

Residents vow to fight plans for historic mill

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Located at the corner of River Dr. and Maple Ave., the 13-acre property straddles the Credit River. It is the site of the Barber Paper Mill, a late 19th century industrial complex that housed a papermaking operation, instrumental in the development of the Georgetown.

Everlast Restoration Inc. (879662 Ontario Ltd.) intends to redevelop three to four acres that would include a 14-storey 240-unit residential condo apartment, four-storey 42-unit boutique hotel and 20,000 sq. ft. commercial complex and another 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial uses in the restored paper mill buildings with total underground parking for 520 cars. There will be no above ground parking.

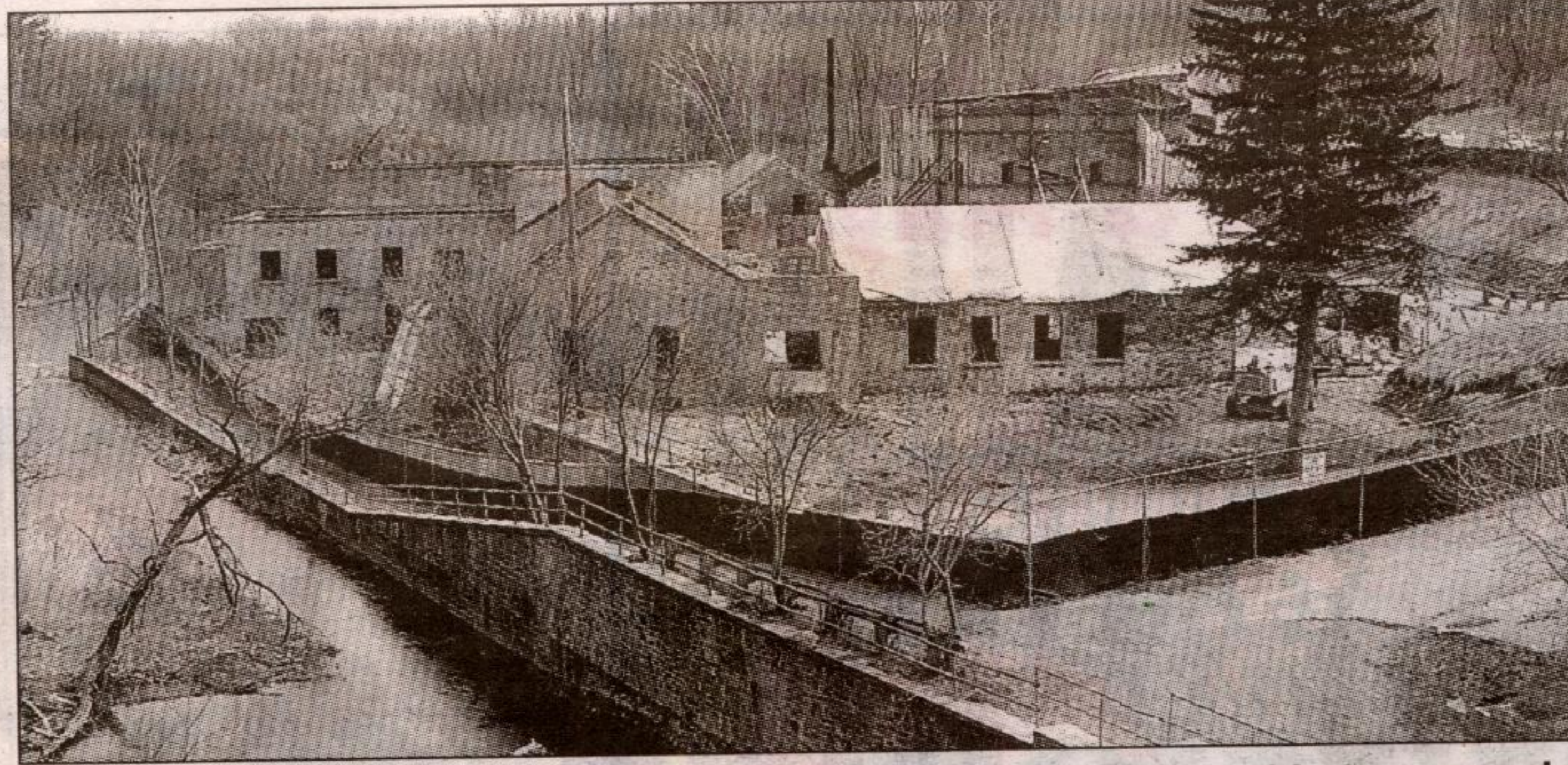
Monday's meeting was to hear comments from the public regarding Everlast's application to change the Town's Official Plan and zoning designations on the property.

