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NOTICE OF THE EXPIRY OF A DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills repealed By-law No. 91-170 (Town of Halton Hills Development Charges By-law) and By-law No. 91-171 (Halton Hills Hydro Development Charges By-law) effective the 31st day of August, 1999.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may apply for a refund of credits for ineligible services given under Section 13 of the Development Charges Act, 1989 (old Act) by filing with the Town Clerk of the Town of Halton Hills on or before the 22nd day of November, 1999 an application for refund.

An ineligible credit is a credit given under the old Act where, the Town permitted the provision of services in lieu of the payment of all or any portion of a development charge, equal to the reasonable cost to the owner of providing the services that are ineligible under the Development Charges Act, 1997 (new Act). Such services include the provision of cultural or entertainment facilities, including museums, theatres, and art galleries; the provision of tourism facilities, including convention centres; the acquisition of land for parks; the provision of a hospital; the provision of waste management services; the provision of headquarters for the general administration of municipalities and local boards; and other services as prescribed, including a credit given under the old Act as it applies under Section 62.

There is no right of appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of a claim under Section 64 of the Act for a refund of credits for ineligible services.

Barbara McEwan, Town Clerk
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Women's health care gets \$500,000 boost

Halton Healthcare Services Corporation recently received \$500,000 from the provincial government to establish a Women's Diagnostic Centre.

The \$1 million centre is to reduce waiting times for mammograms, bone density tests and ultrasounds for women in Halton. It will replace an existing facility at the Oakville site.

The majority of patients utilizing the centre will be women but it will have the capacity to provide services to both women and men.

"Improving access to women's health services is one of our priorities," said Health and Long Term Care Minister Elizabeth Witmer.

The new centre will perform an estimated 8,715 mammograms, 1,973 bone density tests and 21,125 ultrasound procedures annually.

OMB to decide fate of proposed Park Ave. condo development

The number and size of lots in a proposed condominium development in the Park Avenue area of Georgetown and whether or not it requires site plan committee approval are two key issues that the Ontario Municipal Board is expected to decide upon.

The hearing on the Jane Hoddinott, of Ohio, application for the development of freehold single detached lots on the 1.5 acre parcel of land on the north side of Park Ave., west of Charles St., was held Wednesday and Thursday at the Civic Centre.

Hoddinott's application, which was originally proposing nine lots on the property in a woodlot beside the fairgrounds, was downsized to eight lots at the hearing. She is seeking a zoning change to allow the development to go ahead and condominium approval. Hoddinott referred the matter to the OMB because she believed the town took too long to deal with her application. Town solicitor Jeff Wilker said, however, that the material submitted to the town on the application was being modified by Hoddinott.

While town planning director Bruce MacLean said the development, as proposed, conforms with the town's official plan, including density, town council would like to see only seven 50-foot lots in the development which is to be built on a private road. Town council also wants the application to go through site plan committee while the applicant does not want to file a site plan application. As well, council is seeking conditions on tree replacement, minimal grading and the implementation of the town's design guidelines.

At the hearing area residents voiced numerous concerns about the proposed development.

Charles St. resident Barbara Halsall said monster houses on too-small lots that won't allow for the saving of many trees will set a precedent and affect property values.

She said development of lots with a minimum size of 5,000 sq. ft., and a 50 ft. frontage will be a "win-win" and urged the board to keep the heritage area of the park special.

Church St. resident Terry Hallett stressed the importance of retaining the character of the neighborhood.

Susan Pippy, of Harold St., said the proposal for eight homes is "grossly overdone" and about four would be more suitable. She also raised concerns about the effect the development would have on drainage in the area and the necessity to maintain trees.

"I would not like to see even one tree cut down in that whole area," said Reg Swain, of Harold St. He added he'd like to see Hoddinott donate the land to the town and, if that isn't possible, to see one executive home on the property.

OMB panel chair R.J. Emo didn't give a date when his decision could be expected.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Town okays three savings funds

To save for future capital expenses, such as the new recreational centre, Halton Hills council recently approved a plan to set up three savings funds.

The first, called Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (TRSR), will be funded from 25 per cent of the annual year end operating surplus. The second, a Facility Repairs and Renovations Reserve will be funded from 10 per cent of the annual operating surplus, and the third, Furniture Reserve, will be have an undetermined amount placed into it each year.

