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Region moves ahead with forestry management plan

By BERNADETTE WARD

Despite concerns registered by a handful of councillors and trail users, Halton Regional council has decided to move forward with a Forestry Management Plan, the details of which were presented at a meeting on May 4.

The report, presented by representatives from Gartner Lee Limited and Silv-Econ Limited, outlines a plan that is purported to meet the objectives of the Region's official plan for keeping the forests in a natural state while allowing for a number of passive recreational uses.

"You have a beautiful forest, it's really a jewel in southern Ontario," said Dave Puttock, from Silv-Econ. "It contains natural heritage aspects that are not contained in other forests."

"THERE WOULD BE SOME IMPACT ON WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT DUE TO NOISE."

The forests, which now consist of more than 660 hectares in 14 tracts, are to be managed with those natural heritage features kept in mind.

The trick will be to manage the forest in a way that allows those and other species to flourish while at the same time permitting the public access to the forest for hiking and other recreational activities.

"It was very much an environment first approach looked at by the committee," said Puttock.

According to the presentation, there are 65 regionally rare or uncommon

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Snarl of the wild

Alleged wolf attack in Nassagaweya

By BERNADETTE WARD

Nature is sometimes just a little too close for comfort and this was certainly the case for Diane Bagnall, a local resident whose dog was on the receiving end of what she believes was a wolf attack.

On May 5 at about 9:15 pm, Bagnall went out to her barnyard with her two dogs to check on the horses.

"I have never had any feeling of nervousness when going to the barn at night," said Bagnall.

As she headed toward the barn with her two dogs, Rolf, a German wirehair pointer, tore off towards the drive shed, leaving Bagnall and her other dog, Roz, a standard poodle to carry on.

"IT'S CLEARLY NOT SAFE, EVEN IN OUR OWN BACKYARD"

"A terrible growling and snarling came from the direction of the drive shed. I panicked when I heard my dog start to scream," said Bagnall.

Thinking perhaps a raccoon had bitten the dog, she headed off to check on him and after calling Rolf, he came out limping.

"Behind him I saw first one large silver grey wolf trotting towards me and then another appeared from the darkness," said Bagnall.

John Pisapio, a wildlife biologist from the Ministry of Natural Resources says they field these calls all the time but points out that wolf range in Ontario doesn't really begin until the Canadian Shield, around the Muskokas and onto

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PHOTO BY ANN KORNUA

The past stands with the future on the VE Day Celebrations in Milton this past May 8th, 2005. From left are Air Cadet Leanne Dalbudak with Milton veteran Ed Goodall and Peter Berry with Cadet Kirstie Chan. See page 8 for photos of Milton's VE Parade.

Charity Barbeque

M&M Meat Shops will be holding a charity barbeque on May 14, 2005 in support of the Crohns & Colitis Foundation. The event will take place at 211 Guelph St. and 420 Main St. in Georgetown on Saturday. A \$2 donation will get you a hamburger/hotdog, drink and a bag of chips. There will be face painting for the kids, balloons, clowns, entertainment and even a firetruck.

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