

Ralph and Ernie just don't get it

On April 27, I had the honour to address an ethanol conference in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, located in rich farmland in the middle of two oil patches on the border between B.C. and Alberta.

The farmers there are interested in building an 11-million litre ethanol plant that will make use of low quality grain and excess harvest. It was most encouraging to see the interest level in an area financed largely by oil and natural gas revenues.

It was also amazing and encouraging to see the level of acceptance of the fact of global warming by the ranchers in northern Alberta and B.C. when at the same time Ralph Klein is refusing to support the ratification of the Kyoto Accord, especially when there is an increasing crisis in Alberta concerning water.

That weekend, the City of Edmonton issued a plea to its citizens to be very canny about their water use since the reservoirs were at 23 percent of normal level. Ranchers in southern Alberta are selling their cattle because of drought. The province is now considering reducing the flows on rivers through to Saskatchewan.

Ironically, the oil industry is pumping hundreds of thousands of barrels of water per day into oil wells to force more oil to the surface in a maturing northern Alberta field.

All this and Ralph still doesn't get it.

Before he jumped ship, Mike Harris said that he would not endorse the Kyoto Accord

PARLIAMENT HILL REPORT



Julian Reed

if there were a risk of one job being lost in Ontario. The Province of Ontario does not want to accept the medical association's assessment that health care costs currently are about \$1 billion per year because of contaminated air.

These two provinces are the main stumbling blocks to a successful ratification which would mean we could start the journey towards reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to 6 per cent below 1990 levels over the next decade or so. It's only a beginning but well worth the pursuit.

Will we end up being able to endorse Kyoto? Whether we do or not, the problems will remain and presumably worsen before they get better.

A move towards conservation efficiency and renewable energy development are the keys to solving this dilemma. Ralph and Ernie, give us a chance.

—Julian Reed is the MP for Halton

New group to be watchdog for diversity issues in region

The Halton Diversity Advisory Group (HDAG) established by regional council recently— has been given the duty of identifying diversity issues within the community.

HDAG will act as an advisor to regional

council on issues related to race relations, ageism, sexual orientation, disabilities, and other diversity issues. Specific actions and initiatives will be recommended to council for its consideration.

