

## Bannockburn expansion approved; residents upset

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At a recent council meeting, three Halton politicians changed their minds and then their votes to help approve expansion of the Bannockburn rural cluster to include the proposed eight-lot Monckton subdivision on the Fourth Line, north of Hwy. 7.

Fourth Line resident David Craig, one of 50 local residents who filled council chambers during debate on the issue, predicted some councillors could lose their seats because of their votes.

"This will be an election issue because not one Fourth Line resident wants this expansion and yet the only support we got was from [Councillor Rob] Heaton," Craig said.

Both rural Councillors Kathy Gastle and Kevin Kuiack voted in favour of the expansion when faced with numerous staff and provincial reports indicating that the proposal was a logical expansion of the rural cluster and that it would not affect

existing residents' water supplies.

"We're not reassured about the water or the experts," Craig said.

"My friends and colleagues will not leave this meeting assured unless those who will benefit most from this - the landowners and planners - give us a water guarantee."

Councillor Gerald Rennie explained he was changing his vote because his initial decision to refuse the plan was based on frustration, not logic.

"I recognize all the rational, logical and sensible reasons for approving this proposal," Rennie said. "I really don't think there is a problem with the water and I see the wisdom of not opposing this because we would lose at any OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) hearing."

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said that she "really had problems" approving the plan, but, added "this proposal meets all of our planning policies so if we were

ever to go to the OMB, we would lose, and I can't spend money foolishly."

Both the Town and Regional Official Plans target hamlets and rural clusters for rural growth. The Bannockburn cluster will be allowed to grow by 30 lots and approval of the Monckton plan leaves four lots without any plans on them.

