

# Ruling 'disappoints' UAL

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ground water and natural springs and that proposed discharge could have a serious effect on Black Creek and Sixteen Mile Creek which adjoin the quarry property south of Acton.

"This decision doesn't necessarily mean that the Commission is going to turn down UAL's application," Whitbread said. "But we will review the plans and might suggest other means and methods of pumping."

UAL executive vice-president Bill Burkart said he was "disappointed" with the court ruling.

"This might hurt us more than just the loss of sales and production," he said. "It will mean a delay in the process of getting the water taking permit and it will prolong the time that we have to use extra equipment and staff to dig and excavate under water."

UAL wants to pump 500,000 imperial gallons of

water a day from the southern portion of the quarry - an amount that has quarry neighbours concerned about the impact of their water quality and quantity.

Quarry neighbour Kit Woode said he was "very pleased" with the ruling and he hoped that the NEC development permit process would address all of their concerns about quarry operations. The appeal court, without being asked, awarded costs to the NEC, meaning UAL will have to pay NEC legal costs for the appeal.

Barbara Halsall of the north-Halton group Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER) said the awarding of costs showed that "this was a frivolous appeal, without merit".

Halsall said she thinks UAL's decision to appeal the original ruling was tied to proposed plans by Reclamation Services Incorporated (RSI) to turn a mined-out

portion of the Acton Quarry into a massive landfill site.

"In the past, UAL would have probably just gone ahead and complied with the (NEC) regulations, but because RSI wants to undermine the jurisdiction of the Niagara Escarpment Commission because of the dump, I think that these are connected," Halsall said.

In a related issue, Town councillors, POWER executive and the Town's lawyer met behind closed doors on Monday night, discussing RSI's proposal.

All parties refused to comment on the private meeting, although POWER President Paul Hynds did note that the meeting was "positive".

Recently Town staff suggested council put an additional \$75,000 in the proposed \$25,000 budget, for legal fees to continue the fight against the dump plans for the quarry at a pre-hearing slated for October.

# 'Heated' debate erupts over quarry heater safety

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

A lobbyist and an environmentalist went head-to-head over the safety of used-oil heaters at a recent Town committee meeting, leaving at least one councillor wondering why they were there, since the Town has no jurisdiction over use of so-called "comfort heaters".

United Aggregates Limited (UAL) has applied to the province for a certificate to burn waste oil from its equipment in the heaters to provide warmth for quarry workers.

The safety of such heaters was questioned by quarry neighbour Kit Woode at a recent Town meeting, prompting one councillor to ask for more information.

Lloyd Clare with the Environmental Permit Company assured councillors that emissions from used-oil heaters are "very safe."

Clare stressed that the environment to him was "sacred" and that burning used-oil for heat was a welcome form of recycling.

"Any time that you can take a used product that some people dump all over the place, and turn around and develop a technology that uses it safely and saves money, it's a benefit to society," Clare said.

Barbara Halsall, past-president of the north-Halton environmental group Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER) questioned why, when Halton Hills had been identified as a toxic hot spot, with more than the average number of at least two types of cancer, councillors would want to put any additional pollution into the environment.

After hearing that there are problems province-wide with the record-keeping concern-

ing the use of comfort heaters, Halsall wondered if they could count on UAL to monitor their use.

"We have been assured that there are regulations concerning burning used-oil and that the oil will be tested and records kept," Halsall said.

"Unfortunately UAL hasn't always had a really good history of keeping records. Whether we can count on them (UAL) to monitor this, some people would wonder."

Halsall said the people most affected by the use of the comfort heaters will be UAL workers, who she claimed, "need protection."

Councillors took no action on the information about the comfort heaters. The deadline for comment to the Ministry of Environment and Energy concerning UAL's application for a permit to burn used-oil was Sunday.



