

## Event held to pay trustees' legal bills

# Complaint puts school's donation on hold

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A parent's complaint has put a school council's efforts to raise money for Halton trustees on hold.

The Robert Little Public School council held a hot dog sale April 18 to raise money to help pay the legal costs of five trustees who were brought up on conflict of interest charges by the Burlington Taxpayers Coalition. The charges were withdrawn in March but the trustees, including Acton/Esquering trustee Ethel Gardiner, were left with legal bills. At the time, Gardiner estimated her expenses at between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

"We felt it wasn't fair that the trustees (expenses) were not covered by the board because as employees they should be," said

Julia Roehrig, the school council chair. "We thought we could help out."

Roehrig said the sale, which raised \$305.16, had the best participation of any school fundraiser. She had been contacted by two other schools, regarding organizing similar events. However, the donation to the trust fund set up for the trustees is now being held until the council decides what to do with the money at its next meeting on May 6.

Robert Little principal Don Warren said the school did not receive any complaints before the sale. He said the first indication of someone not agreeing with the sale was when a parent hand delivered a letter to the school during the sale. Warren said the basis of the complaint was that the trustees' situation "was a private matter."

Roehrig said she heard of one

parent, though not directly, who said her child would not be purchasing a hot dog because she didn't believe the fund-raiser was appropriate. She thought anyone who didn't approve would act in a similar fashion.

A similar event planned at McKenzie-Smith Bennett, organized by a parents' group, has been cancelled. School council chair Joanne Stevenson said "the board felt there was a legitimate concern that the students would be involved in what could be perceived as a political issue."

Gardiner said she appreciated the school council's effort but didn't want the sale to create problems.

"It came about through the good intentions of the community," Gardiner said. "Obviously, a parent disagrees and I hope they can work it out."

## By the numbers



Katey Lee, a Grade 7 student at Centennial Senior Public School in Georgetown is the picture of concentration as she competed in the recent Halton championship trial math competition held recently at the Halton Board of Education offices in Burlington. Centennial won the bronze medal in the event which featured 25 teams from 10 Halton schools.

Photo by Ron Kuzyk



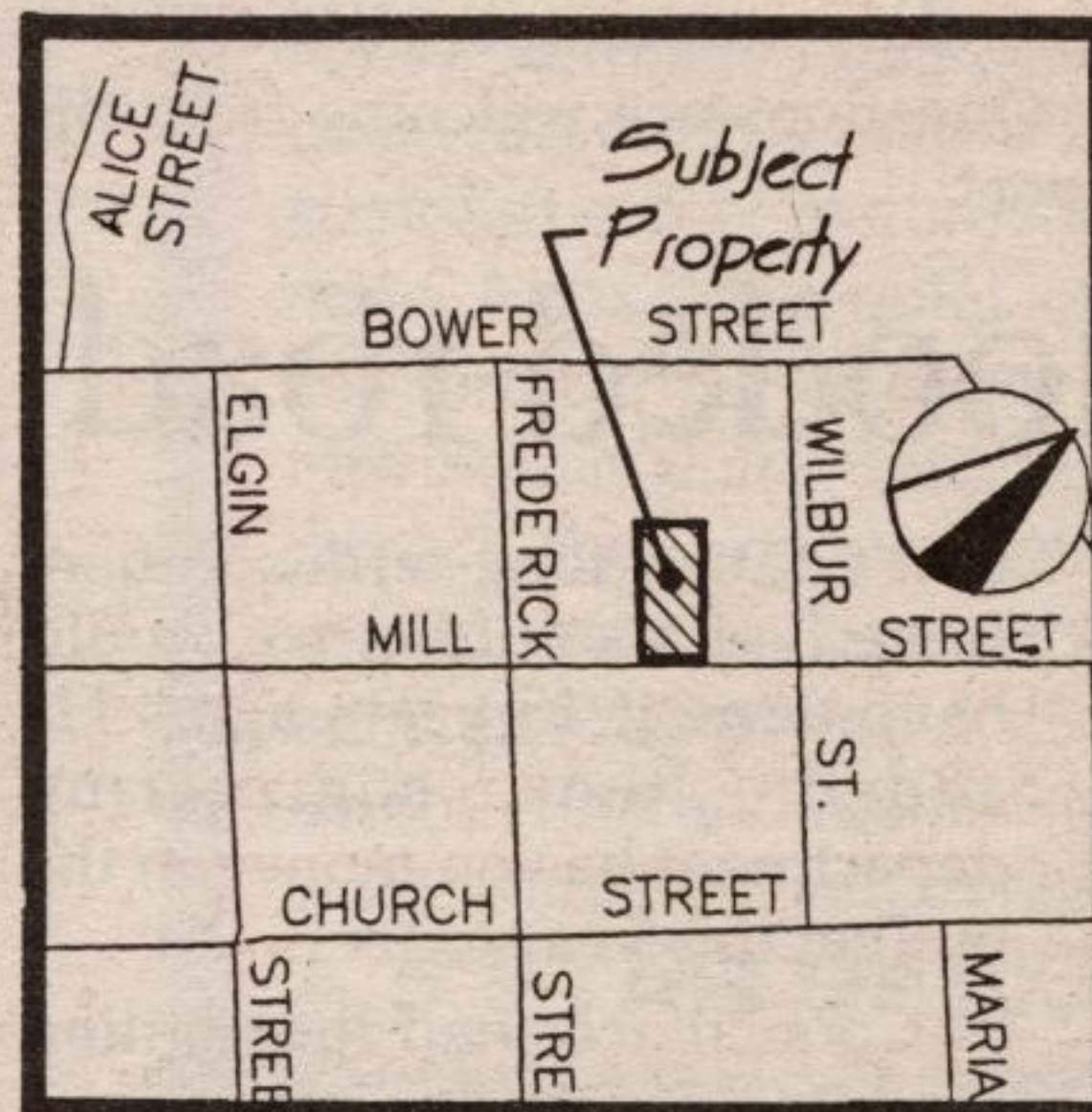
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### PUBLIC MEETING

