

School boards team up to battle funding shortfalls

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Facing increasing cutbacks from the province, school boards have banded together to try to save money and generate revenue.

Fifteen boards, including the Halton Board of Education, have formed a co-operative, non-profit company called the Ontario Member School Board Corporation. Harold Brathwaite, director of the Peel Board of Education and the new corporation's chief executive officer, said it was formed to help boards maintain existing programs and services.

Wayne McNally, the superintendent of business services for the Halton Board of

Education, said the decision to join the co-operative makes financial sense for the board.

"With the co-operative we're sharing a lot of the effort on purchasing and gathering information," McNally said. "The co-operative is very efficient because we're working on one agreement not 14 or 15 agreements."

McNally said it is difficult to tell exactly how much of an impact the co-operation will have, but said he expects the money saved and revenue generated by it "will be in the millions of dollars" for the Halton board alone.

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Brathwaite said the impact of the corporation may be limited in what it can achieve in terms of savings in the first few years because many boards are locked into existing arrangements.

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However, it is wasting no time in finding ways to generate income for the boards. Several test projects have been initiated and other possible revenue sources are being investigated.

Halton is expected to introduce

advertising on school buses in September. The project is currently being tested by the Wellington County Board of Education.

Brathwaite's board is currently testing a project that uses computer screen savers and advertisements. Also, items that would normally be bought through petty cash will be tracked to see if purchase agreement can be set up with frequent suppliers.

Brathwaite said members of the co-operative are free to choose which projects they will undertake.

"In order to be able to make purchasing or banking arrangements we formed a co-operative to allow member boards to participate as they saw fit," Brathwaite said. "They don't have to participate in all initiatives. They can choose what they want to participate in."



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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 (1) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter M.45 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Civic Centre at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 1997, will consider the passing of by-laws for the temporary stopping up to vehicular traffic and reconstruction of:

- Main St., Maple Ave. to Church St. and for the temporary stopping up to vehicular traffic of
- Main St., Church St. to Mill St.
- Mill St., Main St. to Charles St.
- Church St., Main St. to Charles St.

to accommodate the Region of Halton watermain construction to be included within the Town of Halton Hills Main Street project.

Plans detailing this project and the proposed by-laws are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to Mr. R.A. Goddard, C.E.T., Supervisor of Capital Works at 873-2601, ext. 310.

The Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws, and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Department no later than noon on Thursday, April 24, 1997.

INFORMATION CENTRE

The Town of Halton Hills invites you to attend a Public Information Centre to view the construction drawings for the reconstruction of Main Street from Maple Ave. to Church St. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 1997. The Information Centre will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, April 10, 1997
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Committee Room, Civic Centre

This Public Information Centre will be an informal meeting where plans showing the proposed construction based on the final design approved by Town Council will be available for viewing by area residents and other interested parties. Town of Halton Hills staff will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

