



Over-grown and weed-covered abandoned lots, like this one on Guelph Street (the former Wendy's restaurant) have raised the ire of Councillor Ron Chatten who thinks more should be done to keep Halton Hills beautiful. Photo by Ted Brown

## Staff told to clean up town eyesores

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and that we're going to have a ski hill?" Chatten asked sarcastically.

Acting town engineer Rick Henry replied the developer's contractor has told him that the hill may be moved sometime next week.

Council passed a motion by Clark Somerville to have staff investigate the possibility of including \$25,000 in the 2002 budget for beautification projects and gateway signage. As well, the Acton councillor requested staff look into setting up a reserve fund for future beautification projects.

Somerville was also concerned about a derelict home lot at 16 Storey Dr. in Acton, that is creating

problems for its neighbours. He says the house, which was destroyed by fire last year, should be demolished immediately. In addition to shards of glass hanging from windows, there's piles of foul-smelling garbage, stagnant water and high weeds. He noted a court order to comply with town property standards has come and gone, and no action has been taken.

Tse told him the owner has finally been contacted last week, and promised to renovate the site; his department is giving the owner a grace period.

"But how long do we and the neighbours have to wait?" said a dissatisfied Somerville.

Meanwhile, Regional Councillor John Day said he has had a constituent complaining to him about the number of advertising signs and posters plastered to hydro poles. He requested Halton Hills Hydro be contacted to clean up the poles on the CIB judging route. He noted that subdivision sites, such as the Meadowglen site on Confederation St. continue to be eyesores and suggested staff look into it.

Mayor Kathy Gastle replied the CIB organizing committee does have an action plan to deal with the hydro poles before the judges tour the town on August 14.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

### Can park on boulevard

## Mountainview residents get parking break

Some Mountainview Rd. residents may, with Halton Region's blessing, soon be able to park their cars on the boulevard section of their driveways during the hours parking is prohibited on their street.

Halton Region's Planning and Public Works Committee voted Wednesday to allow the Mountainview Rd. residents who live between Eden Place/Summit Lane and Campbell Gate to park their cars on the boulevard section (the area between the sidewalk and road) of the regional right of way for a six-month trial period.

Regional council support for the

boulevard parking could come next week and it would likely be introduced in September.

The request for the parking came from residents after regional council supported a staff recommendation to prohibit parking on both sides of Mountainview Rd. from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

According to a Halton Region report, despite the fact boulevard parking isn't permitted, Mountainview Rd. residents in that area already use the driveway area of the boulevard for additional parking and on average there are 10 to 12 vehicles parked there mid-day,

and more in the evening.

The report said that any vehicles that overhang the sidewalk/road or vehicles parking parallel to the road or on the grass part of the boulevard will not be allowed and infractions will be enforced.

When the trial period is over region staff will evaluate the boulevard parking by surveying residents and looking at the number of parking infractions and complaints.

Staff will then report back to regional council on whether or not to allow boulevard parking on Mountainview Rd. permanently.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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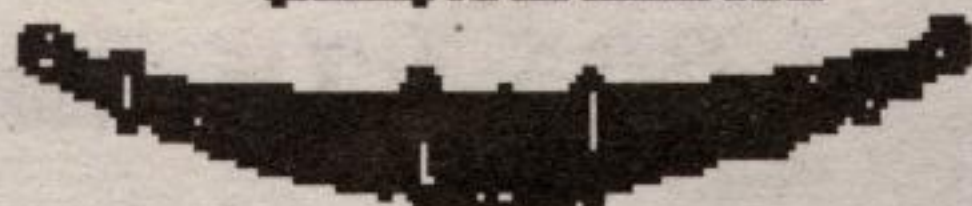
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