#### 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 65

### CONSTRUCTION NOTICE CONTRACT P-97-C-31A

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by the Purchasing Department at the Civic Centre, until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

**Tuesday, May 13, 1997**

For the installation of off-site underground services for the Acton Arena.

The major items of construction are:  
300mm storm sewer and related structures - 166m  
50mm polyethylene wastewater forcemain - 450m  
300mm P.V.C. watermain - 675m

Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may be obtained from the office of the Town's Purchasing Department upon payment of a \$80.25 (G.S.T. included), non-refundable deposit.

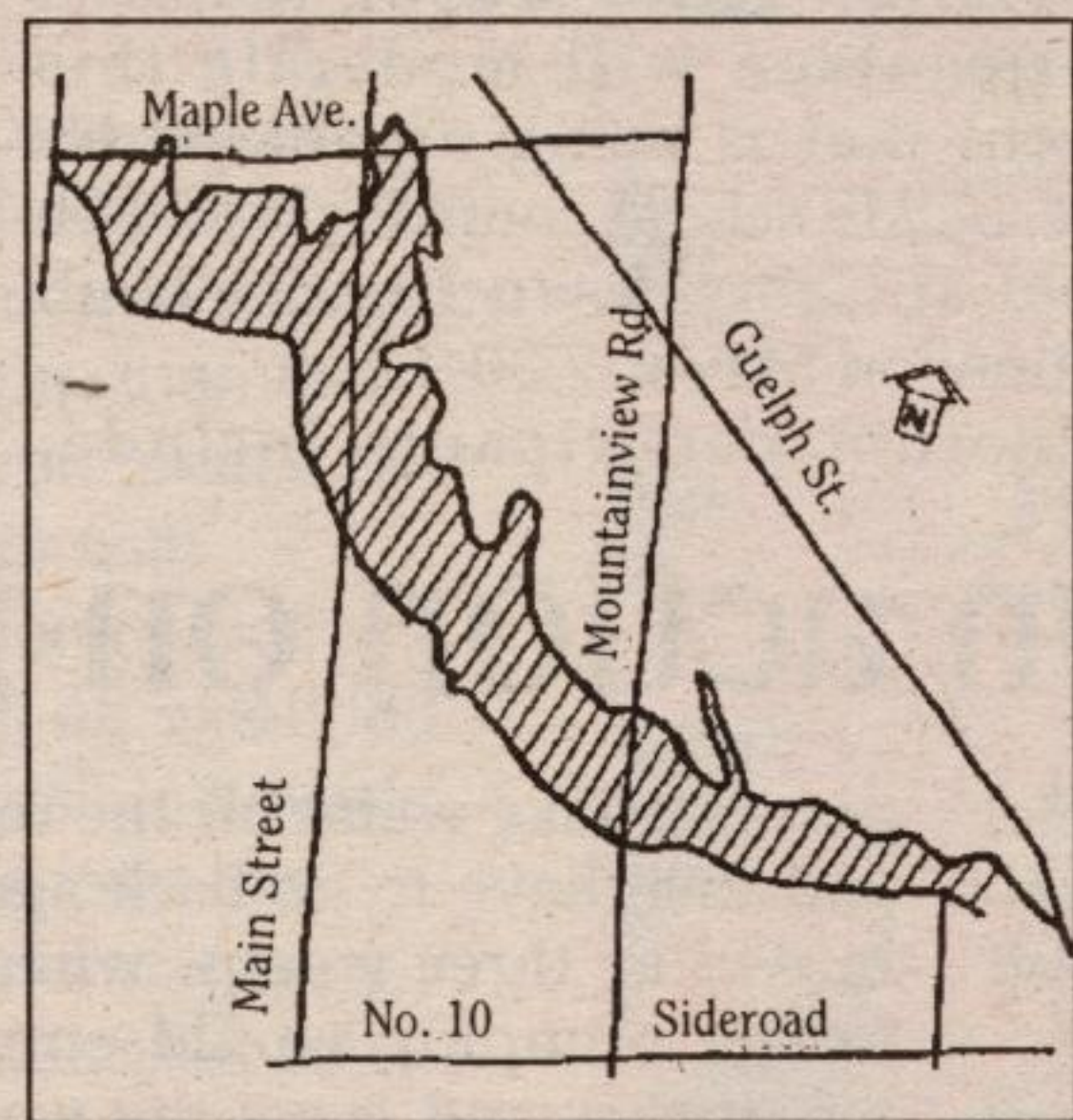
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A certified cheque in the amount specified in the tender documents must accompany each tender.

