

Traffic calming measures for Maple Ave.

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After nearly two years of battling, residents will soon see fewer aggregate trucks using Maple Avenue as a through street in Georgetown.

Safety of school children was placed ahead of the lowest possible price for aggregate by members of Halton Region's planning and public works committee which implemented for a one-year trial on several measures designed to improve safety and quality of life.

Once traffic calming measures,

signage and new lines are painted on Maple Avenue, a one-year trial period will commence. Affects of the changes will be reported to regional authorities "often." Maple Avenue is a regional road.

"I can understand the concerns of some members of the committee but I cannot put them to bed until I have a report in front of me on what affect these measures have had," said regional chair Joyce Savoline. "I may come back and say 'Okay, (Burlington councillor) Barry (Quinn) you were right'. However, it may be that these changes will solve the problem."

There were three issues for most residents. According to area resident Kenneth Thorn, vehicle speeds need to be slowed, there should be a sidewalk buffer between the sidewalk and the roadway and trucks should be moved off the road.

The committee supported a one-year ban on aggregate trucks with no Georgetown destination from using Maple Avenue from 8-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. Monday through Friday in all months except July and August, or from using the road from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday to Friday, from noon until midnight on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays.

In addition the committee agreed to institute traffic calming measures and look at the possibility of painting lines on the road to give it a uniform 9.5 metres width from the south curb in order to slow traffic.

The extra space on the north side of the road would be used as a buffer between the road and sidewalk.

Residents called the situation along Maple Avenue a tragedy waiting to happen and made reference to several other aggregate industry mishaps in recent months across Ontario.

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Two more hats

Two more Halton Hills residents have entered the race for the public school board seat recently vacated by Wards 1/2 trustee Dave Whiting. Georgetown resident and retired teacher Ethel Gardiner is vying for the seat as is Acton businessman and former Halton Hills councillor Jake Kuiken.

That brings the number of candidates seeking the post to six. The other candidates are Gary Crosbie, Susan McPhail Job, Elly Tuitman and Ria Wilson. Nominations close tomorrow, (Sept. 25) and the election is set for Monday, Oct. 23.

Field blaze

Halton Hills Fire Department were called to extinguish a burning pile of garbage in a field on Churchill Rd. in south Acton last Tuesday at about 5 p.m. Firefighters put the fire out and there was no damage.

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Good guessers!

It seems Federico Mena, 8, of Robert Little School and Kristine Brooks, 9, of M.Z. Bennett School were the best guessers in Acton at Education Day during the Acton Fall Fair. Their guesses of 800 came closest to the mark of the actual 790 jellybeans in the jar at

the Acton Support Services and Information Centre booth. Donna Kerton, ASSIC information coordinator was on hand to present the jellybeans to the winners, who split them — 395 each — for their efforts.

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