Bob White, the Town's manager of development review, said a number of discussions with the developer and various agencies such as Credit Valley Conservation Area are still ongoing. Issues still being dealt with include flooding requirements, fisheries, environmentally sensitive areas, traffic and parking, storm drainage, sewer and water allocation, shadow analysis (from the high-rise building), heritage resources and site plan issues.

Many of these issues—and many more—were highlighted by 10 residents who spoke at the meeting.

According to studies done to date by the developer's consultants, the proposal conforms to the overall intent of the Town and Region Official Plans, the Town Strategic Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

Derisive laughter followed Everlast's consultant Jennifer Bozzo's statement that



Development plans for the historic Barber Paper Mill call for a 14-storey condo unit and a four-storey hotel and commercial area.

roads and intersections are "expected to operate well even under 'worst-case' scenario conditions." No intersection improvements are required and the proposed parking supply is sufficient to accommodate parking demands, she said.

Pockets of contaminated soil will be removed during construction, said Bozzo. Evidence of past industrial waste dumping was observed in the forested area of the property and a remedial action plan will be set up.

The lower floor elevations will have waterproofing measures with "ongoing groundwater management". Berms and other floodproofing measures will also be utilized.

Again, the audience hooted with derision at Bozzo's statement on the biology field surveys that "with appropriate measures, none of the features at risk of displacement are expected to be adversely affected."

Architect Jim Anderson described the project as a "viable and vibrant scheme of mixed-use development which injects new life into the site and reanimates the existing stone structures and proposes to provide Georgetown with an exciting and vibrant destination."

The 14-storey building is comparable to the height of the treetops on either side of river valley, he said.

Karl Baker, a resident of Palomino Trail

(a townhouse complex across the road), called the proposed apartment building "an abomination and totally unacceptable."

Another Palomino Trail resident, Julie Pomeroy, said the proposal would be "unnatural, arrogant and extreme."

And her Corey Circle neighbour Jim Troy said, "I moved here to get away from this kind of thing." He said he didn't oppose the site being developed as a historic site, "but I'm certainly opposed" to the hotel and the apartment building.

River Dr. resident John Day asked what was the point of declaring the site a heritage site if new buildings were being placed over the foundations.

President of POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) Leslie Adams asked for access to the developer's studies, and for a second public meeting before final council decision.

Town planner Bruce MacLean said all documents were open to the public (make an appointment with him) adding that a second public meeting is warranted since a lot of information (from required studies) has still yet to be filed with the Town.

The deadline to submit written comments on the project to the Halton Hills planning department is Friday, Nov. 19.

White said a final report with a recommendation to council would not be filed until next spring.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Police blotter Charges laid in altercation

A Georgetown man is facing charges after an Acton man was stabbed with a sharp object last Monday afternoon during an altercation on Main St.

Police report the injury the victim suffered was not life threatening and didn't require medical attention. Charged with utter death threats, aggravated assault, and breach of probation is James Hume, 20, of Hale Dr.

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Two men were charged by Halton Police in connection with a fight on Delrex Blvd. and Terry Cr. early Saturday.

Police report that while fighting one man pulled a small pocketknife from his pocket and struck the man on his left side causing a small knife wound that did not require medical attention.

Charged with assault with a weapon and weapons dangerous is Cory Leany, 27, of Dayfoot Dr., Georgetown. Also charged as a result of the incident with assault and utter threats was Darryl Mayo, 27, of Raymond Cr., Barrie.

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Halton Police are investigating the theft of a 1997 Subaru Legacy, valued at \$10,000. The car was stolen from a Temple St. driveway late Sunday or early Monday.

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A compressor and nail gun, valued at \$1,500, was taken from a van parked in the driveway at an Eastern Ave. home late last Saturday or early last Sunday.

Survivors play for good causes

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choice. Readers will also be asked to find three critters (a goose, bear and buck) hidden in advertisements on the ballot page and submit those answers with their *Survivor* ballot.

Each Monday at noon the ballots will be collected and counted by the tribal council at *The Independent & Free Press*. The contestant voted off will be announced in the following Wednesday edition.

The tribal council's decision is final.

Each week one lucky reader who casts a ballot predicting the correct contestant to be voted off that week will win a prize. At the end of the contest one lucky reader's name will be pulled from all the ballots received to win a grand prize.

