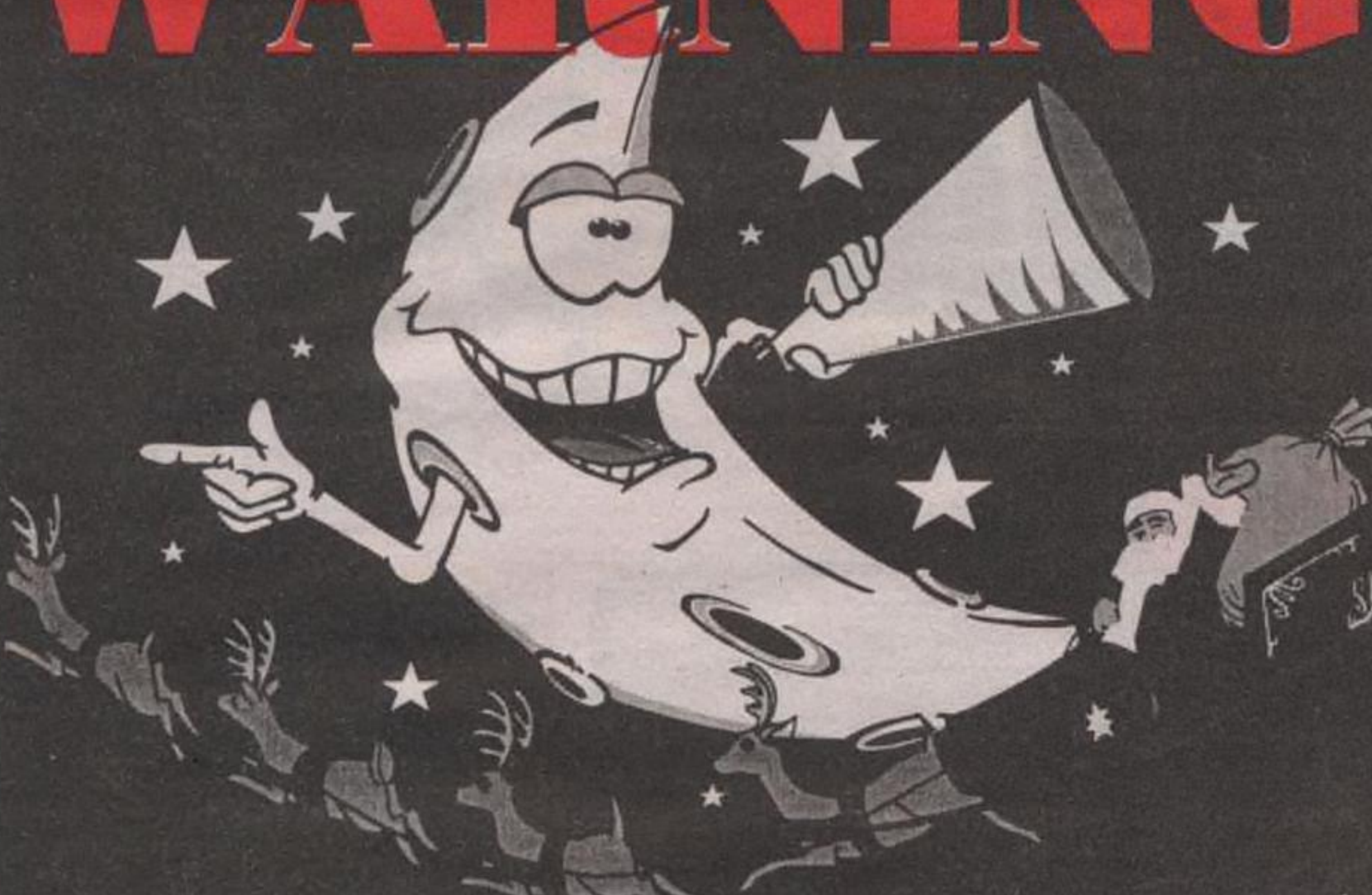


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Critical growth decision...

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strength of that, we're very confident the development will proceed," Hope said on Monday.

The owners of three draft approved housing subdivisions in Acton are circulating revised plans asking for more units than were approved by the Ontario Municipal Board more than six years ago.

The Acton East Housing Corporation (including Acton developer Fred Dawkins) wants 24 more units, for a total of 224, on the former Coscan site, south of Highway 7, east of Churchill Road. It has also filed a revised plan

for a 165-unit subdivision – 56 more units than draft approved – on the adjacent former Bond Arch property, and is working on a draft plan for the adjacent former Sprowl property.

As well, owners of the Rinarin property on the north side of Highway 7 have filed a revised draft plan of subdivision calling for 245, not 190 units.

John Linhardt, the Town's develop of management review, said the Region doesn't have enough additional wastewater capacity to meet all of the Acton developer's revised requests, an issue that

will also have to be settled in the New Year.

"When you add it (the additional unit request) all together – there does remain a scenario of too many units, at the present time, chasing the capacity," Linhardt said on Tuesday adding, "the question is how to best divvy up those (199) units of additional water and wastewater capacity identified by the Region when it ran its numbers. The Region's preferred approach is a first-come, first-serve basis, use it or lose it approach, to allocating the additional units.

Fifty units are set aside for in-fill development and the proposed West Meadows Phase 3 development – a seniors apartment, townhouses and single-family-homes – could receive a portion of the additional identified capacity.

Money there for banners on 4th line

Funding has been approved for safety barrier arms at the deadly Fourth Line rail crossing south of Acton, but it will still be spring – optimistically – before they are installed at the unprotected crossing where four people have been killed in two accidents in the past year.

On Friday, Halton MP Julian Reed announced the federal government would contribute \$159,760 to install the safety gates. The municipality and Goderich/Exeter Railway that leases the line from CN will pay the balance.

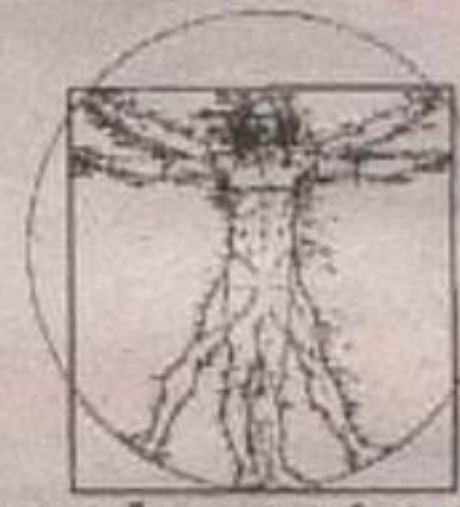
Reed said he was pleased at how quickly the funding was approved, adding, "the responsibility to ensure that the barrier arms are installed promptly is now in the hands of the railway and municipality."

Goderich/Exeter railway general manager Ken Monture refused to speculate when the work will be done.

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