Region's intentions questioned...

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about what their plans are."

Resident Diana McGowan felt that the "Region and the Town (of Oakville) are not on the same page anymore."

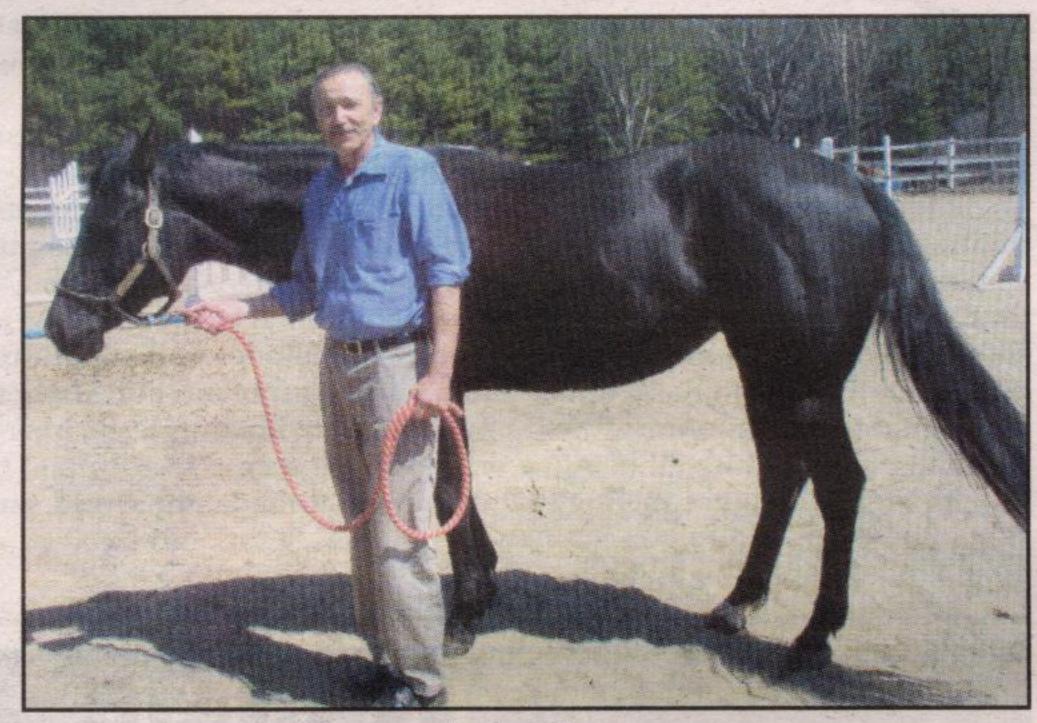
Residents of the Area North of Dundas (RAND) president, Laura Knowlton agreed saying "The Town has proposed in the North Oakville Secondary Plan that there be alternative road network leaving Burnhamthorpe as a character road. This network is to take commuter traffic with the site of any bridge being indeterminate at this

time. The least environmental impact on the presently unspoilt 16 Mile Creek Valley would to put a bridge at the same point as the 407 now crosses. Logic doesn't seem to be a major factor in the planning. Why are we diverting commuter traffic through working farms?"

Horse farmer Joe Wagner is stoic about the roar of the traffic from the 407 that now abuts the northern boundary of his farm " The concrete of the 407

makes it bloody noisy at the back of my property." but feels that " A major road along the front of the property will leave me trapped. I will have to give up farming at that time."

170 students a week ride at Robert Sabucco's Riding School. He has lavished years of his life on the farm and now is leery of spending any further on upkeep "What can you say when you've spent 15 years building up the property and then they take it away from you," referring to possible expropriation of his land should the bridge be built.



Robert Sabucco

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