## INFORMATION

### TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

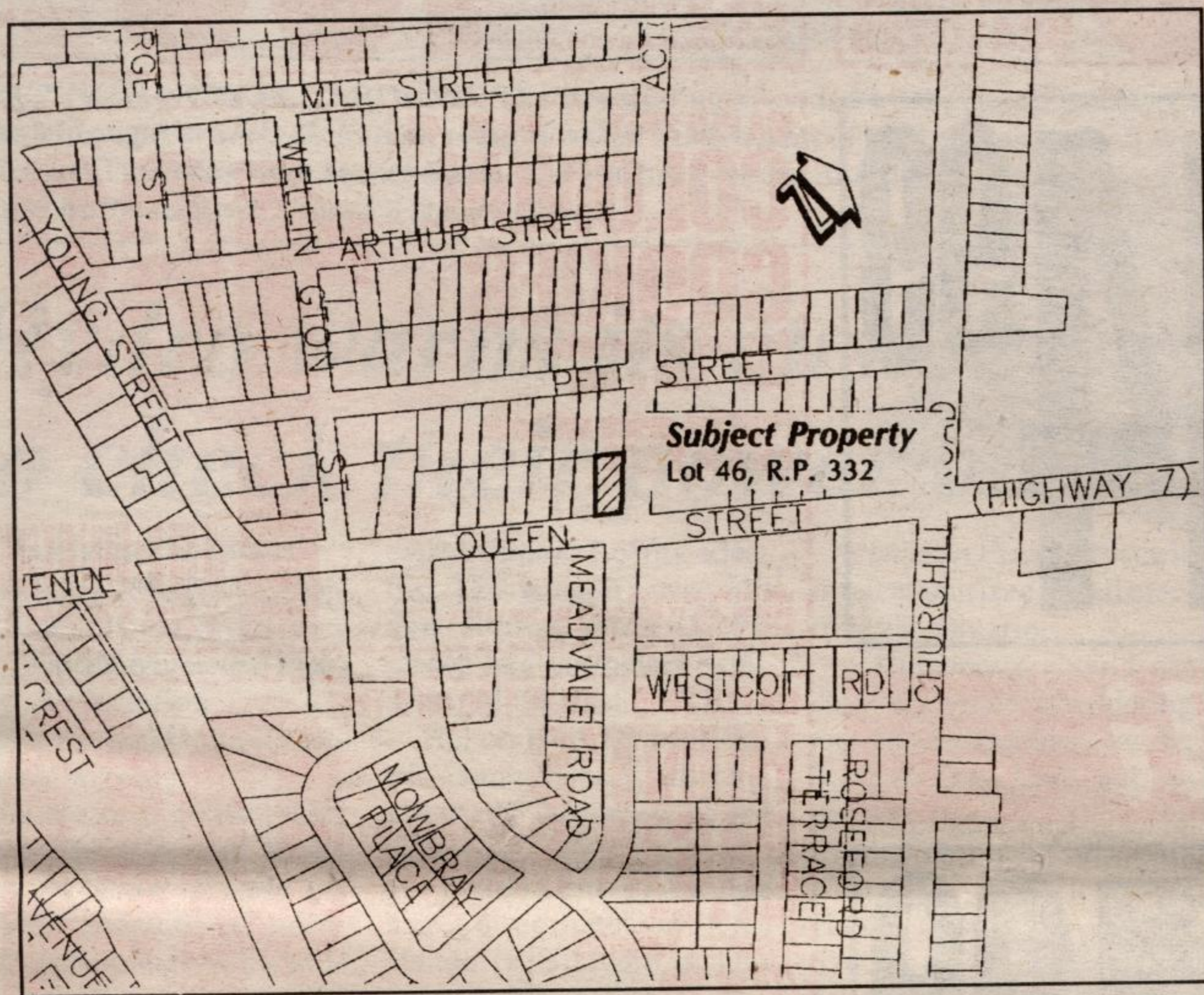
#### WARD 1 / QUEEN STREET / ACTON

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 1358 to legalize an existing four-plex. The site is located at the northwest corner of Queen Street (Highway 7) and Acton Boulevard in Acton and is described as Lot 46, Plan 332.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

TIME AND DATE: 7:00 PM, Monday, May 6, 1996  
LOCATION: Council Chamber, Civic Centre  
FILE NO: D09/CARR



