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Halton Hills Ambulance officers Wally Williams (left) and Daryl Giberson, along with Halton Regional Police officer Larry Brassard and a pair of bystanders worked to assist the driver of a vehicle involved in a two-car collision Tuesday afternoon. The woman was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital. At press time, the woman's condition and the circumstances surrounding the Guelph St. accident were unavailable.

Photo by Scott Kline

Committee needs broader scope

By DIANNE CORNISH

A Halton Region committee formed to gather public input regarding construction of a sewer system in Georgetown's Silver Creek needs to have its mandate "significantly broadened."

Ashley Ranson, president of the Silver Creek Environmental Association and Mike Rowan, president of The Izaak Walton Fly Fisherman's Club, told the Region's Planning Public Works Committee that the Public Liaison Committee (PLC) should have its mandate broadened to include all projects within the watershed of Silver and Black Creeks.

The men appeared before the committee Wednesday to address three separate issues: the proposed Mountainview Rd. reconstruction through Hungry Hollow, ongoing studies for the provision of additional wastewater servicing capacity in Georgetown and monitoring of a test well near Main St. and 15 Sideroad which the Region hopes to use as a future municipal well for the town.

While Ranson and Rowan welcomed the formation of the PLC, they both asked that its powers go beyond providing input for the

wastewater trunk sewer project. Rowan said that decision-making bodies, like the Region, "lack information on the long-term effects" that their planning decisions have "on supply of water." He suggested that a new system of proactive planning is needed to replace what he described as a "fragmented, jurisdictional approach to land use planning."

Ranson told committee that the projects should be looked at as a whole, rather than individually, as to how they might impact on Silver Creek Valley. While the Mountainview Road reconstruction, trunk sewer proposal and test well approval process are all subject to intensive Class Environmental Assessment studies to

determine their impact on the environment, Ranson suggested they all be examined as part of a bigger picture so their cumulative effect on Silver Creek can be determined.

The test well is located in an "unapproved subdivision" and "in a very scenic area" near Silver Creek, he said. Ranson expressed concern that the area might become the site of a temporary pump house facility that eventually

would evolve into a permanent facility.

He questioned whether the trunk sewer project should proceed before the results of the test well come forward on the availability of water to service future growth in Georgetown.

The Region's public works committee Wednesday approved the hiring of the Toronto consulting firm of M.M. Dillon Limited to carry out an expanded Class Environmental Assessment for additional wastewater servicing capacity in Georgetown. According to

an staff report from the Region's engineering department, the firm has recommended the formation of a PLC "to address specific problems related to this project."

It is proposed that the committee will be organized at the local level and will provide a broad representation of community interest. Sections of the community to be represented will include environmental groups, community groups such as ratepayers' associations and service clubs, business people, developers and interested individuals.

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Local man killed in car accident

A Georgetown man has been killed as a result of a single motor vehicle accident early Friday morning.

According to Halton Regional Police, at about 12:30 a.m., a 1990 Pontiac Sunbird was eastbound on Five Sideroad east of Trafalgar Rd. when the vehicle entered an 'S'-bend, went out of control, and

rolled into the north ditch.

The driver, Bruce Currie, 29, of Langstone Cres., suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. Another man travelling in the car was not injured.

Members of the Halton Regional Police Traffic Unit are continuing their investigation.



Picking and eating strawberries is one of five-year-old Sara Yantho's favorite pastimes. The Georgetown girl and her mother, Joanne, were among those filling baskets with plump berries Sunday afternoon Bob and Mabel Devolin's Charles Greig Farm on 15 Sideroad, just west of Trafalgar Road.

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