

## CAS courses for pregnant teens

Are you a pregnant teenager? Do you know someone who is?

A new session of seven prenatal classes specifically for teens begins in late September offered by the Young Parents Support Services.

Pregnant teenagers have special needs and concerns that will be addressed in these classes. Being part of a group with other teens gives them a chance to share their feelings and discuss their fears. Participants discuss what it's like to be a pregnant teen and a teen parent and what options they have.

The first three classes are for the expectant mothers only, and the "coaches" (who may be the baby's father, a friend or a relative) are invited to the last four classes. Volunteer coaches can be provided for support during labor and delivery if needed.

Transportation to the sessions can also be provided from anywhere in Halton. Pregnancy counseling is also available through Young Parents Support Services.

For further information, call Susan Stuart at 844-5502.



Marie Shadbolt (far right), circulation manager for Halton Hills This Week, introduced several area newspaper carriers to Municipal Trust where they will have direct deposit accounts for their paper jobs. The carriers were treated to pop and donuts courtesy of Municipal Trust. Area resident and Halton Hills This Week writer, Steamer Emmerson (next to Marie), also dropped in for the goodies.

## Staired walkway gets nod from council

By Dianne Cornish

Citing public safety concerns, town councillors have opted for a Silver Creek Valley walkway design featuring stairs and a pathway as close as possible to the Mountainview Road right-of-way.

Council was asked last Monday night by the town's engineering staff to consider incorporating two designs for the walkway—a switchback design featuring an asphalt path with lighting for year-round use and a stairway design which would be closed during the winter months. The design incorporates parts of two proposals made to council last month.

Councillors Gail Rutherford and Anne Currie were most vocal in their opposition to the meandering switchback path which would take users as far as 600 feet from the roadway.

"It's an opportunity to be mugged, raped or kidnapped," Rutherford said. "I cannot see anyone using that pathway that cannot be seen from the road. I can see people using a walkway, close to the road, involving stairs."

"I have many doubts that anyone will use it," Currie told council. "Who in their right mind will go down there in the wintertime?"

While Currie's preliminary remarks were directed at both design concepts, she later spoke in favor of the stairway option, built as close as possible to Mountainview Road.

Peter Linn, the town's manager of engineering services, defended his recommendation to council, noting that he initially intended to suggest the stairway design, but after receiving legal advice, decided to recommend construction of the switchback design in conjunction with the stairway option.

"The solicitor advised me that the pathway be open year-round," Linn told council. "There will be less liability on the town's part" if a year-round pathway is built, he cautioned.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson proposed a compromise, which council eventually approved. She said council could give the go-ahead to the stairway design and refer the switchback option back to town staff for further review and submission to council at a later date. "We don't have to make a decision about the switchback option, right at the moment," Serjeantson said.

Council and many residents of Georgetown South want the walkway constructed to allow for safe access through the Hungry Hollow section of Silver Creek Valley to the built-up section of Georgetown, north of the creek. A speedy decision on a proposed design for the pathway was needed because construction won't be able to proceed this year unless footings for a walkway bridge over Silver Creek are built before the end of August.

Council's decision on the path-

way's design will be submitted to the Halton Region Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee for comments. Approval from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority will be required before construction begins. The consulting engineer for the project will also be required to conduct a vegetation survey and soil test of the Valley area adjacent to the proposed walkway before submitting a detailed design.

The developer, Halton Hills Village Homes Incorporated, will be responsible for all design and construction costs, while the town will cover yearly maintenance costs of \$2,500.

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