

## Region well test concerns Sixth Line-area residents

Residents who live near a test well on Sixth Line that's currently being considered to provide water for new development in Georgetown, are worried it will impact their water supplies.

Halton Region plans to pump about five million gallons of water from the Sixth Line well between 10 and 15 Sideroads during a two-week test to see if it would be a good source of additional water for Georgetown.

"We're concerned what will happen to our water," said Doreen Wickson. "We want to maintain the quality and quantity of water we have now."

The residents who live near the test well are concerned about both the test and the long-term impacts if the well is used as a municipal water source.

"What will they do if we do lose our water, or if it's diminished?" asked Wickson, who has lived on the Sixth Line for nearly 20 years and has never experienced water problems.

Sixth Line resident, Phil Hansen, is also concerned. He said a report done after the region conducted a test on the well in 1991 implied the water level in his well would be lowered if the municipal well was put into service.

"Water is a scarce commodity," he said, adding his well now is only capable of pumping one gallon per minute.

"If they drain my well, I worry where am I left." Bryan Lewis, chairman of Central Esquering Ratepayers Association, said the previous pump test revealed it impacted wells in the area.

He is also concerned the pump test could result in flooding and may impact aquatic life in streams the water is directed into.

Halton hydrogeologist Steve Holysh said the pump

## What You Said

### 'Should there be a federal election this fall?'



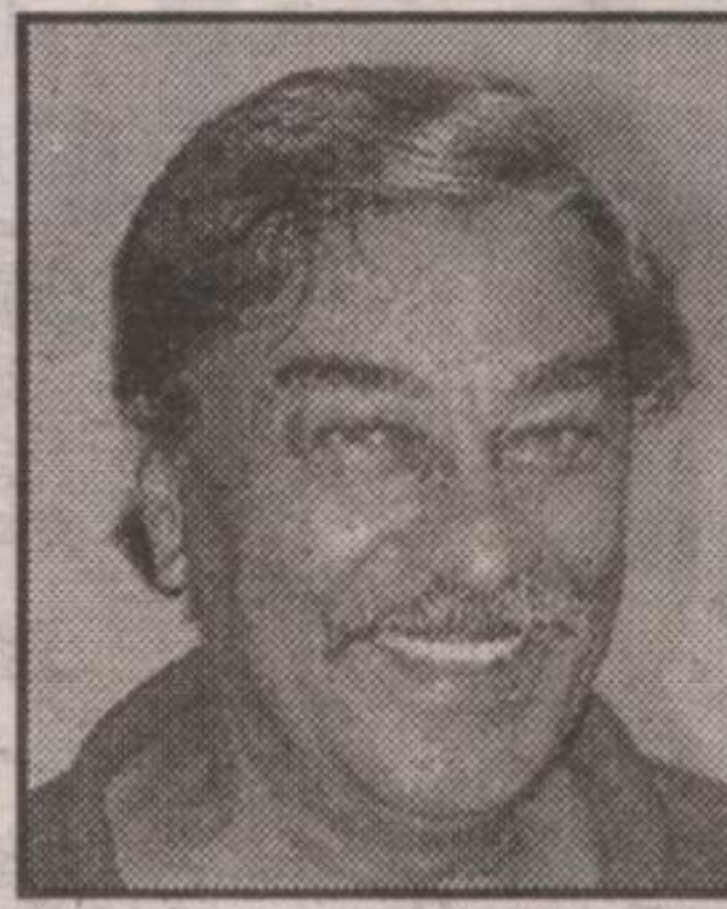
**Gerry Ross**  
Georgetown physiotherapist  
"I think it would be more fiscally responsible to have an election at their maximum duration of term of office. That would decrease expenses."



**Lily Fenton**  
Brampton retired  
"Yes. We always need a change. The Liberals promised to remove the GST and they haven't."



**Marion Hogan**  
Georgetown retired  
"I think if the Liberals want to get in they better call an election this fall before they go down to the bottom of the polls."



**Ed Cachia**  
Georgetown retired  
"Yes, to get it over with. I don't think the Liberals are doing a bad job. I'm scared to death of Stockwell Day. He needs five years in a position."



**Al McFadyen**  
Georgetown retired  
"No, definitely not. It costs too much. They're spending too much on the firearms registration program. They needed to get that sorted out before they have another election."

test will not result in flooding and there will be no damage to creeks and wildlife.

He said, when a two-day pumping test was done on the well in 1991 none of the neighbouring wells dried up "but the water level did drop in some of the wells closest to the pumping well."

"We are doing the test to make sure we're not going

to interfere with anyone's water supply," said Holysh. "If it can't yield the water we want on a long-term sustainable basis, we will not put a well there."

Halton Region is hosting an information meeting on the upcoming pumping test in the council chambers at the Civic Centre at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday).

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## SAVE OUR OFFICE!

The Canadian Cancer Society's Ontario Division recently decided to close the Society's Georgetown office which provides services for north Halton (Georgetown, Acton and Milton) by Nov. 30. Services for north Halton will then amalgamate with Oakville and operate from an Oakville office.

Local Cancer Society volunteers argue the move withdraws support staff, will reduce the number of volunteers and demoralize our community.

The Independent & Free Press is asking our readers to take the time and fill out this ballot if you want the Georgetown Cancer Society office to remain open. We will deliver your responses to the Ontario Division office in Toronto by Sept. 15.



### Yes, I want the Georgetown Cancer Society office to stay open!

Clip and complete this ballot and send it to us by Sept. 10

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### Our readers write:

## Cancer staff 'were always there'

The Independent & Free Press' Save Our Cancer Office campaign in gaining steam with well over 1,100 ballots returned, urging the Canadian Cancer Society's Ontario division to rethink its decision to close the Georgetown office.

Along with the ballots, many readers have commented on the planned closure. The following are excerpts from some of the returned ballots.

• "This is the time we should be opening more offices for people with cancer."

• "People who are unfortunate enough to have to deal with their illness or find support for a loved one should not have to drive through major construction, a growing community and have to split resources. These individuals have more than enough stress and travel costs already!"

• I have volunteered as a canvasser...for many years. I enjoyed working with the people at our home office but will not continue in this capacity if I have to deal with strangers in Oakville. My dear father just passed away and, although we were able, through

family support, to take care of his needs, the Georgetown Cancer Society and its caring members were always there for moral support."

• "I maintain that some people and some organizations need a good enemy to clear their thoughts."

• "This year was my first year canvassing for the Cancer Society. It was a very rewarding experience. However, what will happen if the Georgetown office closes? Canvassing may become difficult."

• "While I have had no dealings with the Georgetown Cancer Society office I have heard only good things said about these people. I take my hat off to those of you who work and support this cause."

• "I worked for 10 years to raise money through Classic Cars for Cancer. I am a cancer survivor. Why would some faceless bureaucrat decide that we are not entitled to our own office? Georgetown is expanding, our needs will become greater, not less."

• "I was diagnosed with colon cancer in Feb. 1999. I spoke with one of the (Georgetown) volunteers and she was very comforting. When you are feeling so fragile you need that gentle understanding."



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