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# Halton board's Y2K bill: \$332,000

Ongoing efforts to avoid Y2K (year 2000) computer problems will cost the Halton District School Board at least \$332,000.

The board approved allocating that sum from its working reserve recently, following a recommendation by superintendent Keith Johnson.

He noted much of the work to avoid Y2K problems has been done by staff, but extra help had to be contracted. The Y2K or Year 2000 issue involves fears of widespread computer malfunctioning next Jan. 1 when computer calendars change from '99' to '00'.

"The identification, planning and implementation of Year 2000 solutions continues to be the largest single undertaking the board has experienced in the last 15 years," said Johnson in his information report. "Hardware and software application replacement is a very people-intensive activity."

Of the reserve funds approved, \$162,000 will go towards contract staff helping with upgrades and implementations.

The remainder of the \$332,000 will be spent as follows: voice mail upgrade, \$60,000; transportation server upgrade, \$25,000; staff overtime, \$35,000 and special education software

requirements, \$50,000.

Vendors are in the process of reviewing the board's facility services equipment and applications, administrative software applications, hardware, wide area network infrastructure and telecommunications equipment.

The board has also sought advice from its legal representatives about its obligations and issues with vendors and service providers.

Information technology agreements, intellectual property issues, tax and accounting issues, insurance disclosure obligations, plus employment and liability issues were among the concerns noted.

Johnson also said board staff are working closely with Halton school and municipal partners through the Halinet (Halton Information Network) work group. The goal in participating in this co-operative group is to implement the most cost-efficient solutions for all concerned.

In another move sparked by Y2K concerns, the board recently approved holding its Christmas break from Dec. 24-Jan. 9 inclusive. The delayed break will give the board extra time to recover from possible Y2K problems before classes resume.

—By Dennis Smith, special



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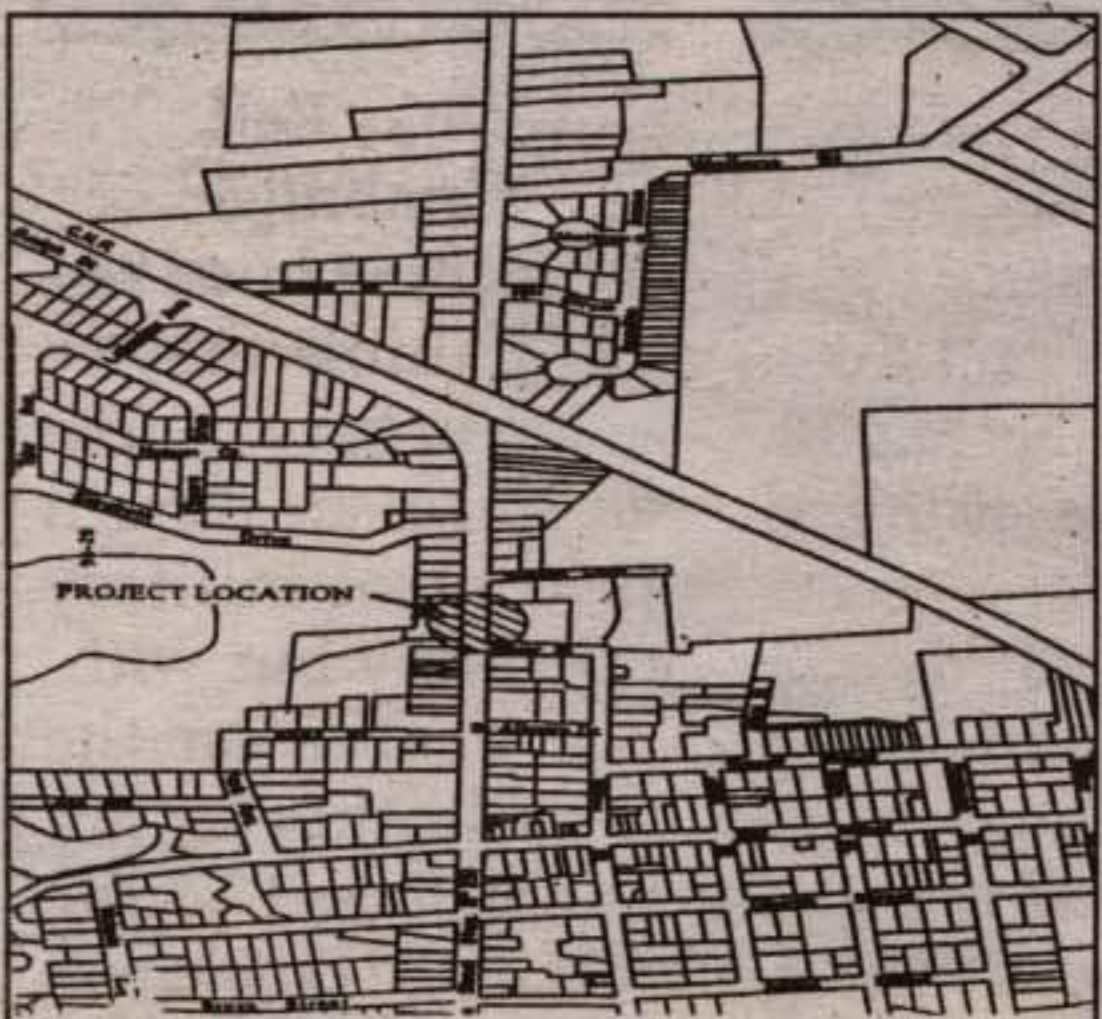
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 (1) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter M.45 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Civic Centre at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 10, 1999 will consider the passing of a by-law for the removal and replacement of a section of the existing culvert on:

#### MAIN STREET (HWY. 7) AT RIVER STREET, ACTON

During the culvert replacement two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Main Street (Hwy. 7).

