

Council defers decision on Gardens lands

Dominion Gardens residents will have to wait to see what will be built in their backyards after Halton Hills council deferred a staff report on a developer's plan for more townhouses and an apartment building, Monday night.

The Georgetown residents were out in force to support neighbour Kathleen Hannah's bid to convince councillors to eliminate the 75-115 unit apartment building on a 4-acre block of land at the corner of Maple Ave. and Mountainview Rd.

Hannah said the new residents were "hoodwinked" by townhouse sales reps who told buyers varying stories about future plans for the lands.

"I'll accept seniors' housing but nothing more," said Hannah. "Seniors won't be racing down Bradley Dr. in their hot-shot cars running down our children."

While council members were sympathetic to the residents' plight, all said the town had made public its long-term plans to use that block of land for high density. Originally three 10-storey condo apartments were planned, but over the years it has been reduced to the 77-115 unit building now proposed.

Some councillors were willing to accept that proposal but did not want the additional 43 townhomes, while others wanted more apartment units.

Council agreed to defer the matter so staff and the developer, Parallax Money Corporation, could discuss it further including ensuring that at least 20 per cent of the future units will be for seniors or affordable housing.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer



A Lotto luck

John Hulme, 62, of Georgetown (left) shared a Sept. 29 Lotto 6/49 second prize worth almost \$96,000 with co-worker Todd Warford, 39, of Guelph. Both men are employed at Louisiana Pacific in Acton. Hulme intends to invest and buy a van. The ticket was bought in Guelph.

—Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation photo

Catholic high school construction on schedule

Good weather throughout the summer has Halton Hills' newest high school back on track for opening next September.

Construction on Christ the King Catholic Secondary School, the Halton Catholic District School Board's new high school in Georgetown, started three months later than expected. However, a warm, dry summer has allowed construction workers to make up about half of that time. The school is now more than one-third complete.

Giacomo Corbacio, superintendent of plant for the Halton Catholic District School Board, said the focus right now is to finish enclosing the building so that inside work can continue throughout the winter. Roofing and window installation are expected to start shortly.

Actual construction of the school is to be completed in May of 2002 with three months allowed for clean up and commissioning. That leaves some leeway in case the remaining time cannot be made up. Corbacio said because of the low initial enrolment in the first year, the entire school will not be in use. That means workers can attend to those classes that will be needed for the school's opening.



Construction of Christ the King Catholic Secondary School is on schedule after a good stretch of summer weather. Photo by Ted Brown

Christ the King will be able to accommodate 1,074 students but enrolment in the first year is only expected to be around 600. The school will have only Grades 9-11 in its first year because Grade 12 and OAC students will be allowed to finish high school at Bishop Reding in Milton, where local students currently attend. There will be a signifi-

cant increase in enrolment in the second year as the school expands to full academic programs.

Christ the King will serve as the high school for graduates of the board's five Halton Hills elementary schools— St. Joseph's, St. Francis, St. Catherine, St. Brigid and Holy Cross.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

United Way sets record campaign goal of \$275,000

The United Way of Halton Hills has set its largest goal ever — \$275,000 — for its 2000/2001 campaign.

"We have an ambitious goal but we thing we can do it with the help of the community," said United Way president Brian Clark. "We set it at that amount because the needs of our agencies are increasing all the time."

"We have to raise the bar because the bar's been raised for us," said Clark. He said many agencies need additional funding because of government funding cut-backs.

The United Way of Halton Hills funds several local charitable agencies and helps over 15,000 Halton Hills residents who require assistance from those agencies.

Agencies supported by the United Way include Big Brothers of Halton, Big Sisters Association of North Halton, Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Halton/Peel, Community Living North Halton, Community Resource Services, Grace House Inc., Halton Trauma Centre, Halton Family Services, Halton Helping Hands, Halton Hills Community Support and Information, Halton Recovery House, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Halton Chapter, North Halton Distress and Information Centre, North Halton Literacy Guild, North Halton YMCA and Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Branch.

The campaign was officially kicked off at the recent President's Ball/Silent Auction held at North Halton Golf and Country Club where \$9,000 was raised for the campaign.

Clark said the United Way has already

sent out mailings to area residents asking for contributions to the campaign.

This marks the third year the United Way has not gone door-to-door seeking donations.

"It was hard getting volunteers to go door-to-door," he said.

Clark said one of the problems the agency faces is the fact that Halton Hills is a bedroom community and many people who donate to the United Way at work aren't aware they need to designate the money specifically to the Halton Hills United Way.

Campaign chairpersons this year are Chris Miller and Dean Haughie who are

overseeing the industrial and retail campaigns in Halton Hills East and Halton Hills West.

Donations can be made to the United Way of Halton Hills, P.O. Box 286, Halton Hills, ON, L7G 4Y5 by cheque, pre-authorized payment plan, Mastercard, Visa and American Express and by filling out the donation form in the brochure sent to area residents.

