

A proposed electoral boundary change would see much of Halton Hills join towns such as Shelburne and Orangeville in a new riding— Dufferin-Wellington-Halton.

Elections Canada graphic

Halton Hills to fight proposed riding change

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ings and to allow the whole of the town remain within Halton Region. The town will request to appear at an appeals hearing in Mississauga on Dec. 2.

Day said the town could have a case since the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission may deviate from the 107,000 quotient to "respect the community of interest or community of identity, or the historical pattern of an electoral district."

"Here in Halton Hills, we have a community of interest which is common and is shared, and we have worked on that for the past 28 years.

We were at one point the Town of Acton and the Town of Georgetown and we became the Town of Halton Hills, and to split that apart will do some significant damage to this municipality," said Day, who is also the Halton provincial Liberal candidate

Councillor Rick Bonnette who seconded Day's motion was even blunter. "I think that anyone looking at this must have had a brain cramp. It's not rocket science that this municipality should be together."

The town will join Halton MP Julian Reed and Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh, who both plan to appeal

the boundary readjustments.

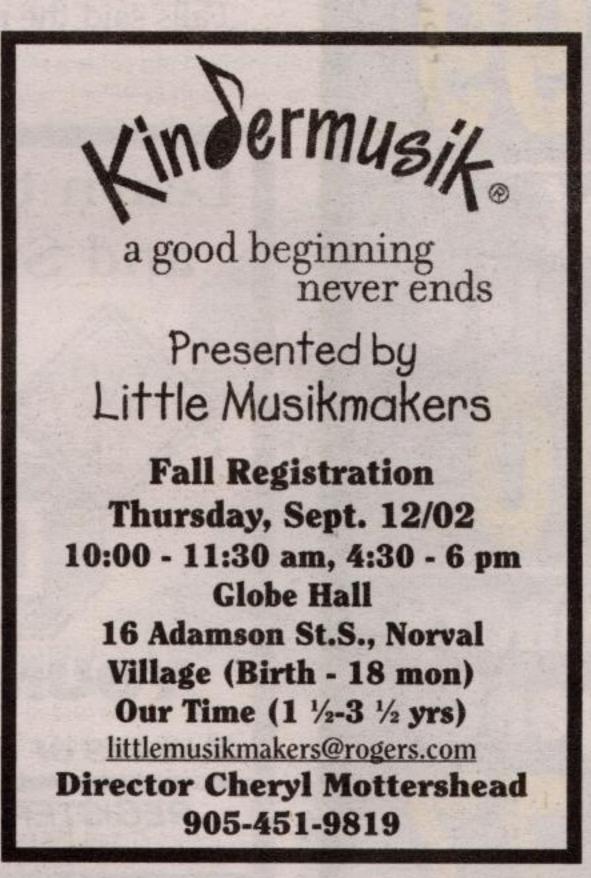
Mayor Kathy Gastle urged Halton Hills residents to add their voices to the appeals by writing letters or appearing at the public hearing.

"Certainly it's power of the people on issues like this and if they (the Commission) don't hear from a lot of people, they may not think it's an issue here. And certainly it is an issue here when we will be split away from Halton Region. I think that will be a huge detriment," said the mayor.

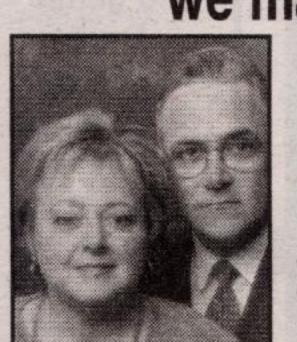
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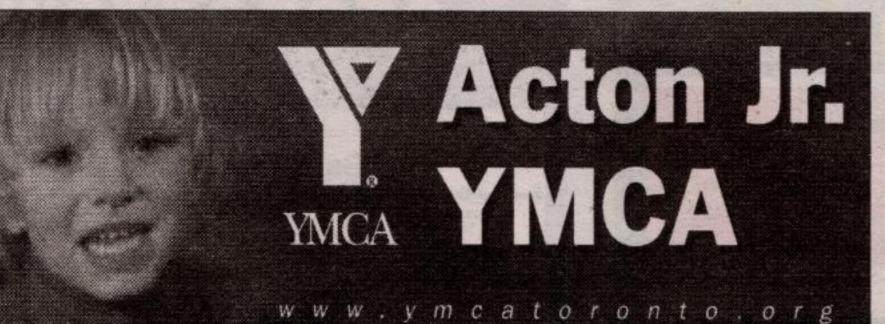
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