Town treasurer Ed DeSousa said, in a report to council, the town is "entering a period of increased growth and expansion," and that will place a strain on its financial resources.

The town, he said, needs a funding strategy to help pay such items as new recreation centres, sidewalks, roads, planning studies, repairs and renovations to facilities, furniture and technology improvements.

The TRSR will be used for one-time costs such as Ontario Municipal Board hearings, planning studies or technology improvements.

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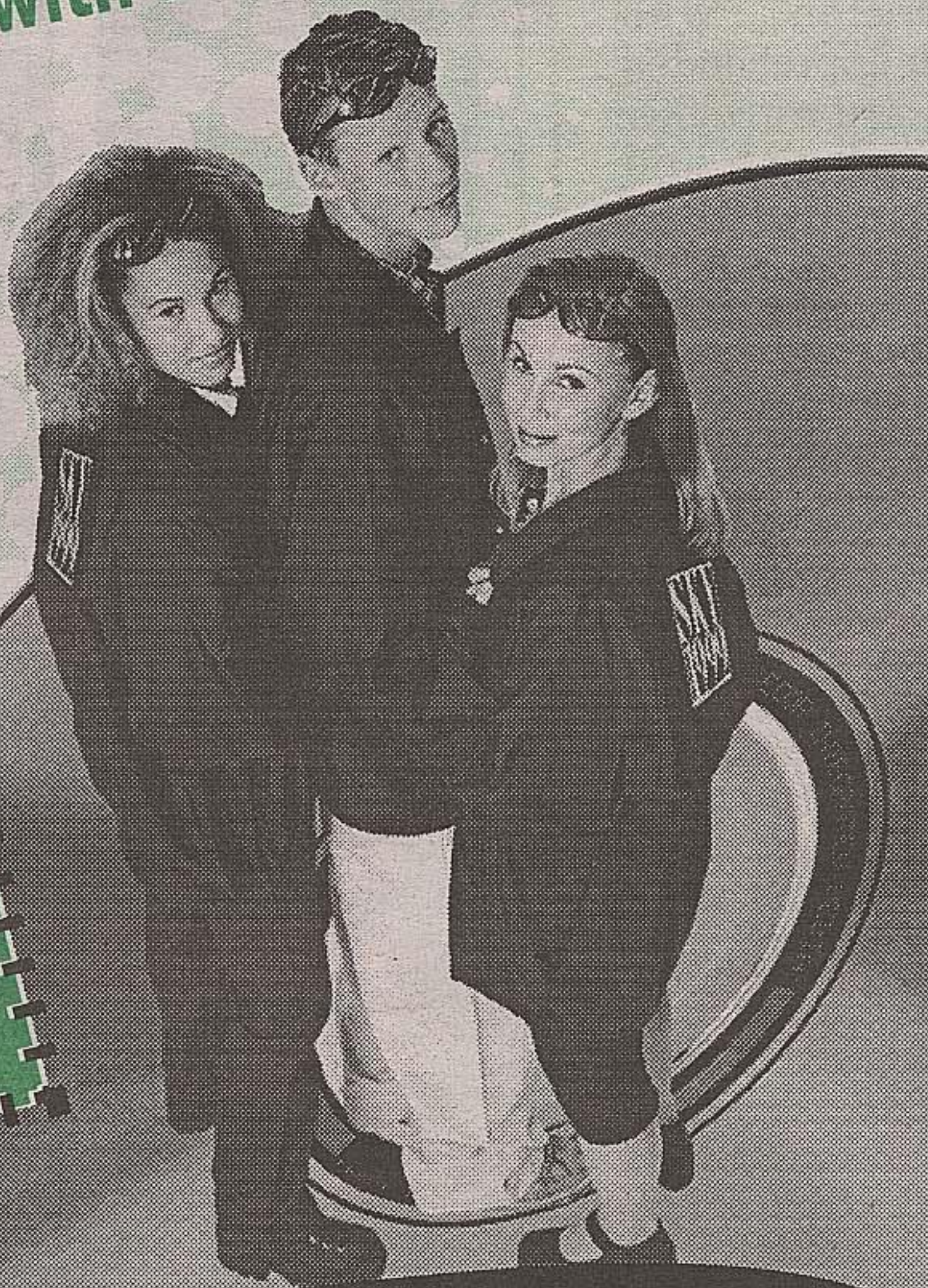
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