

Concern over development charges

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Proposed Regional development charges that are "in the stratosphere" could jeopardize future industrial development in the 401 industrial corridor of Halton Hills, according to commercial realtor Peter McKenna.

He appeared before Halton Hills councillors on Monday suggesting the Town take a close look at the proposed development charges.

Regional or Town development charges are fees paid by developers for services like fire protection, police, roads and sewers, necessary to handle growth.

Halton is currently reviewing its development charge bylaw and McKenna said the proposed numbers are "way out of whack," and could result in no development in the 401 industrial corridor - development needed to reduce the tax burden on homeowners.

McKenna said the current Town and Region development charges are \$8.43 per buildable square foot, but the proposed changes would increase the development charge to \$14.50 per buildable square foot, the highest in the Central Ontario area.

He said the cost to construct an industrial building in the 401 corridor area of Halton Hills is \$715,899 per acre when land value, servicing costs, road building costs and development charges are totalled, while 26-kilometres down the road in Cambridge, the cost for an acre of industrial land is \$125,000, or one-seventh of the cost in Halton Hills.

McKenna suggested Town

staff needs to have a serious look at Halton's road building program, totalling \$960-million, for the corridor land, because the cost is "almost ludicrous."

Wards Three and Four Regional Councillor Jane Fogal said she was "alarmed" when she first saw the proposed development charge numbers.

"It looked bad to me," she said, thanking McKenna for putting together the numbers.

Mayor Rick Bonnette noted they are at the beginning of a "long arduous process" of reviewing the development charges and there will be a public meeting in May and a report to Halton Council in late June.

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson suggested Town staff prepare a report so they could take a formal position on the issue at the

Region, a position that was supported by Council.

"This is quite concerning to

me," Johnson said, adding while industrial development

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TIRELESS WORKER: Acton Agricultural Society director George Henderson presented fellow director Mary Walsma with flowers and thanks at the Society's annual general meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday. Walsma helped her husband, Hank, during his term as fair board president. - Frances Niblock photo

POLICE/FIRE REPORT

PLAZA EVACUATION

Shoppers and staff at stores in the Acton East plaza were evacuated on Monday afternoon because of a natural gas leak.

At 1:25 p.m., contractors using a Bobcat to clear snow hit and severed a natural gas line at the rear of the IGA store.

The plaza was evacuated until gas company officials could cut off the supply and make repairs. There were no injuries.

FALSE ALARM

Acton firefighters found no source for a report of an unknown odour at an Elizabeth Drive apartment just after 5 p.m. on Monday.

Crews with detection equipment made a thorough check of the apartment, but found nothing unusual.

SADDLES STOLEN

Five saddles valued at \$21,000, and bridles worth \$1,000, were stolen from a

barn on the Sixth Line, south of 17 Side Road, overnight February 9/10.

Police report the thief, or thieves, entered the barn that contained horses and their tack, through an unlocked side door and took the saddles, all belonging to various owners.

Four Luc Childeric brand saddles, all tan-coloured with gold nameplates, were taken, along with a Bruno Del Grande dark tan saddle.

MISCHIEF ARREST

A 20-year-old Berry Street man was charged with mischief under \$5,000 after a car was damaged on Park Avenue at 1:30 a.m. on January 25.

A witness reported seeing two people, who appeared to be intoxicated, kick the mirror off the car, causing \$200 damage. Following an investigation a suspect was arrested and charged. He appears in court February 24.

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Wednesday: Veal with spaghetti \$ 5.50 Reg. \$6.50
Thursday: Med pizza 3 ingredients \$9.75 Reg. \$12.50

Homemade Pizza

	Small	Medium	Large	Jumbo	Party Size
Inches	10"	12"	14"	16"	18"
Slices	6	8	10	12	14
Plain	\$7.95	\$10.25	\$12.95	\$15.95	\$17.95
1 item	8.50	11.00	13.95	16.95	18.95
2 items	8.95	11.75	14.95	17.95	19.95
3 items	9.50	12.50	15.95	18.95	20.95
4 items	9.95	13.25	16.95	19.95	21.95
Hawaiian	9.50	12.50	15.95	18.95	20.95
Vegetarian	9.95	13.50	16.95	19.95	21.95
Extra items	.50	.75	1.00	1.00	1.00

Papa's Specials

Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Bacon, Onion,
Green peppers, double cheese

	Small	Medium	Large	Jumbo	Party size
Inches	10"	12"	14"	16"	18"
Slices	6	8	10	12	14
	9.95	13.25	16.95	19.95	21.95
Toppings	Pepperoni, Bacon	Mushrooms, meatballs, onions, green peppers,	Sausage, anchovies, olives		
	Tomatoes, ham,	Salami, pineapple, and hot peppers.			

Salads

	Small	Large
Chiefs	3.95	4.95
Caesar	3.95	4.95
Greek	3.95	4.95
Breads		
Garlic bread	1.50	
Garlic bread/cheese	3.25	
Garlic bread/ch/bacon	3.95	
Bruschetta	3.95	

Italian Dishes (garlic bread incl)

Spaghetti meat sauce	6.50	mushrooms 7.50
Baked	7.50	Meatballs 8.50
Lasagna meat sauce	6.50	mushrooms 7.50
Baked	7.50	pepperoni 8.50
Ravioli meat sauce	6.50	mushrooms 7.50
Baked	7.50	pepperoni 8.50
Rigatoni meat sauce	6.50	mushrooms 7.50
Baked	7.50	pepperoni 8.50
Veal parmesan /spaghetti/cheese	7.50	
Chicken parmesan/spaghetti/cheese	7.95	

Submarines

Pizza	5.95
Meatball	5.95
Roast beef	5.95
Corned beef	5.95
Rib	5.95
Ham	5.95
Turkey	5.95
Chicken	7.50
Veal	7.50
Double cheese	.75
Double meat	3.50

2 Medium Pizza Special
(Up to 3 toppings per pizza) \$18.95

French Fries	small	1.95	Med	2.95	large	3.95
Potato wedges	small	2.50	Med	3.50	large	4.50
Onion rings	small	2.95	Med	3.95	large	4.95
Chicken wings (per pound)		6.50	Mild- suicide			
Chicken fingers & fries		6.50				
Beverages						
soft	Pop	.90	2 lt	1.99		
	Coffee-Tea			.90		
	Milk			.90-1.50		
	Choc milk			1.25-1.75		
	Juice	1.50	Water	1.00		

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