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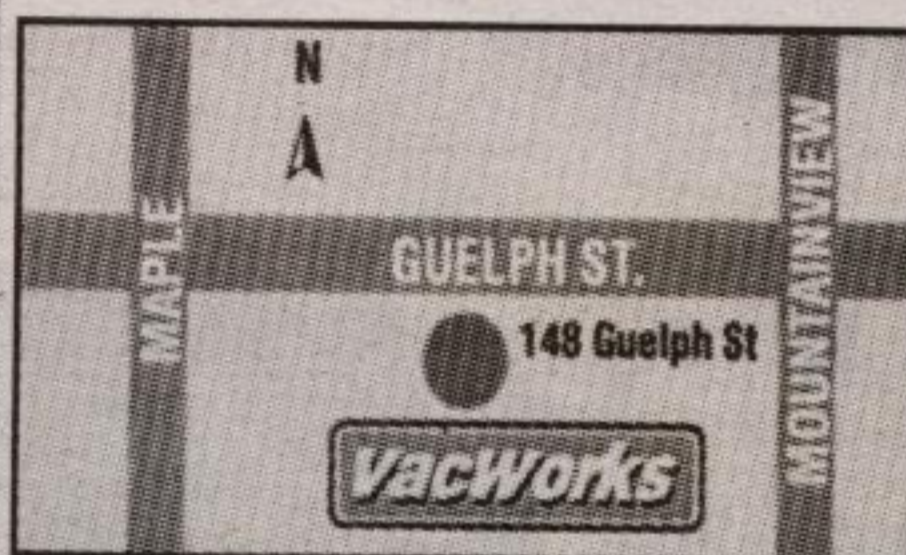
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Public to get to have say on altered ward boundaries

The public will get a chance to comment on the ward boundary changes at Tuesday night's Halton Hills council meeting (Oct. 15).

The town's Ward Boundary Review Committee has proposed slight changes that will even out the population distribution in each of the four wards.

Approval of the boundary changes must be made before December 31 to take effect for next year's November municipal elections.

The adjustments are:

Ward 1 (Acton) is expanded to include all lands within the area of 32 Sideroad, the Townline, the Fourth Line and 22 Sideroad. It also includes the new development occurring on the east side of Churchill Rd. Population total: 7,238.

Ward 3 (Old Georgetown) is expanded to include the north side of 15 Sideroad along Trafalgar Rd. to Hwy. 7. This includes the Stewart's Mill subdivision and the Trafalgar Country development. The southerly boundary of the ward has also been moved from Rexway Dr. to Sargent Rd. to Mountainview and across Sinclair Ave. Population total: 11,496.

Ward 4 (primarily Georgetown South) has been extended to 10 Sideroad. As well, the Hall Rd. subdivision has been moved out of Ward 2 and into Ward 4. Population total: 12,358.

Ward 2 is the remainder of the town's rural area including Norval and Glen Williams. Population total: 9,938.

"It certainly evens up the voting numbers which have been uneven for a great number of years," said Mayor Kathy Gastle.

A second option was considered, and rejected by the committee, that would have seen the town split into four blocks. Ward A (9,123) encompassed a block in the northwest corner from the north and west boundaries to 17 Sideroad on the south and Sixth Line on the east side. Ward B (11,199) would be a block in the northeast corner bounded by the town boundaries on the north and east, Sixth Line on the west and Maple Ave. in the south. Ward C (11,775) was designed as a horizontal

block that stretched from the west to east town boundaries and from 17 Sideroad in the north to 10 Sideroad in the south, excluding Georgetown South. Ward D (8,933) would encompass Georgetown South, Norval and the rest of the town in the south.

While the second option reduced the disparity of population among the wards the most, the first option was selected because it continued to preserve "communities of interest."

"The boundaries that have been proposed (the first option) are minor and everyone can identify with their wards," said Wards 1/2 Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette. "(The second) option may have worked, but it would have been quite controversial to get it through."

The town will look at the ward boundaries again in 2007.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer



Trail time

Canada's oldest and longest footpath—the Bruce Trail—celebrated its 35th anniversary Sunday and about 300 people turned out in Limehouse for a guided hike led by guide Sufiya Reid. Photo by Trish England



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