#### Bylaw in works since 1997

## Grading bylaw to be 'very restrictive'

town bylaw in the works will make it more difficult for area residents to change the L grading on their properties.

Town engineer Bob Austin called the proposed bylaw which will prohibit and regulate site alterations "very strong" and "very restrictive."

General committee supported a recommendation Tuesday authorizing town staff to bring the bylaw to council and the go-ahead to hire a new staff member to oversee it.

Halton Hills council requested staff come up with the bylaw back in 1997 because of a grading dispute between two neighbours and more recently there have been concerns raised to council about fill being dumped on area farmland, including a property on Tenth Line south of 5 Sideroad.

Councillor Kathy Gastle said the changes to that property have been "monumental" and the landscape has been impacted dramatically. She said neighbourthe work. ing property owners are experiencing flooding in their backyards as a result of the grading changes.

"You can be guaranteed word is on the street we don't have this bylaw," said Gastle.

"It's critical for our town to preserve our rural landscape," said Gastle in urging council to support the bylaw.

The bylaw, which has to be approved by council before it is official, requires property owners to obtain a permit to alter a site. Area residents will need a permit to build an addition to a house, commercial, industrial or institutional building, put in a pool, or do major landscaping.

Permits will also be required for the construction or expansion of a parking lot and the removal and importing of fill. Under the proposed bylaw no contaminated fill can be put on a site and the property owner has to sign a document stating the fill is clean.

Property owners will also have to pay a permit fee and security deposit and provide a proposed plan of

-By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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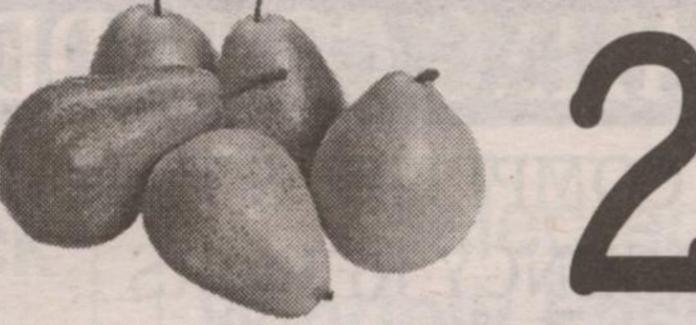
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#### Chamber introduces new volunteer award

alton Hills Chamber of Commerce has intro-Lduced a new annual award to recognize the efforts of chamber volunteers.

The Annual Volunteer Award In Memory of Marg Tanas will be given out each year to a local business person who has had a long term involvement with the chamber, is a strong team player, worked on a variety of projects, had no direct gain from their volunteerism and upholds chamber policies and directives.

"The award is to recognize the contribution of our volunteers, the ones who never seem to get a pat on the back," said Doug Penrice, chairman of the chamber's Volunteer Award Committee.

Tanas, who died in 1997, operated a small secretarial service business in Georgetown, was a longtime chamber volunteer and in 1986 and 1987 served as the organization's first woman president.

A single mother of two, she volunteered with the chamber at a time when women in business was a rarity.

Chamber members and the public are invited to nominate a local business person for the award by September 19.

The award will be presented at the annual general meeting September 27 at Georgetown Golf Club. Current volunteers will also be recognized.

For more information or to request a nomination form call the chamber at 877-7119 or visit the business and tourism office at 170 Guelph St.

### Teachers to decide fate of extracurriculars

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to discuss extracurricular activities.

Boycott said practices for boys' volleyball and girls' basketball usually begin the first week of school but none have been held so far. With high school seasons traditionally not starting until the third week of school, Boycott said there's no immediate threat to teams.

Jeff Gruber, head of the physical education department at Oakville-Trafalgar High School said it's still too early to tell if extracurriculars will be affected.

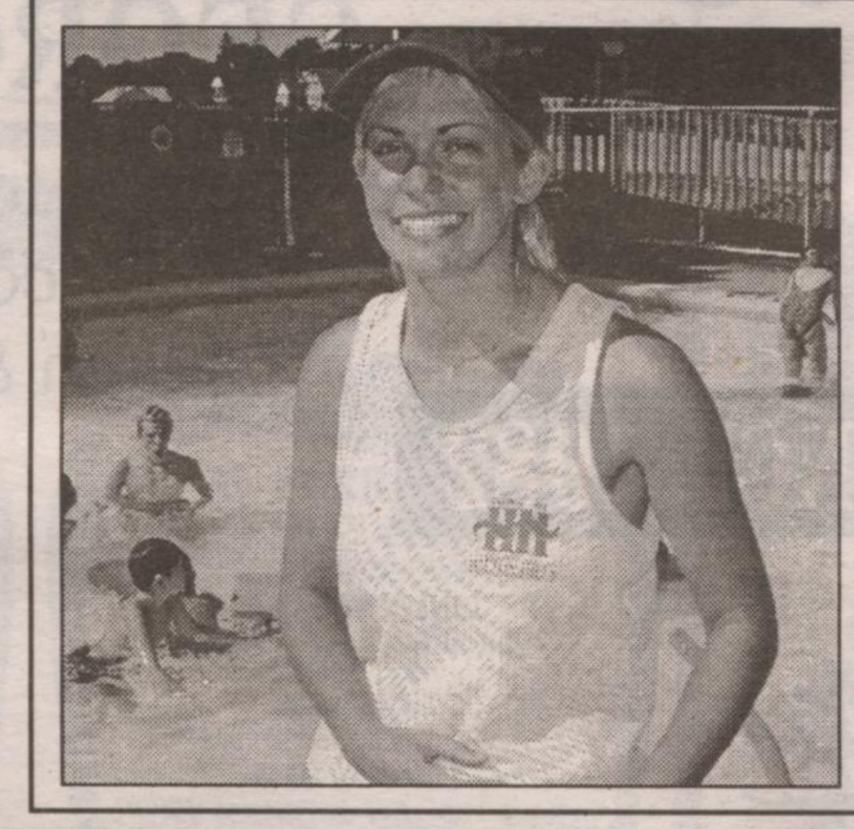
"We're still looking into these things," he said. "We had a meeting (Wednesday) night so we'll probably have a better idea next week."

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA) has

a contract with the Halton Catholic District School Board which allows teachers to teach six of eight classes for one more year.

"Extracurriculars are being done as usual," said Joe Pece, president of the Halton district of OECTA. "Teaching six of eight, our teachers still have some time to dedicate to extracurricular activities."

-By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



#### Service... with a smile

Sarah Mordell has been a member of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department Aquatics staff at the Acton Indoor Pool and the Wading Pool for the past four years. She is this week's customer service honoree.

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