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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

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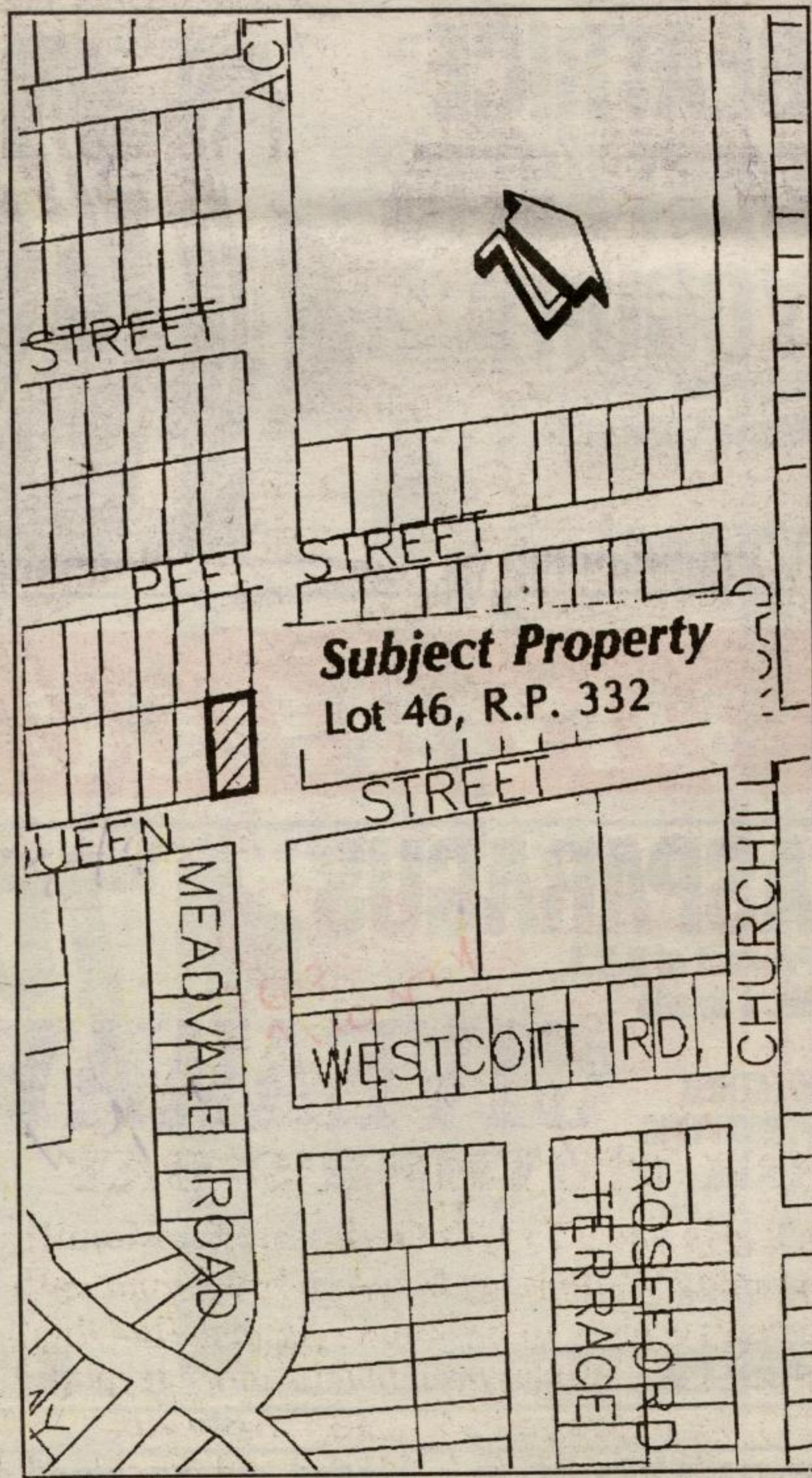
Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 1358 to legalize an existing four-plex. The site is located at the northwest corner of Queen Street (Highway 7) and Acton Boulevard in Acton and is described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

The Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss an appeal or the approval authority may refuse a referral request if a person, public body, or appellant does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or written submissions before an Official Plan Amendment is adopted.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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



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Austin, Banks and Hopkins awarded

Continued from Front Page tin as an "all-round good student and community leader.

