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# Town calls restructuring 'unfair'

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They admit that it's too little and too late, but Halton Hills councillors will still complain to Halton Region and the Minister of Municipal Affairs about the unfairness of the Halton's process restructure its Council. In reducing Regional Council to 21 from 25 members, the Town will lose two of its five representatives at the regional table and local Council will drop to 11 from 13 councillors.

A report on the restructuring plans at Monday's General Committee meeting was made redundant by last minute information from the clerk that the Region's restructuring proposal was approved by the Province and incorporated in new legislation.

While admitting that nothing they said or did would alter the outcome, Ward 3 Councillor Moya Johnson tabled a motion, supported by her colleagues, objecting to the restructuring.

"I feel that the whole process that occurred at the Region was unfair to the local Council," Johnson said.

"We didn't have input into the decision, nor was the public asked for their comments."

Ward 2 Councillor Kevin Kuiack, worried that the rural area will be left without a voice, endorsed the resolution arguing that they have to let Regional councillors know that it can't "steamroller" over the Town.

"Just because we are a

small population and are way north, we don't belong to the part of the Region as they like to consider it, I'd like to let them know that we still are a voice and we're going to fight it any way we can, even though we've already lost," Kuiack said.

Councillors were not in such agreement when Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said the Town should think about local restructuring in terms of ward boundaries and the number of Town councillors.

Acton councillor Norm Elliott wanted none of it.

"I think if this local Council gets sucked into self destruction we are fools," Elliott argued, noting they have no idea what's going to happen in Ontario, which is undergoing drastic reforms and will need the current number of councillors to provide a good cross section of opinion.

After the meeting Serjeantson said they would continue talking about local restructuring at the local level.

## Boy hit by van

Acton mother Pearl Wilson is calling for a return of safety patrols at the Acton Boulevard-Mill Street East school crossing after her eight-year-old son Steven was struck and dragged by a van at the intersection on Friday afternoon.

"That corner is so congested. Why aren't there (student safety) patrols there like there used to be?" she asked in an interview on Sunday.

Witnesses told police that Steven, a Grade 2 student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school, was crossing Acton Boulevard, heading to his home two doors from the corner, when he was struck by a north-bound van. No charges were laid against the van driver, who witnesses said was driving very slowly on the slippery street and had no chance to stop when Steven stepped off the curb in front of her.

Steven was taken to hospital, treated for bumps and bruises, and released.

"Every time I think about what happened I shudder. The  
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## BE A HERO - BUY A COOKIE!

John Toebes Sr. shows the Hockey Heroes cookies he was selling at the Acton Arena last Saturday as a fundraiser for the Acton Minor Hockey Association. The cookies are also available at the Acton IGA. See Grapevine, Page 7 for more details. (Eve Martin photo)

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