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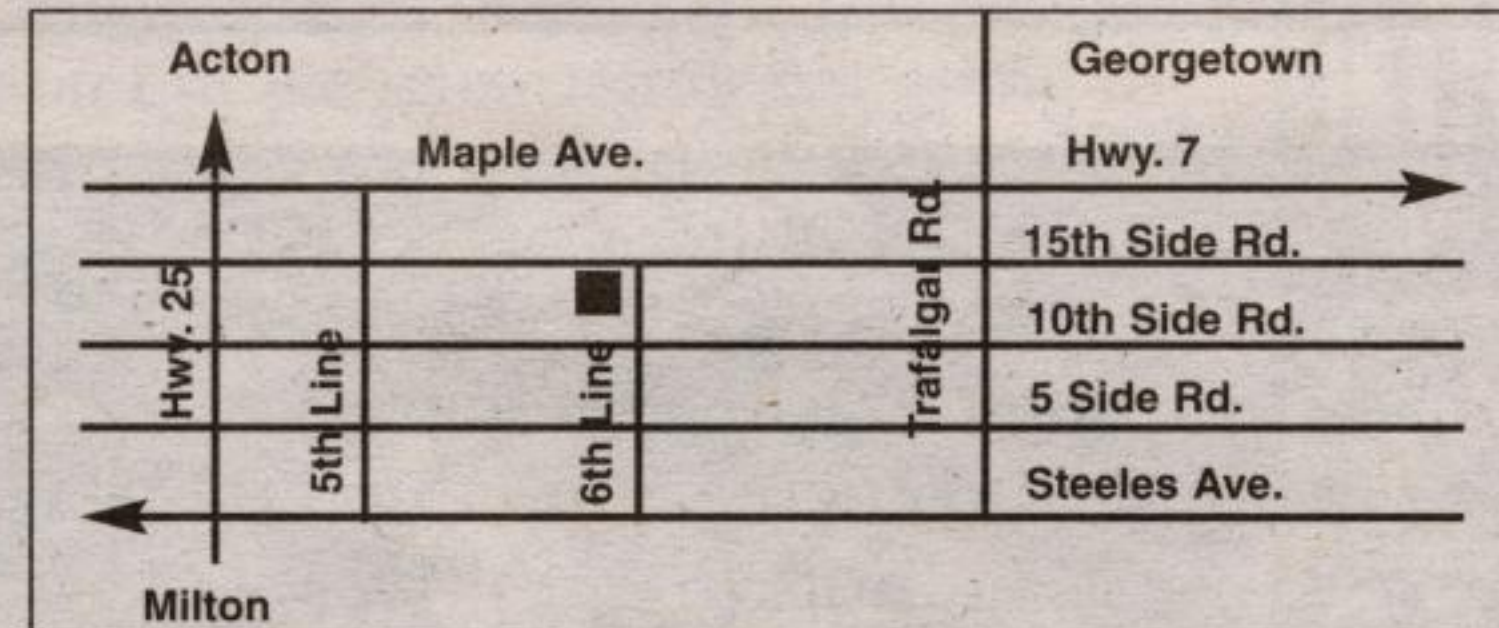
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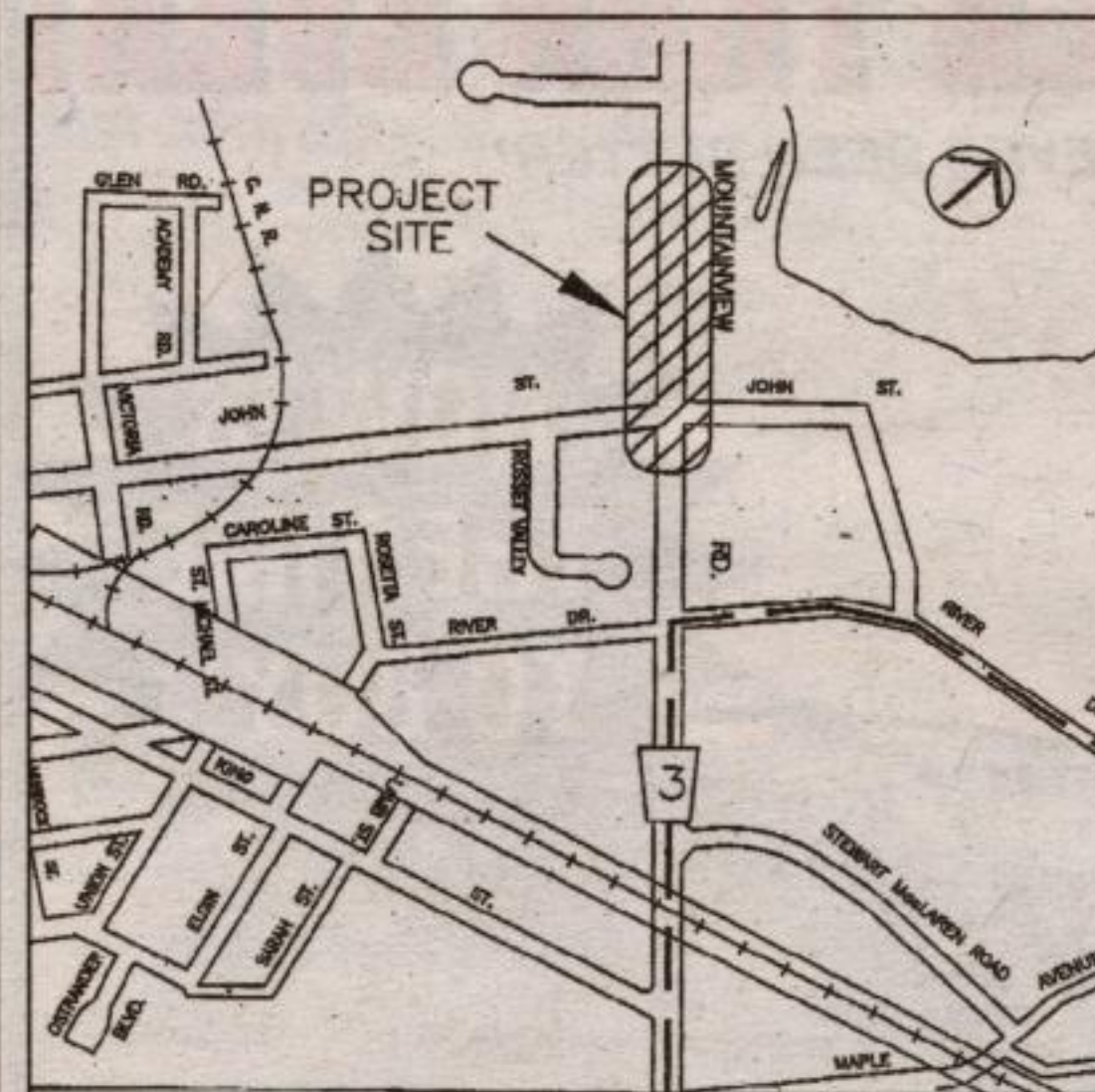
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CONSTRUCTION NOTICES

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 (1) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter M.45 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Civic Centre at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2002, will consider passing a by-law for the reconstruction of Mountainview Road 100m south of John Street to 200m north of John Street.

