

Homeowner wants tougher fence bylaw

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This week Renzella built a fence of her choosing on her property to the same height as her neighbours, and said she will have to spend money on landscaping to give it a garden wall effect.

"There should be something protecting us from this," said Renzella.

"I'm not asking for strict guidelines for fences," she said. "I believe homeowners have the right to the type of fence they want, but within reason.

"Would it be too much to ask for a simple bylaw that states a fence in a residential area not be more than eight-feet high, or that a fence must actually start at ground level... must be properly finished on both sides, or have the finished side facing out. I think not," said Renzella.

The town's municipal law enforcement officer, Ron Stein, said the town does currently have a fence bylaw but it doesn't restrict the height of fences. He said in terms of aesthetics, town's property standards say a fence has to be maintained and in good repair.

The current fence bylaw prohibits barbed wire fences in town, and on a corner lot a fence can't be erected that obstructs the views of motorists approaching the intersection.

Stein said he has received a few calls about the height of fences from residents in new subdivisions.

Neighboring municipalities such as Brampton, Mississauga and Oakville do have fence bylaws that regulate height. In Brampton and Oakville fence heights are limited to 2 metres (six feet, six inches).

—By Lisa Talym, staff writer



Georgetown resident Colleen Renzella, seen here standing by her neighbour's fence before she constructed one on her property in front of it, is calling for a fence bylaw in town that would regulate the height of fences and ensure they are finished on both sides.

Submitted photo

Police nab 92 speeders in first two weeks of crackdown

Halton Police handed out 92 tickets for speeding in Halton Hills over the past couple of weeks.

Of the 92, 41 tickets were given out in Acton and 51 in Georgetown. In Acton, 22 warnings were also issued, and 47 were issued in Georgetown.

Police are cracking down on speeders through regular radar

operation in town and along east-west corridor routes through Project Gateway.

Police have been, and will continue to target over the next few weeks, intersections in Halton Hills where there have been a large number of serious personal injury or fatal accidents over the past year.

Inspector Bill Ford said several of

the tickets handed out were to drivers going 49 km over the speed limit. He said those drivers could be facing fines in the \$900 range and stand a good chance of losing their license.

Ford said the project is in response to the fact area residents told police traffic is their top concern.



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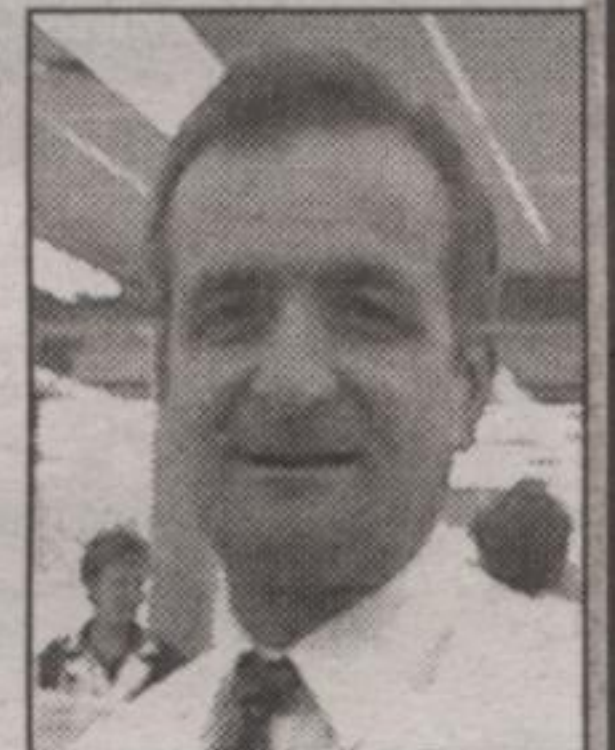
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