

Green Belt Plan will affect Halton Hills

On October 28, the province released its first draft of the Green Belt Plan for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) area.

In looking at the draft map, about one half of Halton Hills is included in the Green Belt. Most of this area lies west of Georgetown and, for the most part, parallels the eastern edge of the Niagara Escarpment. The province is planning public meetings and three locations that are close by are Oakville (November 10), Burlington (November 16) and Caledon East (November 29). This latest release will be reviewed to better understand the implication to the town.

I recommend you visit the province's website at www.greenbelt.ontario.ca.

The province also announced it is introducing new legislation to manage the long-term growth prospects in the GTA which is intended to accommodate an additional 4 million people and 2 million new jobs by 2031. The Town is affected by this provincial initiative and we are monitoring it very closely to better understand the effects it could have on our town. I will keep you informed on this item as we learn more. You can look at the latest information by visiting the Places to Grow section on the province's website at www.pir.gov.on.ca

Have you ever gone to the arena and witnessed abuse of Town property, or an abusive parent screaming at their child, coach, or official at a hockey game?

Council has recently passed a zero tolerance policy on vandalism and violence. There are now clear rules with serious consequences to ensure the public is safe as well as respected while using our pools, arenas, and parks. Senseless vandalism has cost the Town— you, the taxpayer— approximately \$10,000 a year to repair damages incurred. Quite frankly, we have had enough. We are also targeting individuals who hail insults and profanity at officials, coaches and Town employees. These individuals are not the role models for our children. There will be suspension from using Town facilities, as well as paying the costs of damages, plus 20 per cent.

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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Rick Bonnette

31,000 clubs and 1,225,000 members in 166 countries in every part of the world, will celebrate 100 years of service in 2005.

At a recent Rotary Conference hosted by District 7080, Max Sprowl of Acton was recognized and congratulated for 50 years of service with the Acton Rotary Club.

Speaking of 50 years, congratulations to the Georgetown Rotary Club for hosting its 50th Annual Seniors Dinner on Monday, October 25.

Congratulations to the Salvation Army, Acton Corps— 25th anniversary, the Terra Cotta Cookie Co.— 20th anniversary, and to St. Alban's Anglican Church in the Glen on receiving a Trillium grant.

Recent financial contributions to the Town's local motion campaign were received from the Georgetown Kiwanis Charitable Foundation (\$10,000), the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown (\$10,000), and the Lions Club of Georgetown (\$15,000).

I am honoured to have been chosen the Honorary Chair for the 2005 United Way of Halton Hills Campaign that contributes to 16 local charities and organizations in Halton Hills.

Many of you may donate to the United Way through payroll deductions. If you work outside Halton Hills, be sure to have your contributions donated to the United Way of Halton Hills.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca.

—Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills

Boundaries set for new students at Four Corners

Students moving into the west end of the Four Corners development will attend St. Catherine of Alexandria next year.

Though most students in that area will actually live closer to St. Brigid, the Catholic school board students will be directed to St. Catherine because St. Brigid is at its capacity. St. Brigid was projected to have 806 students for the 2004/05 school year. St. Catherine, a similar sized school, was projected to have 551 students, making it better equipped to handle the new students.

A committee comprised of three school council members from each of the schools as well as three Halton Catholic District School Board staff members made the recommendation to the board.

Halton Hills Trustee Irene McCauley said the committee did a good job in coming up with the final scenario.

"The committee presented twice to the board and worked very hard to get input from everyone," she said.

The committee reviewed different scenarios and got input from the community at a Sept. 21 meeting. The board approved the proposal at last Tuesday's meeting.

The redirected area is west of Mountainview Rd., north of 10 Sideroad, east of Eighth Line and south of the existing housing in Georgetown south. Transportation will be available for those students who qualify under the board's policy. Which students qualify won't be known until decisions are made on location of sidewalks, crossing guards and other factors.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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by ALEX TRENTON DENTURIST

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Arch supports I have for my feet, Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street, Sleep is denied me night after night, But every morning I find I'm all right, My mem'ry is failing, my heads in a spin, But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent? Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went, But I really don't mind when I think with a grin, Of all the grand places my "get up" has been.

