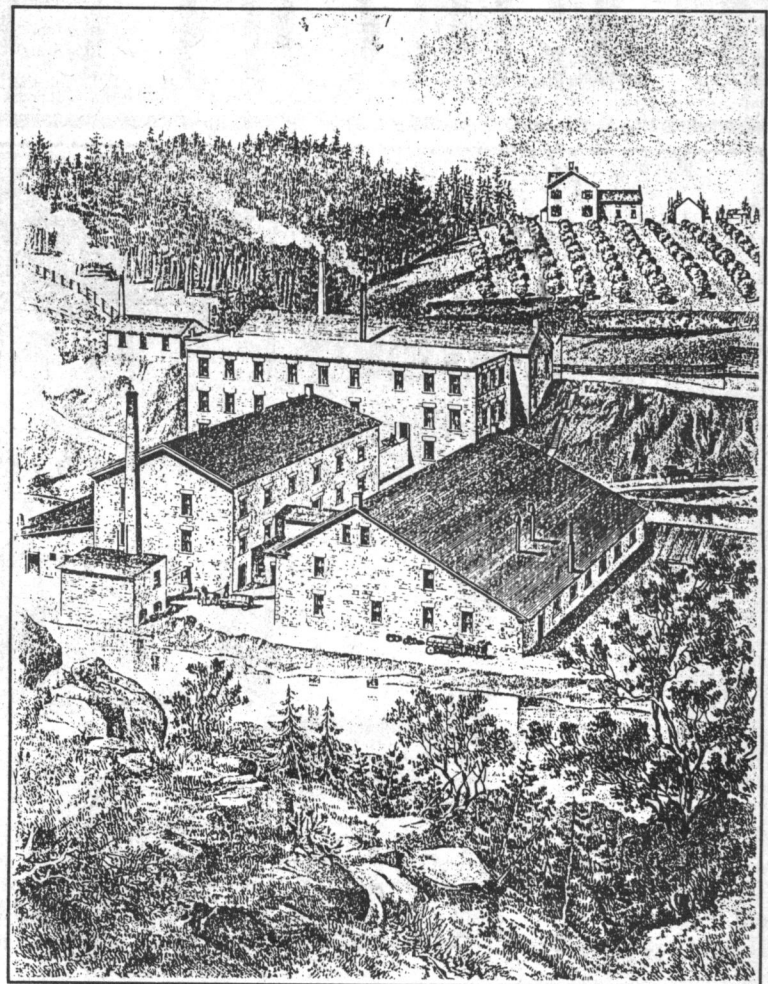
Additional public input will be received through a survey questionnaire which is available at the Civic Centre or Halton Hills Library. Completed questionnaires can be dropped off at the town's engineering department at the Civic Centre or mailed to Mrs. Harris at 52 Irwin

Cres., Georgetown, by April 16.

The Barber Mill Dam was built in 1854 to provide water power for the adjacent mill on the Credit River. In 1911, a flood washed it

away and the current dam was built in 1913.

Today, the dam acts as an ice basin preventing flooding in Glen Williams, Norval and Huttonville.



Barber Paper Mills - Taken from the Historical Atlas of Halton, 1877



Rehearsals are well-underway for the upcoming GLT performance of Noel Coward's Private Lives. Going through their thespian paces are, from left; Brian Banyard, Terri Reid, Ro Palumbo-Coates, Eric Witvoe and Carolyn Crooks. Performances of Private Lives are scheduled for the John Elliott Theatre, April 16 and 17 and April 21-24.

photo by Oksana Buhe



Gail Abercrombie displayed her hand-made stuffed country animals at the Opti-Mrs. Craft and Bake Sale held at the Optimist Hall just off Hwy. 7 last Saturday. Funds raised will assist the Opti-Mrs. in their charitable activities.

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