

# No Lake Ontario water for Halton Hills

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
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## Big Pipe Out

Town politicians reconfirmed a long-held aversion to the "big pipe" – using water from Lake Ontario – for development during debate and approval of a growth management report on Monday.

In the face of requests from landowners, including those in Acton, south

Georgetown and Glen Williams, who want the Town to expand its urban boundaries to include their 4,000 acres for development, councillors endorsed the current boundaries and called for a review in five year's time as part of a Regional planning exercise.

Town planning director Bruce MacLean said the Town is not "closing the door" on future boundary expansions, and face the ongoing issue of losing farmland to urban sprawl, forcing them to think about building upwards, not outwards.

Noting that talk of growth raises a lot

of eyebrows and nervousness over the possibility of lake-based water in the community, Mayor Rick Bonnette suggested the new Council reiterate a 1994 Council position against relying on lake-based water for future, in this case residential, development.

Bonnette's amendment, and the growth management report, were passed in unanimous votes that must be confirmed at the next Council meeting.

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## Julian Reed undecided about where, and if he will run

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Halton MP Julian Reed has not yet decided where he'll seek voter support when the next federal election is held.

In a telephone interview Monday, Reed said he won't make that decision until he knows exactly what the ridings are come election day.

"I've always said if my health remained good and I was still having fun I'd ask the people to choose me again," he said.

But the legislation moving the redistribution date ahead has not yet passed the House of Commons.

The original report called for redistribution to take place 12 months after the report was passed. That

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**IN APPRECIATION:** Sue Sark (second from right) was awarded recently with a certificate of appreciation by Literacy North Halton tutor Janet Horwood (second from left). Sark was a volunteer adult literacy tutor with LNH for many years and has seen many successes among her students. Seated around her are Michelle Deforest, Allen Fladby (center), and Raymond Gils, of Acton. For information on local adult literacy programs, contact LNH 905-873-2200.- Submitted photo

# We love our Town libraries

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We are a community of bookworms, or at least book lovers.

Eighty-seven per cent of Halton Hills residents –

43,004 – are active library cardholders – the highest number of similar-sized communities where the average is 65 per cent. Halton Hills director of library services Jane

Diamanti can't say why the library membership is so high, except that "we are a really great library."

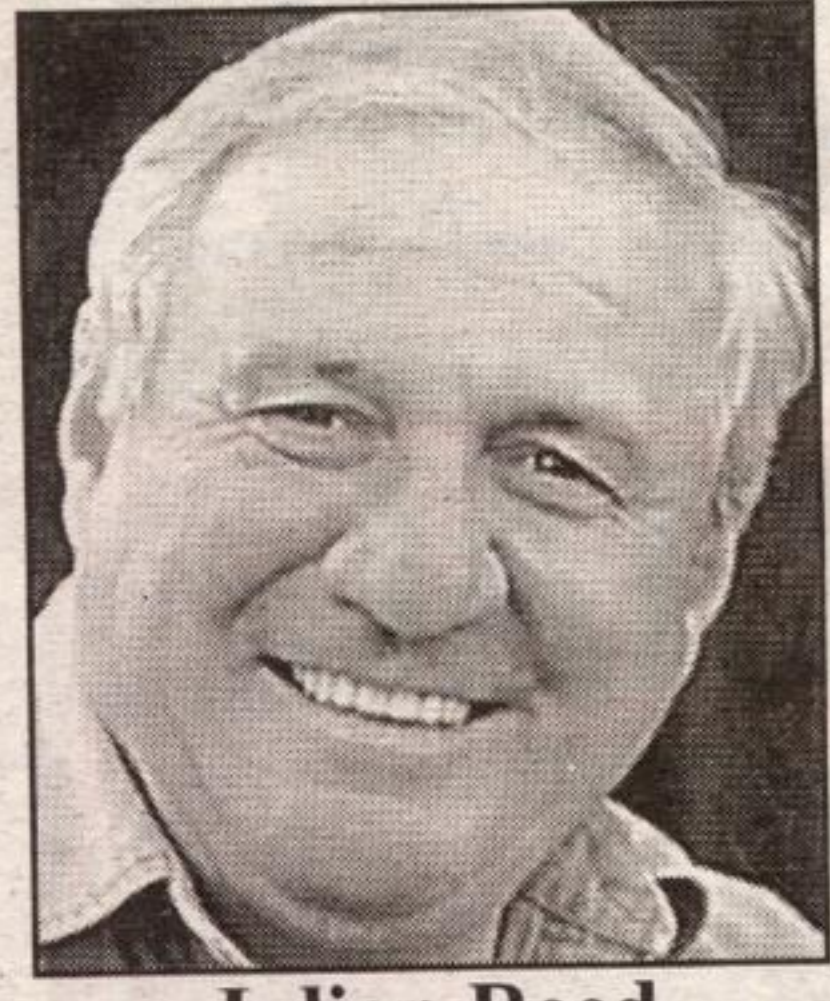
She suggested the growing number of young families and seniors, two family structures with traditional high library use, are bumping up library usage.

"The other thing is that books are so expensive now. The average cost of a hardcover is about \$40, and that's a lot of money if you're an avid reader," Diamanti

said, pointing to two of the many testimonials from the 300 library patrons who took part in a recent survey.

Responses included: "I am an avid reader. I tend to read very quickly (1 book a day). Books in the store have increased in price so much that I cannot afford to buy the books I want to read. This library allows me to read any book and has just as much selection."

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