Old age is golden, I've heard it said, But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed, With my ears in the drawer, "my teeth in a cup", My eyes on the table until I wake; E're sleep comes o'er me, I say to myself: "Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?" Author "unknown."

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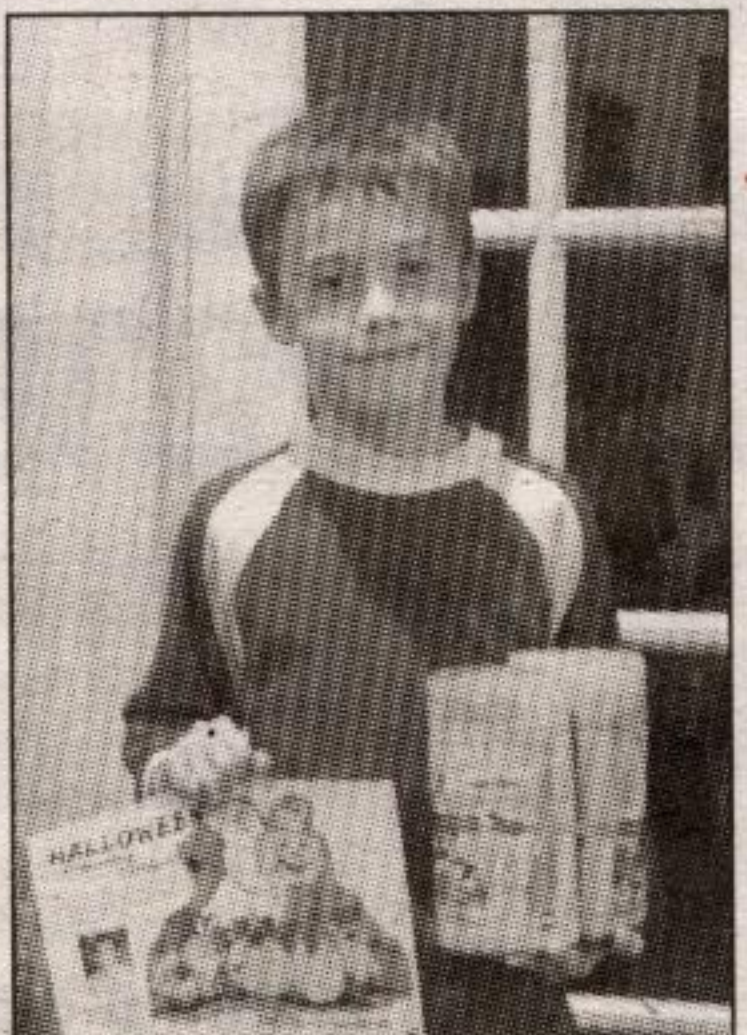
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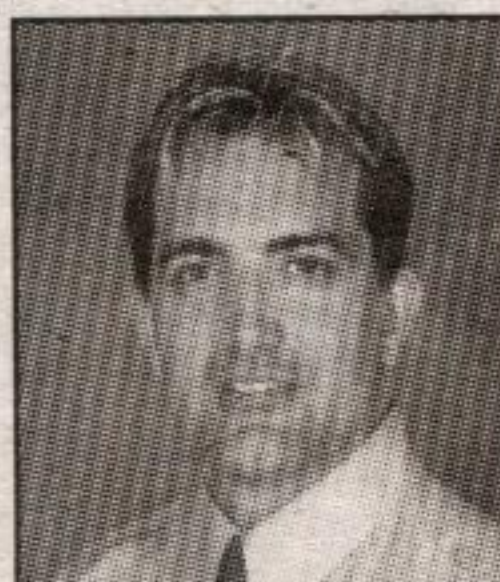


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