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## St. Alban's gets new steel roof

Two Acton churches have bought into the environmental-friendliness, costeffectivness and durability of a Guelph firm's roof system.

Trinity United church installed a Hy-Grade roof last fall. Hy-Grade roofers just finished installing steel shakes at St. Alban's Anglican church last week.

The Hy-Grade system not only has aesthetic appeal., it recently was the first Canadian firm to win a Metal Home Digest award.

Barry Patterson, Chief Executive Officer and cofounder of the firm, says "our unique 'steel shakes' have a 50-year warranty but should last 75 to 100 years. After a very long life, the steel can be recycled."

By contrast asphalt shingles need to be replaced every eight years, on average.

"That adds up to many hundreds of thousands of tons of waste in our already scarce landfill sites," says Tom Ware, vice-president of operations and Patterson's partner and co-founder of Hy-Grade.

Many European countries ban asphalt shingles and parts of Japan have banned them. Property owners expect roofs to last the life of the building, Patterson says.

"Here in Canada, with one of the most extreme climates, we've been falling short by using 'throwaway' roofs," he says.

Steel shake roofs are the solution since rain runs right off while cleaning the metal and heat is quickly ducted away in summer just as ice and snow are shed rapidly in winter.

Hy-Grade is a wholly Canadian company, operating just off Watson Road in Guelph's east end. It has been manufacturing and installing

LATEST IMPROVEMENT - Workmen from Hy-Grade Roofers in Guelph finished installing a new roof on St. Alban's Anglican Church last week. The 126-year old church is undergoing refurbishing, starting with new stucco earlier this spring and then the roof. New fascia and eavestrough will come next and interior renovations are scheduled to be done in the fall. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

steel roofs since 1972. The clay tiles. Hy-Grade's special shakes are available in a wide fold design allows the shakes range of colours with durato expand and contract withble, bonded, maintenanceout loosening their fasteners free finishes. Each shake has and leaking. Hy-Grade roofs an exposed area of about 33 can be installed over existing inches by 14 inches and roofs as well as on unweighs one-third that of assheathed new roofs. Each phalt shingles or one-tenth of order is custom-made.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF A DRAFT ARCHAEOLOGICAL MASTER PLAN FOR HALTON REGION

Under the Planning Act, the Region of Halton is required to protect significant cultural, historical and archaeological features from development. The Region conducted public meetings in March 1998 to solicit input from local residents about archaeological artifacts in Halton. Several people attended the meetings and provided input into the preparation of an Archaeological Master Plan for Halton. The draft Master Plan identifies, analyses and establishes management priorities for archaeological sites in Halton. The results of the study will be presented at the following public meeting:

DATE: Tuesday June 9, 1998

TIME: 7 p.m. (presentation at 7:30 p.m. sharp) LOCATION: Hugh Foster Hall, 53 Brown Street (next door to Milton Town Hall), Milton

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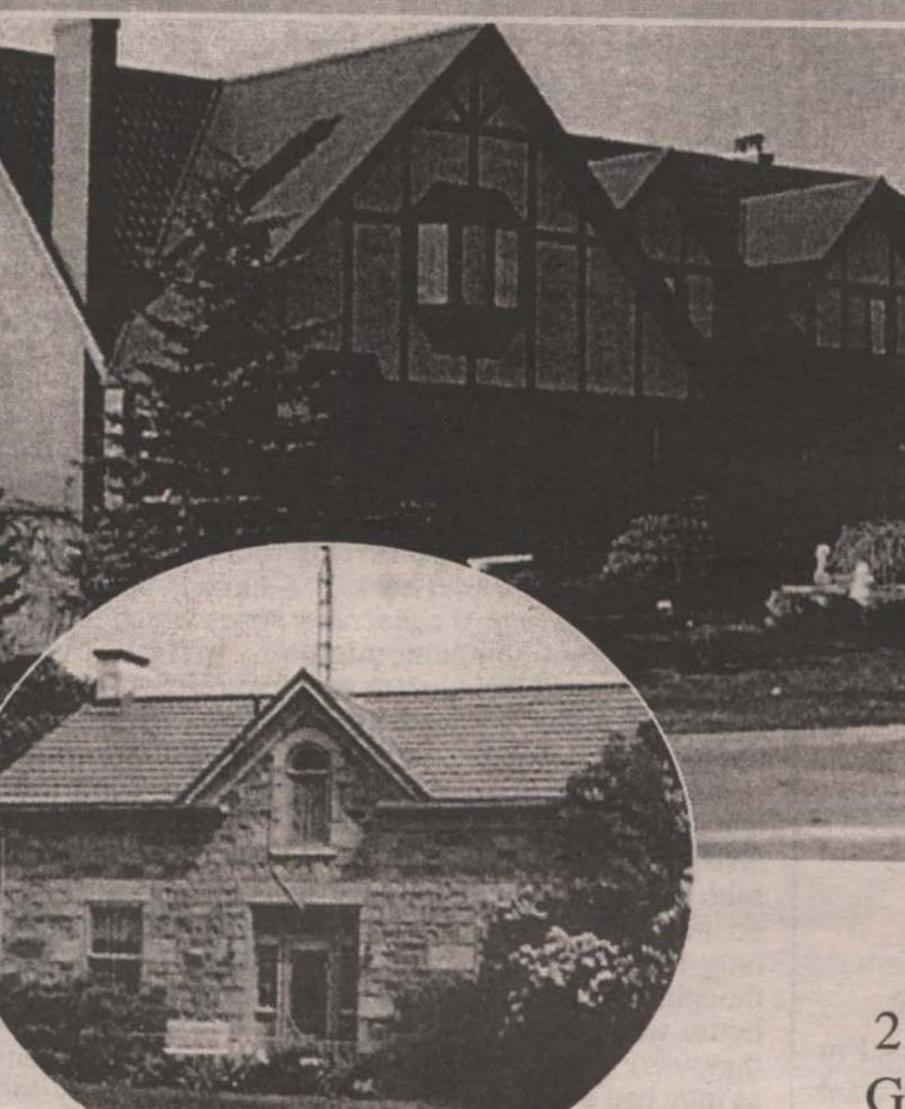
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