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, extension 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, Thursday, May 6, 1999.



### PUBLIC MEETING

#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 3 / SINCLAIR AVENUE

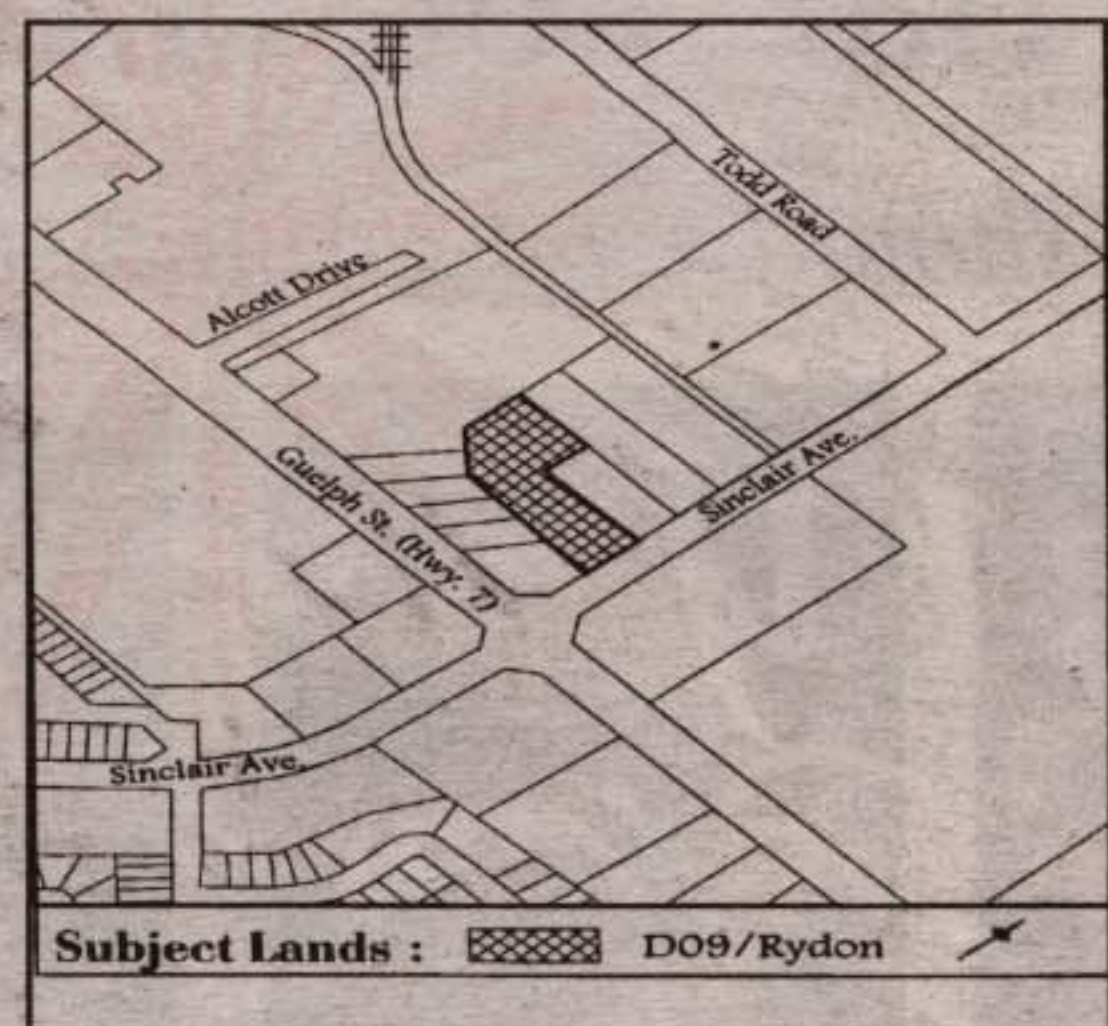
Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 57-91, in order to permit the development of a hotel and banquet facility. The subject property is located on the west side of Sinclair Avenue, north of Guelph Street in Georgetown.

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 the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed

Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments does not make oral submissions at the public meeting, or written submissions, to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.



DATE/TIME: Monday, April 19, 1999, 7:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
FILE NO: D09/Rydon 66

### ROAD CLOSURE

On Monday, April 19, 1999 the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to enact a by-law authorizing the temporary closure of various roads within the municipality for the purpose of the following community events:

- A. Canada Day Parade (Glen Williams) Thursday, July 1, 1999 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wildwood Rd. to Beaver St. to Alexander St. to Confederation St. to Prince St. to Main St. to Mountain St.
- B. Christmas Market (Georgetown) Friday, December 10, 1999, from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. Main St. S. from Church & James Streets (Mill St. open to through traffic)
- C. Leathertown Festival (Acton) Sunday, August 8, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mill St. E. between Main & Eastern and all of Fellows Street

The Council Meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 1999 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive. At this meeting, Council will hear, any person who claims to be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Town Clerk at 873-2600, before the Council Meeting.

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