

But town 'is still very much open for business'

# Inadequate well puts subdivisions on hold

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Since the well Halton Region was planning to use to provide water for future development in Georgetown is no longer an option, Halton's Planning and Public Works Committee voted Wednesday to put draft approval of pending residential subdivisions on hold.

Committee supported a region staff recommendation to put the draft approvals on hold for both pending residential subdivisions and infill development until there is an expectation water can be found and brought into Georgetown's water system within

three years.

The recommendation has to be supported by regional council before it's official and council is expected to vote on the issue at next Wednesday's meeting.

Despite the fact Test Well 15 is no longer being considered an option because of its impact on a neighboring wetland there is still seven to eight years worth of growth available in the region's current water system according to the region report.

"Georgetown is still very much open for business," said Andrew Hope, the region's director of current planning.

The report explained that



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the water capacity available will only provide water for 96 per cent of the homes in the draft approved subdivisions so water allocation will be given out on a first-come first-served basis.

Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said there is water for existing residents and asked if there was enough water for schools, the community centre and other town projects.

Hope said there is an allowance built into the current system for industrial, commercial and institutional development in the town.

Region CAO Brent Marshall

said the region hopes to have an alternate well for Test Well 15 "on line in five to six months."

Patrick Murphy, the region's commissioner of planning and public works, said when the region goes back to the Ontario Municipal Board on the Silver Creek Estates and Halton Hills Village Homes applications its evidence will be it is inappropriate to proceed with draft approval until the region has another test well.

The parties in that hearing are to meet with the board chair on Monday, November 22 at the Civic Centre to discuss the outcome of the regional council meeting to decide whether the hearing should proceed.

## Councillor wants clear pond plans

Ward 4 Councillor Ron Chatten has requested staff make a presentation on the construction plans of the stormwater management pond on the Dominion Gardens property at the corner of the Guelph St. and Maple Ave. at a future meeting.

Chatten said he has received numerous calls from constituents who are concerned that the pond is being dug bigger and deeper than expected.

"I don't want this to become a wart in our community," said Chatten. "I don't want in the spring to find we have a mosquito-infected hole filled with garbage."

Chatten, who said he did not want the pond to look "natural" like the ones in Georgetown South, suggested it should look like a similar pond located in Milton off Hwy. 401. that has lights and water sprays.

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