Readers can enter as many ballots as they wish. Ballots must be faxed (905-873-0398) or dropped off to *The Independent & Free Press* office (280 Guelph St., Unit 29, Georgetown—in the Georgetown Market Place) by noon Monday.

The survivor contestants and their charity/community group of choice are:

Herminia Henderson (Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills)

Josey Bonnette (Halton Hills Youth Centre)

Mike Mavraganis (Big Brothers of Halton)

Paul Auty (Pediatrics unit at William Osler Health Centre Georgetown Campus)

Fred Harris (Georgetown Seniors' Centre)

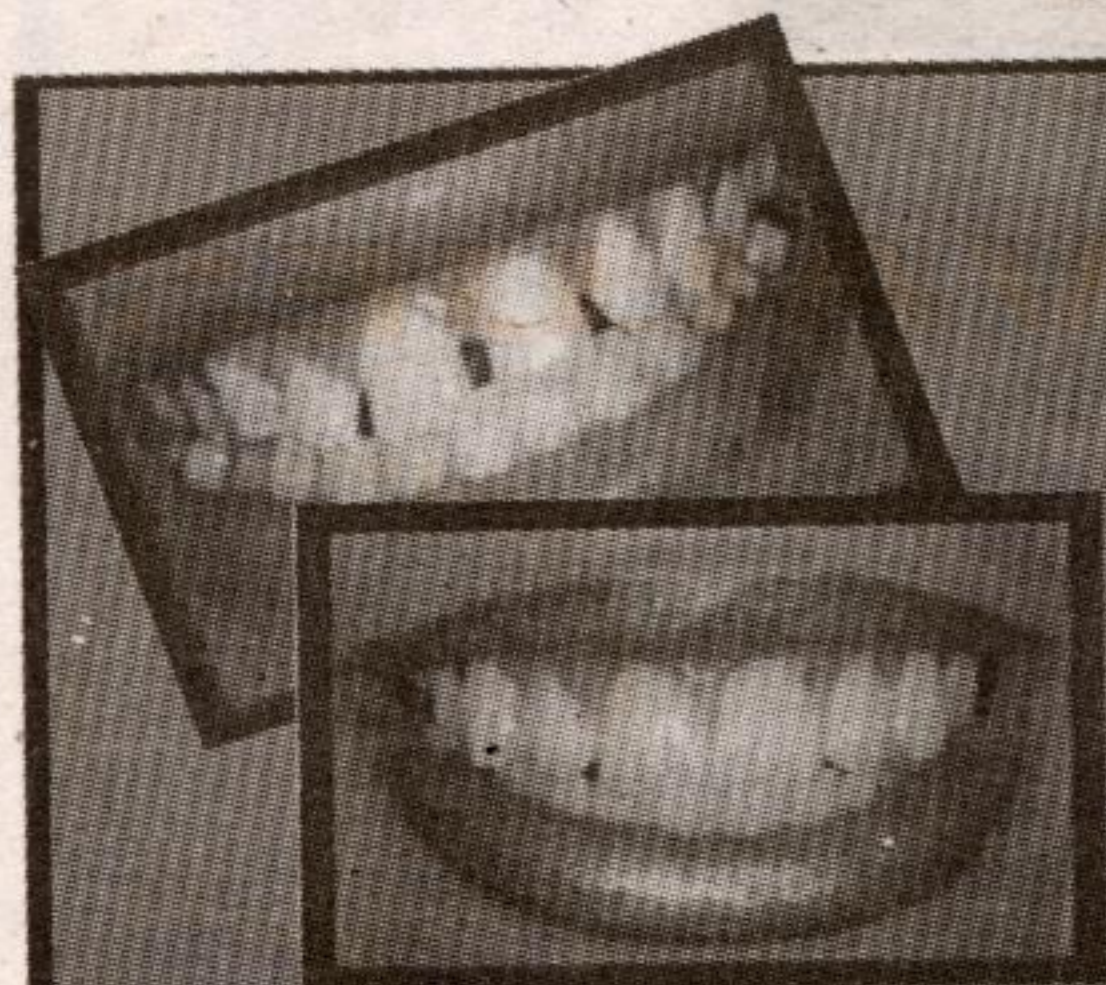


Survivor contestants ready to brave the wilds of the Credit River valley are, from left, Josey Bonnette, Herminia Henderson, Paul Auty, Lynn Drewry, Ron Lefebvre, Fred Harris, Mike Mavraganis and Bill Graham.

Ron Lefebvre (Community Living North Halton)


Lynn Drewry (Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills)

Bill Graham (Acton skateboard park)
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