"Sarah is a musician who plays two instruments and plays in three school bands," Bradley explained in an interview last Wednesday.

"Sarah has always been an honour student who helps out in the school office, has been a peer counsellor, a Girl Guide, and a outdoor leader."

Austin, who hopes to take environmental engineering at the University of Guelph in September, said she felt "honoured" to have been chosen.

"It feels really nice. I feel really special that someone has taken the time to notice what I've done," Austin said last Wednesday.

McKenzie-Smith Bennett principal Chris Logan said school administrators had no trouble choosing Eileen



EILEEN BANKS

Banks.

"Eileen does all kinds of stuff around the school," Logan said last week.

"First of all, Eileen has an exceptionally pleasant personality and is well-liked by students and staff. Eileen has been an office helper, is a Special Friend who works with younger students, and is



KATHERINE HOPKINS

a model student who always has good grades."

Eileen said she was really excited and felt honoured at being chosen.

"My parents were really excited too. I like to help because it keeps me busy and I like being involved," Eileen explained last Wednesday.

Robert Little's recipient,

Grade 5 French Immersion student Katherine Hopkins, was chosen for her consistently high academic standings and her good citizenship.

"Katherine meets all of the criteria set out by the Board," Principal Deanna Nodwell explained last Wednesday.

"Katherine is involved in just about everything in the school, including the choir and athletics. She also consistently demonstrates good citizenship in that she frequently is involved in helping others."

Katherine said she was "really excited" with the award.

"It's an honour to get an award for doing things that I like to do, like helping with younger kids and being involved in volleyball and the recorder and drama club."

Town questions Region restructuring

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

Preparing for a Halton restructuring meeting next week, Town councillors are leery of changes that may result from the debate. One of the main issues on the table is representation at the 25-member Regional Council table. Currently Halton Hills has five Regional councillors, representing a population of 40,000 and in an interview on Thursday, Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson admitted that going in, the Town knows it

will not end up with as many seats.

"We don't win with this discussion because there is no way we are going to come out with the five representatives we have now, so it's not a good feeling - in fact, it's scary," Serjeantson said.

Serjeantson said her real fear is that Burlington's proposal of representation by population will be endorsed, leaving Halton Hills with a very weak voice and vote at Halton Council.

In answer to the Golden Report on municipal restructuring

in the Greater Toronto Area, Halton Council is committed to a dramatic restructuring in order to improve efficiency, provide more effective representation, customer service and accountability.

Based on seven assumptions approved by Halton Council, including one that restructuring must save taxpayers money, each of Halton's four municipalities have been "respectfully requested" to become partners in the restructuring process.

But several Town coun-

cillors have a number of concerns about the process and possible outcomes, including Acton Councillor Norm Elliott, who asked if the whole restructuring process would be scrapped if it did not result in significant savings.

"I'm not trying to split hairs, but is the end result restructuring or is the end result the significant savings that restructuring is intended to include?" Elliott asked at last week's council meeting.

He also wondered if there would be some option for any dissenter and if there was any requirement for unanimous approval before the restructuring plan was sent to the province for approval.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie wondered if the exercise would result in the elimination of Halton's four municipalities.

"This sounds like a City of Halton, especially when you hear words like 'more effective representation,'" Rennie said. "We could disappear."

When Serjeantson said that Oakville councillors would not come to the table to discuss the issue of restructuring unless the numbers issue was first on the list, Acton councillor Rick Bonnette predicted that the issue would disappear if Oakville gets what it wants.

"Once Oakville gets the lollipop it wants, [more seats] we'll find that half of this won't even be discussed around the Regional table," Bonnette predicted.

In a letter to the Mayor, Halton Chair Joyce Savoline confirmed that the protocol of decision making among all parties will be decided by Halton's five CAOs, but not until Regional Council has dealt with the issue of political representation.

Serjeantson expects a difficult debate next Monday when Town Council has scheduled a special meeting to deal with the restructuring issues. Halton Council has scheduled a full-day debate on the representation issue for next Tuesday.

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