Inquiries relating to the project should be directed to Mr. R.A. Goddard, C.E.T., Supervisor of Capital Works at 873-2601, extension 310.

Tenders will be opened at 2:05 p.m., on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at the Civic Centre. Those submitting tenders are invited to attend. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. 67

### INFORMATION CENTRE TOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TEAC) Wants Your Input!



As part of its original mandate, Town Council asked TEAC to look at the possibility of having Hungry Hollow designated as a Natural Heritage Area. TEAC is looking at the environmental resources of the area. TEAC will be recommending to Council which option for the future protection of Hungry Hollow appears to be most viable. TEAC will be involved, at a later stage in the preparation of a Master Plan for the valley system.

We need your input. Please come out and discuss the options to manage this sensitive environment that no longer marks the southern limit of Georgetown but is very much within the middle of the new Georgetown.

A report regarding the resources in the valley and some of the options is available at the Clerk's Office in the Civic Centre.

Place: Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
Date: Tuesday, May 6th, 1997  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Your opinions can help to define the future of this urban environmental corridor. 66



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## CORRECTION

We wish to draw your attention to the error in our current '75 Years Giant Spring Sale - Final Week' flyer

Page 4 - Item 11, Mono Line, 78-3765X  
Copy reads: 6 to 40 lb. test  
Should read: 6 to 12 lb. test

Page 14 - Garnet Sandpaper, 54-2114X  
Copy reads: Pkg. of 4 or 5  
Should read: Pkg. of 3, 4 & 5

Page 23 - Cellular Phone Accessories  
Copy reads: Save 25 to 40%  
Should read: Save 24 - 40%

We sincerely regret any inconvenience we may have caused you.

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## TAX TALK

A PUBLIC SERVICE OF H&R BLOCK

Q. Starting in July, my Old Age Security cheque was almost \$100 smaller than before. Why is this, and what can I do about it?

A. In July, the government began deducting the OAS clawback from your monthly OAS cheques.

The amount deducted is based on your 1995 clawback. For example, if you had to repay \$1,200 of your OAS in 1995, the government began deducting 1/12 of that amount from your monthly cheques in July. When you file your 1996 tax return, you will calculate your actual OAS clawback based on your 1996 income. If too much was deducted, you will get it back; if too little, you will have to pay it when you file your 1996 return.

There is no way to avoid the clawback deduction other than to reduce your net income below the clawback threshold, currently set at \$53,215. Therefore you should take advantage of as many tax deductions as possible.

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