

Georgetown residents demand Hwy. 7 bypass now

Halton Hills needs a Hwy. 7 bypass now—not in 2016—and local residents pressed town council to request Halton Region staff write that recommendation in a road study report expected at regional council next month.

At a recent council meeting, Dr. Debra Zeni, representing the Maple Ave. Residents Association, urged council to make a strong representation to regional council. Her association has met with local groups from Norval, Glen Williams and Mountainview Rd. areas and they all agree that a bypass around Georgetown and Norval is necessary and needs to be moved up in the timetable. Zeni

said it would be advantageous to the town, if council too makes a submission to regional staff.

Town Engineer Bob Austin, also a member of the North Halton Transportation Study Committee told this newspaper Thursday, he will be meeting this week with committee members to review citizens' comments. He will then formulate a town report for council.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said Thursday she would like his report to recommend the bypass as the number one priority. All the citizens groups have expressed a need for a bypass, she said, and it is the one thing that could strongly unify this community.

"If we can get the region to buy

into it, then we'll take a giant step forward," said Serjeantson.

Zeni pointed out the need for a bypass has been a topic at Halton Region for many years. In 1996 a region staff member wrote to the Ministry of Transportation citing the urgent need to pay for a bypass. Zeni also produced a Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd. engineering report produced for Halton Region in 1995 which outlines five bypass options—four of them with bridges across the Credit River.

Zeni noted that if any Hwy. 7 bypass is built, it will require a bridge to be built in Peel Region. "As far as I know Halton is not in the business of building Peel

bridges," said Zeni.

She urged a faster bypass timetable to get Peel and the provincial government on side financially. As well, she pointed out that major development is expected on the Peel side and if the bypass is held until 2016-2020, options for land will be curtailed.

Using the North Halton Transportation Study's own figures, Zeni said, that the bypass could be funded now—it will cost \$7.9 million in 2016—by delaying improvements to Trafalgar Rd, Ninth Line and 10 Sideroad, that are not as critical as the bypass. In fact, she said, once the bypass is completed those other road improvements may not require

much upgrading.

Lois Fraser, representing Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber was pleased with almost everything in the transportation study. Fraser said business owners can accept a one year ban on trucks on Sinclair Ave. (due to St. Francis School) but "under no circumstances do we want Mountainview Rd. closed to truck traffic at any time."

The week before, Maple Ave. resident Ernest Ball asked council, "why do we say something (the bypass) is the most important and yet save it to the last?" He urged council "not allow this report to be passed at the region until issues in this community are addressed."

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For further information, please contact: Karen Knowlton, Law Clerk (905) 873-2601, Ext. 336. 71

PRE-QUALIFICATION CONTRACTORS

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF GEORGETOWN SOUTH COMMUNITY PARK SPLASH PAD FACILITY

General Description

The Town of Halton Hills is seeking qualified contractors to construct the first splash pad facility for the Town in Georgetown South Community Park located on Eighth Line south of Argyll Road. The splash pad facility is approximately 750 square meters in size and is made up of both vertical water play elements and surface water jets that are contained within a multi-coloured rubberized asphalt play surface with graphic patterns. The general approach to the facility has been through an economy of scale and operation, and a high level of construction standard is required to complete the facility on time, within budget, and to the specified requirements.

General Scope of Contract

The area for the splash pad facility has been rough graded as part of the construction of the adjacent play area that was initiated in the Fall of 1998 and is scheduled to be completed by June of this year. The splash pad facility tender is expected to be awarded by the beginning of June for completion by August 1, 1999. The contract will include detailed site grading, storm drainage connections, electrical and water service connections, water play equipment and water jets installation (pre-purchased by the Town) and installation of a rubberized asphalt play surface. Supplementary landscape works may include armour stone installation, fine grading, and sodding.

Communication

To obtain the pre-qualification criteria or for additional information contact:
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