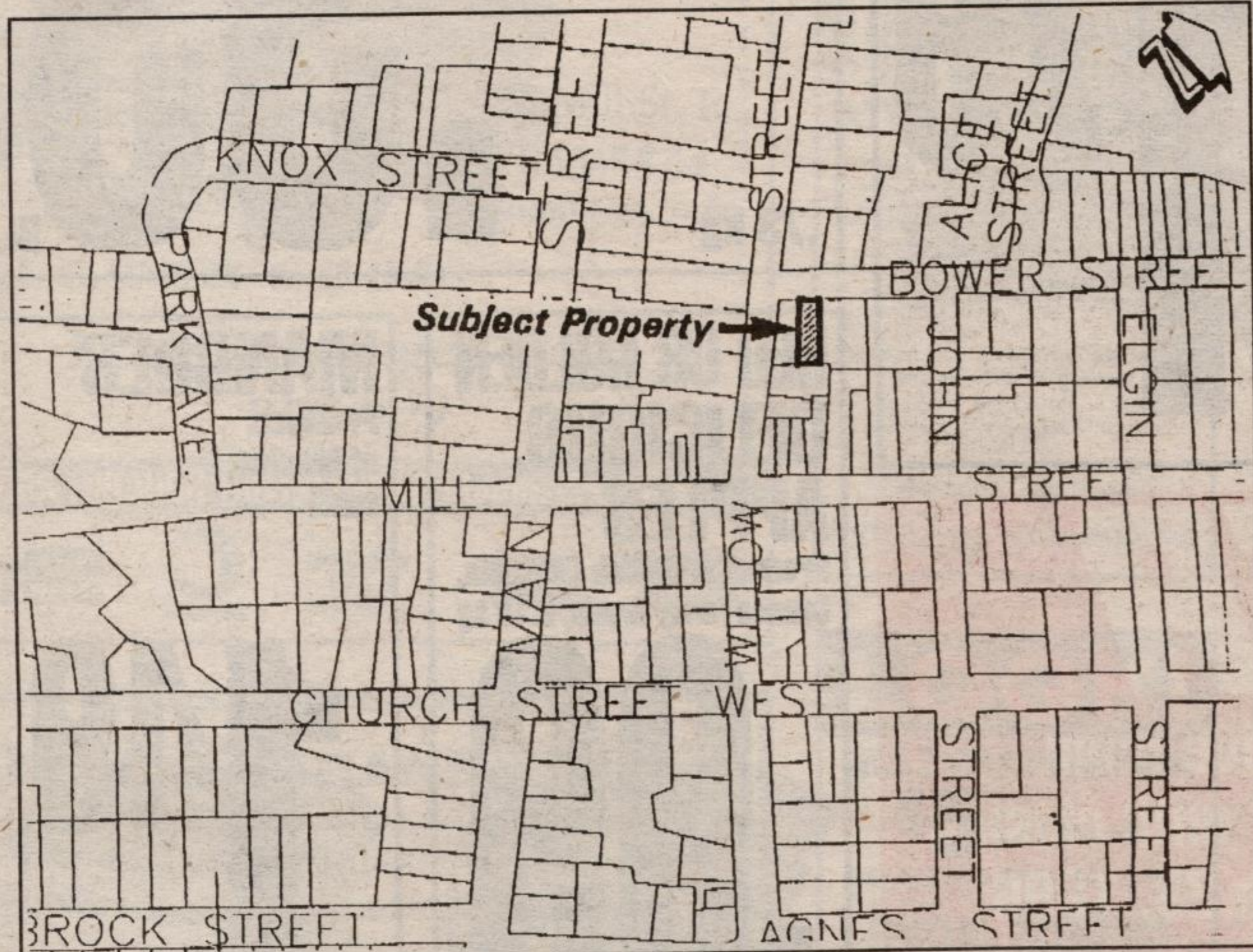
#### PROPERTY TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS

Notice of Council's intention to declare the former Acton Fire Hall, located at 32 Bower Street, Acton, as surplus to the Town's needs and list it for sale.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills has declared Part Lot 37, Block 3, Plan 31 surplus to the Town's needs and will be placed for sale by the Oakville/Milton Real Estate Board.

Please note that Council will be considering adopting the recommendation of General Committee and members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak in regard to this matter at the Council meeting in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre on Monday, March 25, 1996 at 7:00 pm.

The location of the property in question is shown on the accompanying sketch.



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