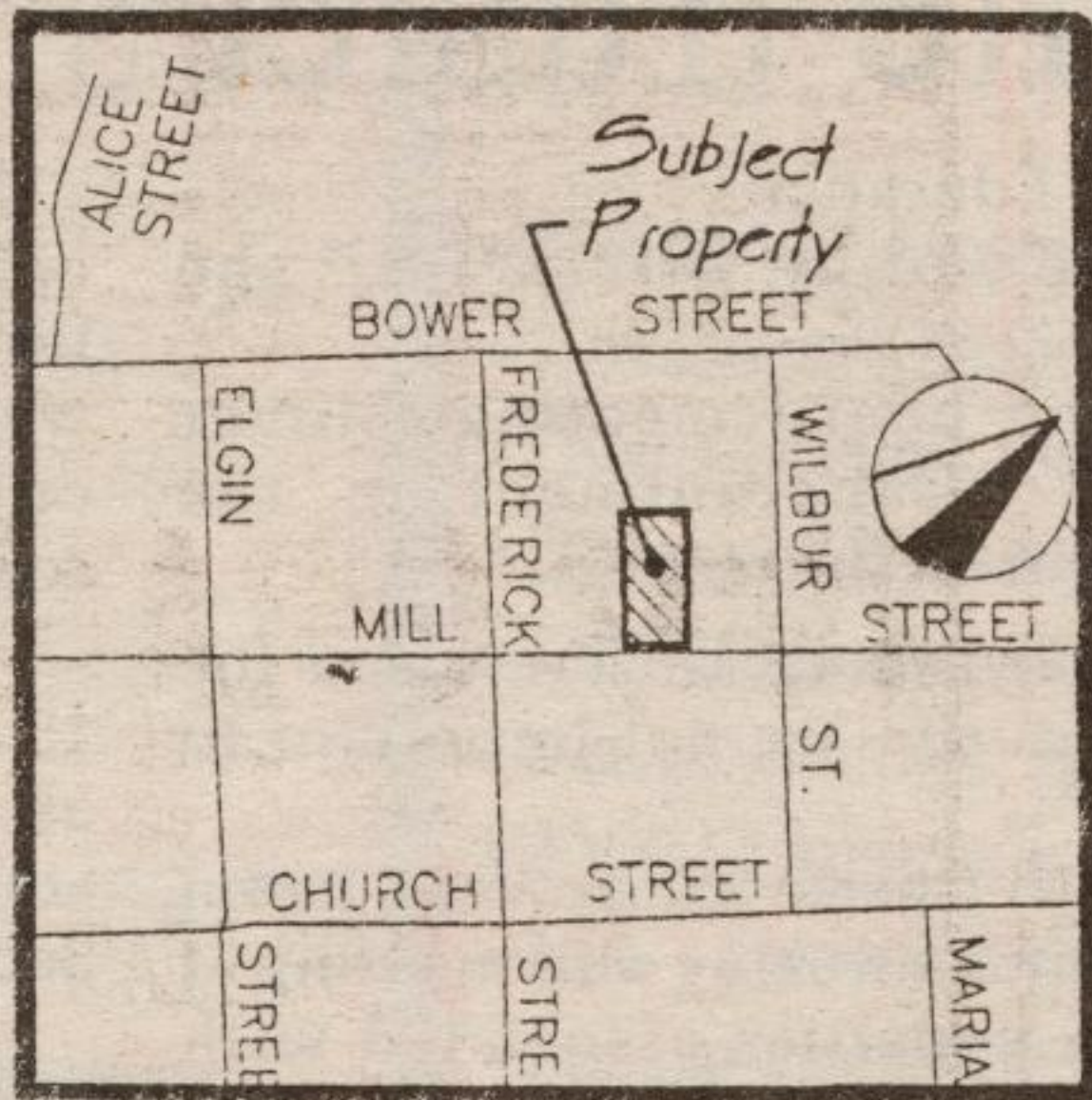
Inquiries regarding this project should be directed to Mr. P.D. Linn, P.Eng., Manager of Design and Development at 873-2601, ext. 313, or Mr. R.A. Goddard, C.E.T., Supervisor of Capital Works at ext. 310.

PUBLIC MEETING

WARD 1 / MILL ST. / WILBUR ST.

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 1358 to permit four residences and a commercial use within an existing building. The property is located at the north side of Mill Street, west of Wilbur Street in Acton. The address is 113-115 Mill Street East.

The applicant and Planning staff will provide additional information at the Public Meeting. The public is invited to attend the meeting to ask questions and provide comments. If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of Council does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting, or make written submissions before a decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal. Further information is available in the Planning Department.



ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME
Date/Time: Monday, May 5, 1997, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber, Civic Centre
File No: D09/Jager

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LATE DEATH NOTICE

WHEELER, Una - Peacefully at Allendale on Monday, March 31st, 1997. Una Wheeler formerly of Glen Williams. Loving mother of Susan and her husband Paul Hutchison and Allan and his wife Arlene Wheeler. Also loved by grandchildren Ashley and Wendy. Cremation has taken place. If desired, expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of your choice in lieu of flowers. Arrangements through the J. Scott Early Funeral Home, 21 James St. Milton.

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