

Council urged to express views on reform to GTA Task Force

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A member of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Task Force urged council Monday night to reiterate its views on GTA governance reform to the task force.

Oakville resident Tom McCormack, who was appointed to the task force earlier this year by then Premier Bob Rae, attended the council meeting at Councillor Rick Bonnette's request to discuss what the task force is doing and answer questions from councillors.

While Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said she had already made her views known to the task force McCormack stressed it wouldn't hurt for the town to share them one more time. He added if council can get the support of other municipalities in the GTA all the better.

McCormack said Halton Hills and the 10 other smaller municipalities in the GTA consist of a large number of people and they should be heard.

Many councillors questioned

McCormack about the supercity and super region proposals which have been submitted to the task force for consideration.

"Our task force has not yet made up its mind," said McCormack. He added those concepts are among the hundreds the task force has received.

McCormack said personally he does not favor the amalgamation of individual municipalities.

In the proposal put forward by Metro Toronto council the number of politicians in the region would be cut from 134 to 27 and the GTA's 21 municipalities and five regional governments would be reduced to 15 municipalities and one region.

McCormack said there is a great deal of misconception regarding the cost of councillors and political representation.

He said political representatives represent less than 1 per cent of municipal budgets, yet they have become the focal point of many proposals. He stressed the reduction of councillors would result in reduced accessibility for the public.

McCormack said Toronto is entering a phase where the urban core goes into a decline which Detroit and Philadelphia have already gone through.

"If we end up with the hole in the donut then we would have a difficult situation. Those cities whose urban core thrives have regions which also thrive," said McCormack.

He added over the next 30 years the population of the Greater Toronto Area will grow from 4.2 million to about 7 million.

"Likely most of those people will live in the suburbs not Metro." He added the province is going to have to balance the costs of delivering services in Metro and he believes surrounding municipalities should share in a part of that burden as residents use many of Metro's services.

The task force is to present a report to Premier Harris by November and McCormack said a public report is expected by December. The current plan is to have any proposed changes in place by the next municipal election.

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Annual Terry Fox runs set for today

Each year participants across the world join together to walk, jog, run or cycle in the Marathon of Hope to raise money for Cancer Research.

The annual Terry Fox run is set to run in Acton today (Sunday) at the track at Acton High School.

The 10 km run raised \$23,500 last year and attracted 175 runners.

Participants can pick up pledge sheets at variety

stores and banks in Acton. Call Jon Hurst at 853-2015 for more information.

The setting for the 15th Annual Terry Fox Run in Georgetown will be the Fairgrounds. It will take place on a well marked course through town or on the Fairgrounds track from 9 a.m. to noon.

The emphasis is on participation and not on competition.

INFORMATION TOWN OF HALTON HILLS PUBLIC NOTICE

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF several referrals of portions of Official Plan Amendment No. 61, Georgetown;

TAKE NOTICE that the Ontario Municipal Board will hold a prehearing conference commencing Fri., Sept. 29, '95, at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Halton Hills Civic Centre.

TAKE NOTICE that the Ontario Municipal Board has requested the Town of Halton Hills to hold a public information meeting prior to the prehearing conference to provide information regarding the aforementioned referrals of Official Plan Amendment No. 61. This public information meeting will be held on Wed., Sept. 27, '95 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre. Representatives of the property owners will be in attendance to advise the public of their proposals.

It is expected that the public information meeting and prehearing will deal with partial referrals of Official Plan Amendment No. 61 for the following Georgetown properties.

- Zupet-Maple Avenue - Part of Lot 17, Concession 8 (327, 333 and 339 Maple Avenue) for high density residential (Ward 3);
- Solnicki - Part Block "F", Registered Plan 1134, Moore Park/Marywood Meadows areas (Ward 3) for medium density residential;
- Hoddinott - Part of Lot 149, Registered Plan 27 and Part of Lot 18, Concession 8 (north of Park Avenue, west of Charles Street) for medium density residential (Ward 3);

There may be related zoning, subdivision and site plan matters.