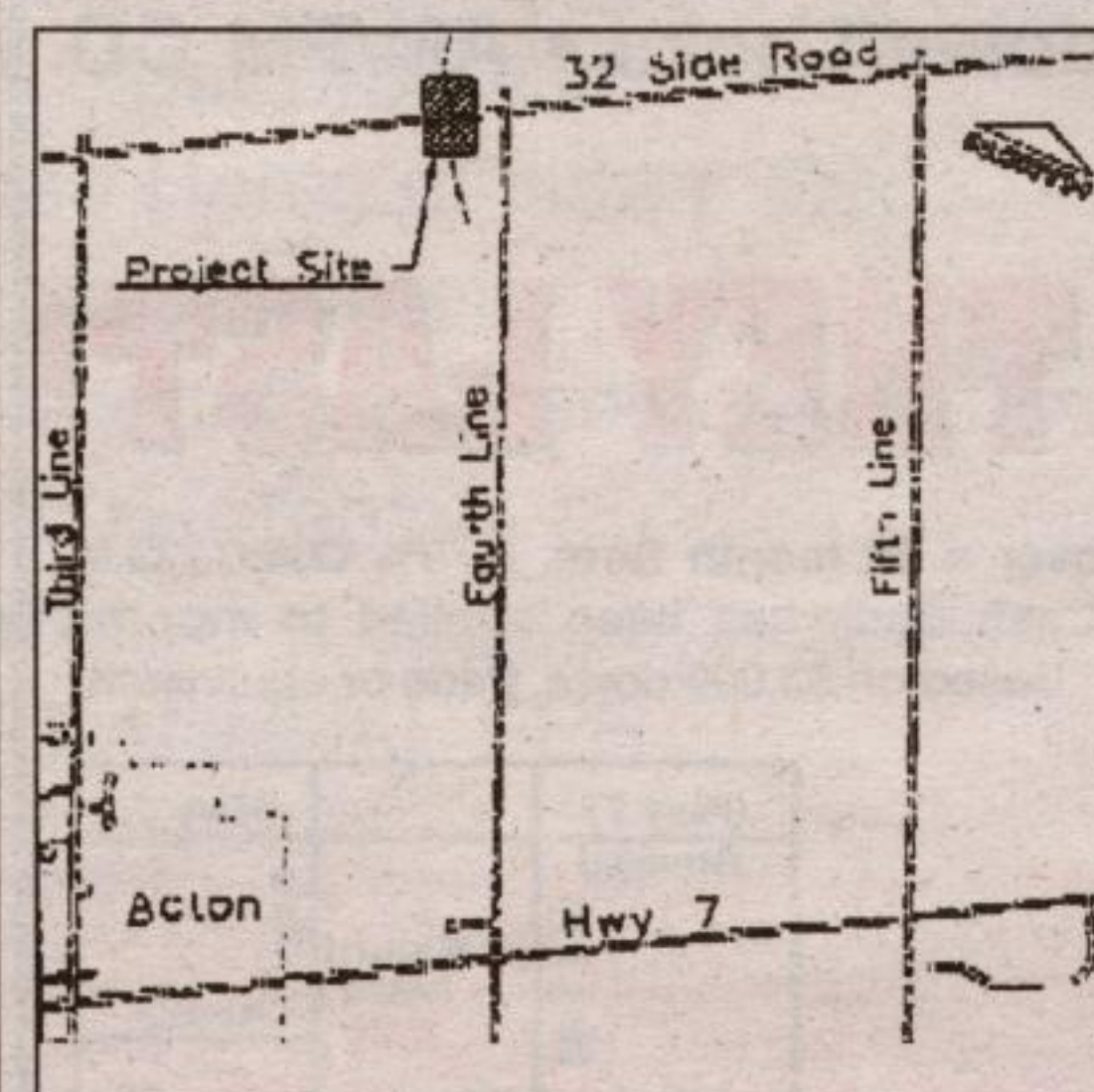
Plans detailing this project and the proposed by-law are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to Mr. R.A. Goddard, C.E.T., Manager of Capital Works at 905-873-2601, extension 2310.



The Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerks Department prior to the meeting date. 83

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During the extension of the existing box culvert, 32 Side Road will be closed on an emergency basis only. One lane of through traffic will be open at all times.



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TENDER

CONTRACT P-2002-C-12 AND CONTRACT P-2001-C-24

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Purchasing Department at the Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills (Georgetown), until 2:00 p.m., local time.

Thursday, May 30, 2002

For the removal of knolls on 32 Side Road and for the Eighth Line, Lot 25, Realignment.

- The major items of construction are:
- Rock Excavation - 250 m³
 - Earth Excavation - 10,400 m³
 - Granular 'A' - 7,000 t
 - Armor Stone Retaining Wall - 65 m³
 - Seed and Mulch - 6,800 m²

Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may be obtained from the office of the Town's Purchasing Department upon payment of \$71.50 (GST included), non-refundable deposit.

A certified cheque or bid bond in the amount specified in the tender documents must accompany each tender.

Inquiries relating to the project should be directed to Mr. R.A. Goddard, C.E.T., Manager of Capital Works at (905) 873-2601, extension 2310.

Tenders will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2002 at the Civic Centre. Those submitting tenders are invited to attend.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. 84

BID DOCUMENT

Offers clearly marked as to contents will be received by the Acting Manager of Purchasing, Finance Department until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2002 for:

BID NO. Q-035-961-02 2002 CONCESSION OPERATIONS PROSPECT PARK, ACTON

The Recreation and Parks Department wishes to contract out the operations of Concession Services at Prospect Park, Acton for the 2002 park season.

Terms of Reference and Bid Form can be viewed or obtained by contacting Sharon Collie, Acting Manager of Purchasing at 905-873-2601, ext. 2272.

Under no circumstances will facsimile bids be accepted or considered. Highest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted. 85