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## Showing and shining

Maggie Wilkinson applies a liberal dose of elbow grease to the spokes of her husband Clive's 1962 Jaguar E-Type classic car during the third annual Show 'n Shine auto show held at Prospect Park Saturday. Proceeds from the show went to the Acton Agricultural Society's building fund.

Photo by Christine Smyth

## Councillors divided on what to do with town-owned land

After a lengthy debate, both in camera and in public Monday night, Halton Hills councillors seemed split on the disposition of town-owned lands beside the Civic Centre.

At Monday's general committee meeting they deferred a decision to declare the lands surplus to town needs until the Sept. 24 meeting.

A staff report has identified for potential development—and profit—about 11 acres adjacent to the Civic Centre that juts towards the Georgetown Fairgrounds and Bennett Health Care Centre-owned lands. The report recommends a controlled sale by the town to a selected developer who will build the town's preferred tentative scenario for the site: a cul de sac with a mixture of condominium apartment buildings and townhouses with a maximum height of three to six storeys, as well as possibly a professional office-medical building.

Town Chief Administrative Officer Steve Andrews said the marketing and development of the site will be "totally controlled" by the town.

"We may not go for the maximum value (of the site), but we

may go for a high value," he said. The land is valued at about \$1.5 million.

But several councillors including Moya Johnson and John Day were reluctant to declare all of the lands surplus or to accept the staff recommendations for the site, suggesting instead the two-acre portion fronting onto Maple Ave. could be used for future civic uses such as new library, concert hall or art centre.

"If we do need to sell it, I want to make a firm condition that it has to reflect the current residential uses that are on Maple Ave.," said Johnson, a Ward 3 councillor.

"I have a problem with the whole tone of this report," she said. "I don't think we need money that badly."

However, the money for the sale of these lands is slated to go towards payment of the new recreational pool complex in Georgetown South.

Last year council gave the go-ahead to build the two new recreational facilities (arena and pool complex) for a total cost of \$12.1 million—but the town could only afford \$10 million, and \$2 million of that was to come from community fund-raising.

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MOYA JOHNSON



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