Those persons interested in these matters should attend at the Sept. 27, '95 public information meeting prior to attending the Sept. 29, '95 prehearing conference of the Board, and no further notice will be given. Please note that the Ontario Municipal Board hearing dates of Sept. 19th through the 28th, regarding the Zupet - Maple Avenue appeals, have been cancelled, and that hearing dates for the above matters, tentatively set to commence Jan. 15, '96, will be confirmed by the Ontario Municipal Board at the Sept. 29, '95 prehearing conference.

For further information, please contact the Town's Planning Department. 176

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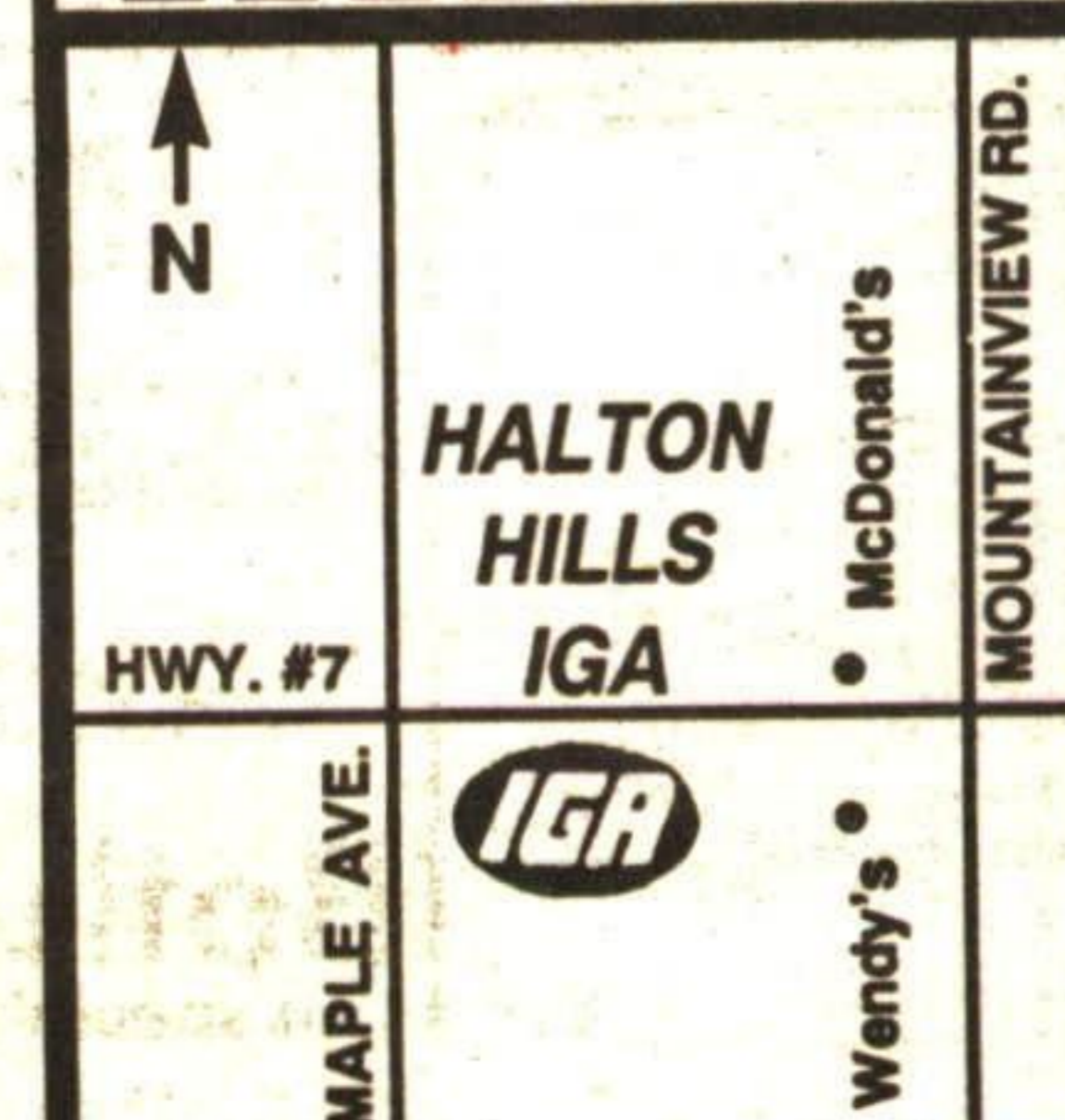
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