

Region reviewing Official Plan

This autumn, Halton Region is embarking on the review of the region's Official Plan.

The Plan outlines the goals and policies that we use to help manage physical change and its effects on the social, economic and natural environment in the region.

Halton Region's first Official Plan was approved in 1980 by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. It was reviewed in the early 1990's, resulting in the second Official Plan, which was approved by the minister in March 1995.

A number of studies have already been completed focusing on Halton's natural heritage areas, including Significant Woodlands, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Significant Wetlands and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest. These documents are available for review on the region's Web site at www.region.halton.on.ca.

A directions report detailing proposed changes to the Official Plan will be released this September. The directions report will highlight current planning issues in Halton, stimulate public discussion about a future vision for the region and will look at options for achieving these goals.

A comprehensive public consultation program will be implemented in the coming months to ensure all stakeholders in Halton's

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planning process have an opportunity to contribute their ideas to the review of the region's Official Plan. We want to hear from a wide range of residents, businesspeople and other stakeholders in this process, to ensure that the community we are building together reflects our shared values and meets our needs now and in the future.

Keep an eye on the region's Web site for the latest background studies and reports as well as information about upcoming consultation sessions.

For more information, please contact Halton's Planning and Transportation Division at 905-825-6000 or toll free 1-866-442-5866.

—Joyce Savoline is the chair of Halton region

High bacteria counts close both Acton beaches

Both of Acton's beaches in Prospect Park have been closed due to high bacteria counts, according to the latest results posted by Halton Region's Health Department.

The water at Old Beach and the Boathouse Beach is tested weekly by Halton staff. This information is available on the 24-hour Beach

Hotline. Halton residents can call 905-825-6111 or toll free: 1-866-442-5866 (ask for the beach hotline) to find out which beaches have been closed due to poor water quality.

Information is updated weekly or as conditions change. This information is also posted on the Health Department Web site at www.region.halton.on.ca/health.

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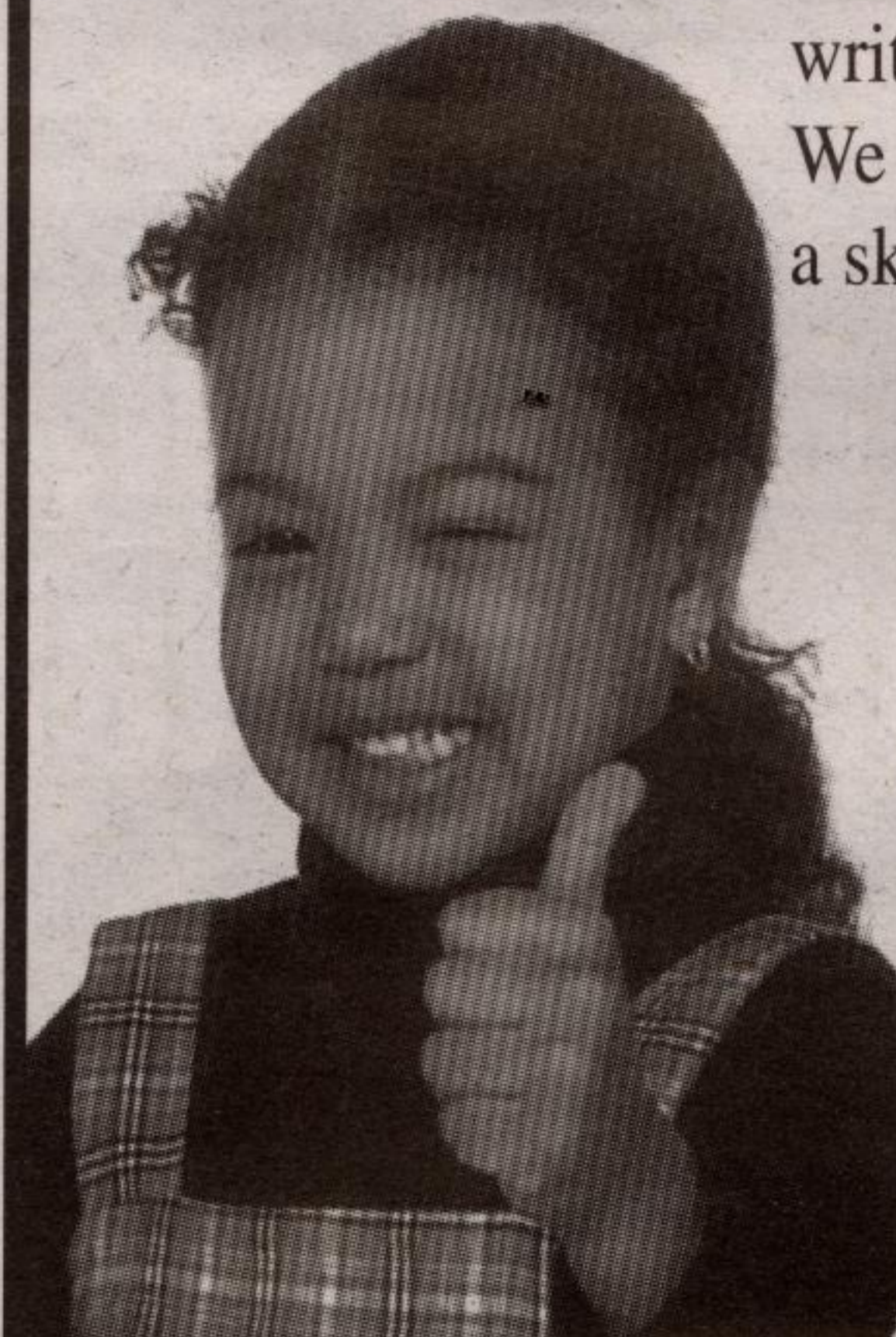
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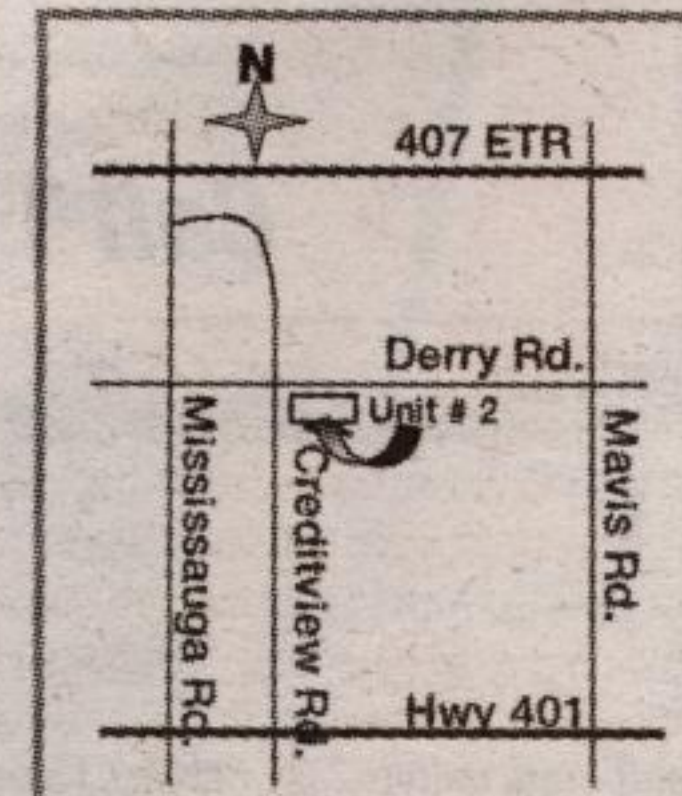
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