Those who work outside of Halton Hills can designate their payroll deductions to Halton Hills United Way by specifying it as such and/or with BN #11927 8240 RR0001.

For information call 905-877-3066.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

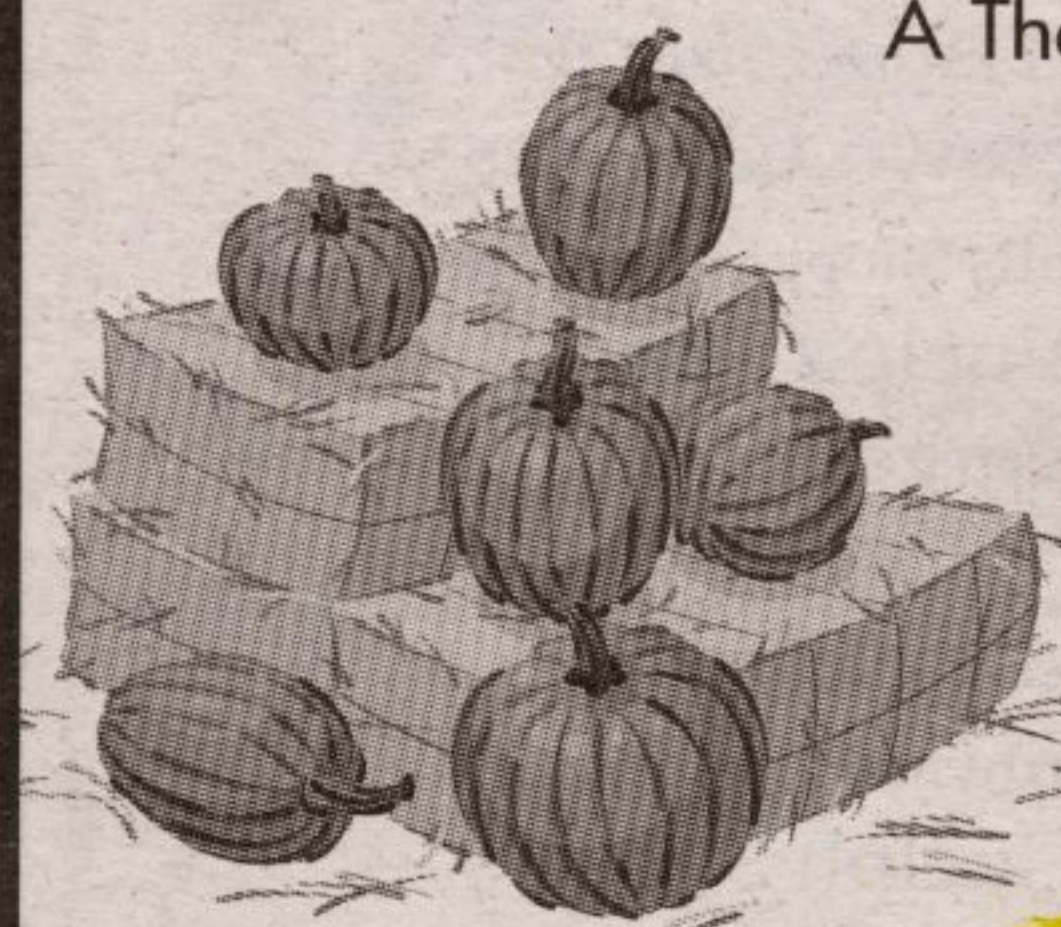


At the annual United Way of Halton Hills President's Ball at North Halton Golf Club, local industries were given certificates of appreciation for their participation in the year's campaign. Included were (from left) United Way West chair Dean Haughtie, Gary Gabet of Curwood Packaging, Jeannie Brookes of William Osler Health Centre, Mike McIntyre of Unilock Limited, Steve Williamson of Williamson Industries, John Warne of Cooper Standard, Jan Kron of CPI, United Way of Halton Hills president Brian Clark, executive director Brenda Smith and East campaign chair Chris Miller. Photo by Ted Brown

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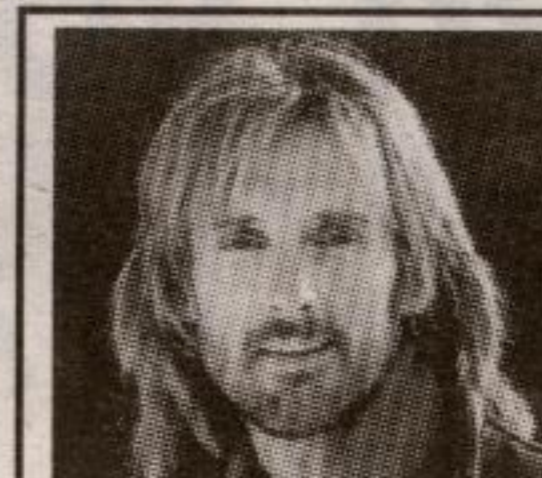
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