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**FINGER-LICKING GOOD!** Students at Robert Little School got a sneak preview of the upcoming Dine and Dash Breakfast Club on Friday. The program starts on Monday, Jan. 18 and will run from 8 to 8:30 am at St. Alban's Church every morning. Children from all schools are welcome. (Eric Balkind photo)

## Blueprint of growth for Acton debated

**BY FRANCES NIBLOCK**  
Acton Councillors will attempt to sever the Acton housing study from a larger Halton Hills land use study at a special public planning meeting tomorrow (Thursday).

The meeting is a continuation of a five-hour session that began last Wednesday that saw Town consultants present their growth recommendations in two key reports that will shape the Acton and Georgetown of the future. Sixteen delegations commented on the two planning reports but Council debate was held off until tomorrow's meeting.

The Acton Residential Implementation Study outlines how much more housing the Town's sewage and water system can handle and recommends which areas should be granted water allocation.

The Urban Area Study makes recommendations for residential and commercial development in both towns.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette wants the two reports separated.

"There is a risk that the Georgetown part of the Urban Land Use study could get deferred for six months and I sure don't want that to happen to the Acton residential report," Bonnette said.

"We hope we can draw out of the Halton Hills study the sections that deal with Acton so we can get on with some growth. There's an anti-growth faction in Georgetown and we don't want the Acton plans to be held up because of that."

The consultant's residential report for Acton identifies five potential housing areas including 327 acres of land. Any growth approved by Council in Acton must conform to a provincially-imposed ceiling of 10,000 people — a total population the existing water and sewer systems can accommodate.

With an existing population of

7,562, that means Council can approve 642 units. The consultant recommends 79 of those units be reserved for infill housing and the rest be divided between local developers.

The residential issue will be one step closer to a decision following an Ontario Municipal Board pre-hearing Wednesday, Jan. 20 in Oakville.

One Acton east developer, Coscan Developments, has asked the OMB to decide who will be allowed to build, and where.

Coscan wants to build 258 homes on its 94-acre site on the southeast corner of Highway 7 and Churchill Road.

Although Coscan's housing plan received draft approval four years ago, objections from other developers in Acton have stalled the project. Since there is limited growth capacity in Acton, various developers are opposing each other's plans in hopes of winning approval, and water and sewer capacity for themselves.

The Urban Area Study also recommends that Acton east be the preferred commercial development option and that Coscan be allowed to build a major commercial shopping centre and food store.

Acton politicians also hope the decisions made tomorrow will make it easier to pick a location for a new arena. Two of the Acton developers have offered potential arena sites to the Town but no decision can be made until the larger land use questions are answered.

Bonnette said there is no way he wants to head into Town budget talks next month without a firm site chosen. "Past years we've been told if there's no site then there's no money in the budget. Hopefully the debate tomorrow will allow us to pick a site and get on with some growth, including the arena."

## Rural garbage collection investigated

**BY FRANCES NIBLOCK**  
Town-wide, twice a week garbage collection is one option being investigated by Halton Hills staff to help rural residents, upset with losing no-cost garbage disposal at a Georgetown transfer station.

At a special meeting last Tuesday, Town Council also asked staff to investigate expanding garbage pickup to the hamlets of Norval, Stewarttown and Glen Williams, and begin talks with the owner of the Leferink Transfer Station to see if some deal could be worked out for the rural residents.

Staff will also look into the im-

pact of taking the garbage component out of the urban service charge, and instead, charging a flat fee for garbage pickup to all residents of Halton Hills.

The contentious rural garbage issue was sparked by Halton Council's decision to close four garbage transfer stations, including the Leferink facility in Georgetown to save three-quarters of a million dollars.

When regional funding was stopped, Leferink began charging a \$1.50 per bag disposal cost. Rural residents' other disposal option was to drive to the new Halton

landfill in south Milton, where their waste, up to 150 pounds per trip, could be dumped for free.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott said that negotiations with Leferink may be the answer because the Town can't afford municipal-wide garbage pickup.

"Maybe they can come up with something more equitable than \$1.50 a bag. And charging GST on top of that. That's adding insult to injury," Elliott said in an interview last Wednesday.

"I don't think rural residents are being unfairly charged. Urban peo-

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