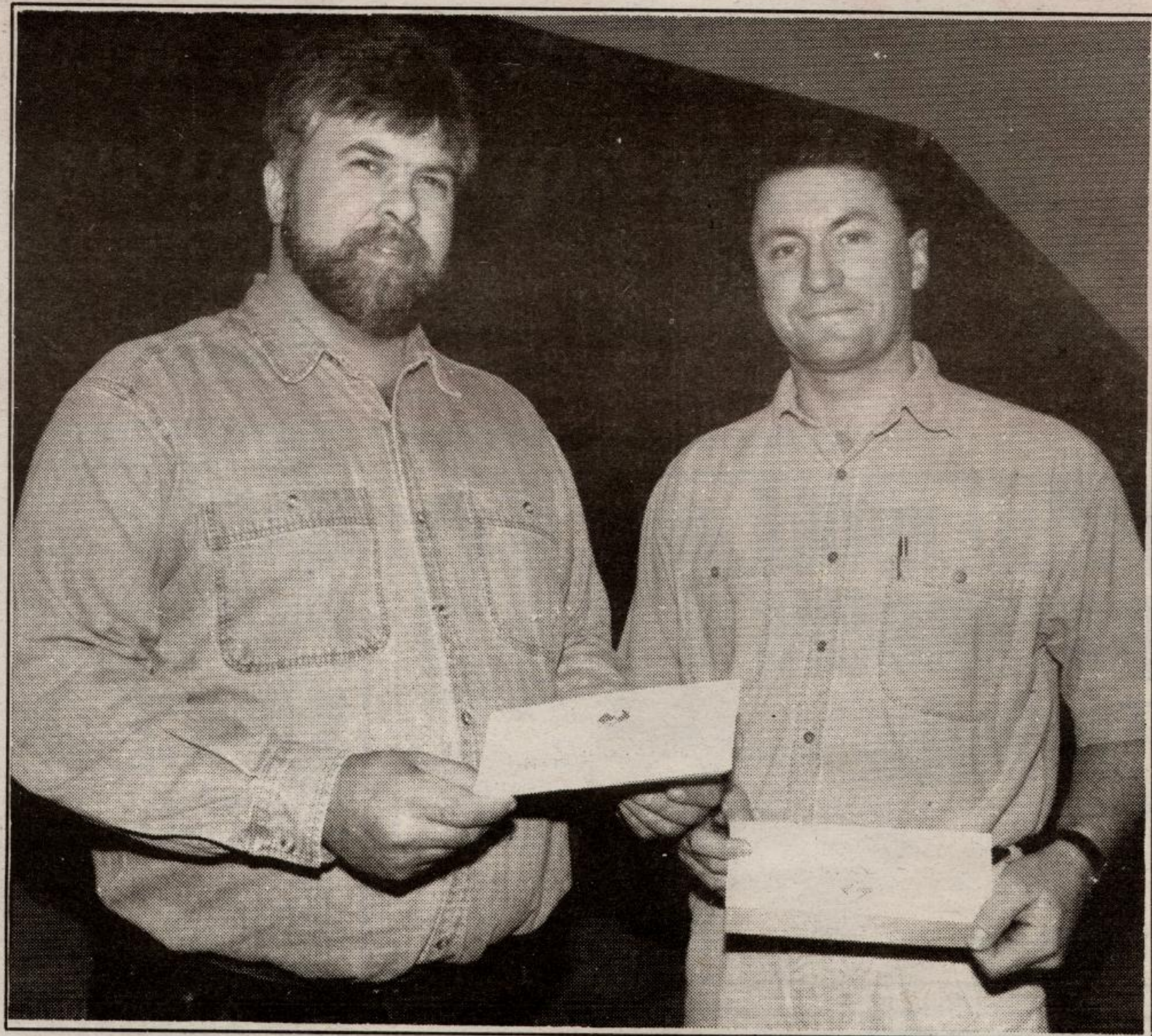
### Ontario seat belt campaign

The Halton Regional Police Service is participating in the province-wide 1996 Seat Belt Campaign.

This year's program runs until May 20. The focus will be on children and the use of safety seats and/or seat belts.

All officers in the service have been directed to pay special attention to the younger passenger as often children do not have a say with their own safety in a vehicle. It's up to the caregiver or parent to ensure that children are properly buckled.

It is hoped that through education and enforcement the following message will get through: "It is vital to ensure children are properly restrained and that all drivers and passengers buckle up."



JOINUS! Actonites John Archibald and Glenn Trendall hope to find 15 men interested in forming a Kinsmen Club in Acton. (Eve Martin photo)

## Kinsmen Club may form

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Raising money for the new Acton East Arena and Community Centre may be one of the first projects for a proposed Kinsmen Club of Acton.

Acton's John Archibald and former Orangeville Kinsmen Glenn Trendall, who recently moved to Acton, hope to drum up enough support to charter an Acton club.

Archibald said that the decision to try to form a new service club, and not to join an existing one, was largely based on age.

"The Lions are open-aged and the Rotary Club is business-based and this Kinsmen

club would be a young men's club for those aged 19 to 45," Archibald explained on an interview on Thursday.

Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs, which began in Canada 74 years ago, are community-based volunteer organizations with a mission to, "Better our communities by providing service, fellowship, family values and national pride."

Archibald said that if they don't get enough men interested in forming an Acton club - a minimum of 15 - they could become part of the Georgetown club.

"We want men who want to help the community and have some fun and fellow-

ship and meet new people. We would prefer to have our own club here but will have to wait to see what kind of response we get from our posters and other publicity."

Organizers of the proposed Acton club will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 pm, in the boathouse at Prospect Park.

### Sexuality workshop

The Halton Regional Health Department hosts "The Sexuality Gap: I'm Not Sure What the Rules Are Any More," a workshop for parents on talking to their teens about sexuality, at Georgetown Public Library April 30 at 7:30 pm. Call (905) 825-6065.

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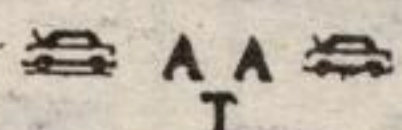
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