

Proposed Brampton highway not welcome here— council

The Town of Halton Hills took a stand on the City of Brampton's proposed North-South highway corridor— stay out of Halton Hills for the time being.

Council approved a motion, introduced by Wards 1 and 2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, at Monday's council meeting.

The City of Brampton is preparing a Terms of Reference for an Environmental Assessment for a new six-lane highway between Winston Churchill Blvd. and Heritage Rd., stretching from Hwy. 401 to Mayfield Rd. One Brampton report shows the North-South highway coming through Halton Hills just north of Embleton Rd. (5 Sideroad) and going south to Hwy. 401, west of Halton Hills' Tenth Line.

The City of Brampton has scheduled two public information meetings next week, Nov. 29, 5-8 p.m. at Huttonville School and Nov. 30, 6-9 p.m. at the Croatian Cultural Centre on Winston Churchill

Blvd.— advertising both in *The Independent & Free Press*. Somerville is urging all concerned Halton Hills to attend.

Somerville's motion asks that any mention of Halton Hills or Halton Region, including illustrations, in the Terms of Reference be eliminated. One map in *The Independent & Free Press* shows that almost all of south Halton is included in the study area.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said sarcastically, "When I saw the ad in the paper, I didn't realize Halton Hills had been annexed. That's what the map looked like... This (the motion) should give us some clarification."

Somerville said the proposed route, especially through Halton Hills, is "premature", until a comprehensive review has been done on growth issues within the town and Halton Region. Continued publication and advertising of this Corridor within Halton Hills could provide a "false expectation", his motion read.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Lighting the way

Georgetown Lions Club recently presented the Georgetown branch of William Osler Health Centre Foundation with a cheque for \$6,000, which was used to purchase a laptop and a headlight for use in the operating room at the Georgetown campus. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Lions Ray Ball, Phil Peden, Marg Wilson, Georgette Dorcich, and WOHC Foundation development manager Joan Burdette and Chair Paul Armstrong.

Photo by Ted Brown

Town seeks extra Greenbelt protection

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The first pocket (Maps 74-75) and the second (Map 77) can be viewed on the provincial government's website, www.mah.gov.on.ca (look under resources for municipalities, land use planning, greenbelt protection).

Rural councillor Bryan Lewis and Ward 3 councillor Mike Davis voted against the endorsement saying there was no public consultation with local property owners on these specific properties.

Town Planning Director Bruce MacLean said anyone could make a comment to the Province about the greenbelt proposal. The planners' report, he added, also calls for more consultative time. However, right now the Town and Region are pressed for time, because the commenting deadline is Nov. 27 for the Act and Dec. 12 for the Plan.

Some councillors wondered why the Town did not go farther, and request a Protected Countryside declaration for all of south Halton, or at least for a buffer zone, east of the Sixth Line to the Brampton border.

MacLean replied, "In theory, you could ask for the moon, but the question is 'are you going to get it?' In our discussions (among Halton planners), we talked about

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—Planning Director Bruce MacLean



making arguments that are reasonable, such that rather than going for a big thing and getting nothing, we would go for a smaller thing and get something.

"I have real doubts that if this council suggested (to the Province) any type of buffer system east of the Sixth Line, whether or not this council would be successful. Because that area (south Halton Hills— from 10 Sideroad to Steeles Ave.) is clearly being weighed (by the Province), in my mind, as part of a comprehensive growth area."

For more information on the Greenbelt and the local planners' response, go the town's website, www.haltonhills.ca, Halton Region's website, www.region.halton.on.ca or the Province's website, www.mah.gov.on.ca

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Holiday house tour

Martha Oughtred checks out some of the holiday decorations in Lynda Moffat's house during the United Way of Halton Hills Holiday House Tour Saturday. The event, a fund-raiser for the United Way, gave those on the tour a chance to peek into some local homes all decked out for Christmas.

Photo by Shawn McAlpine

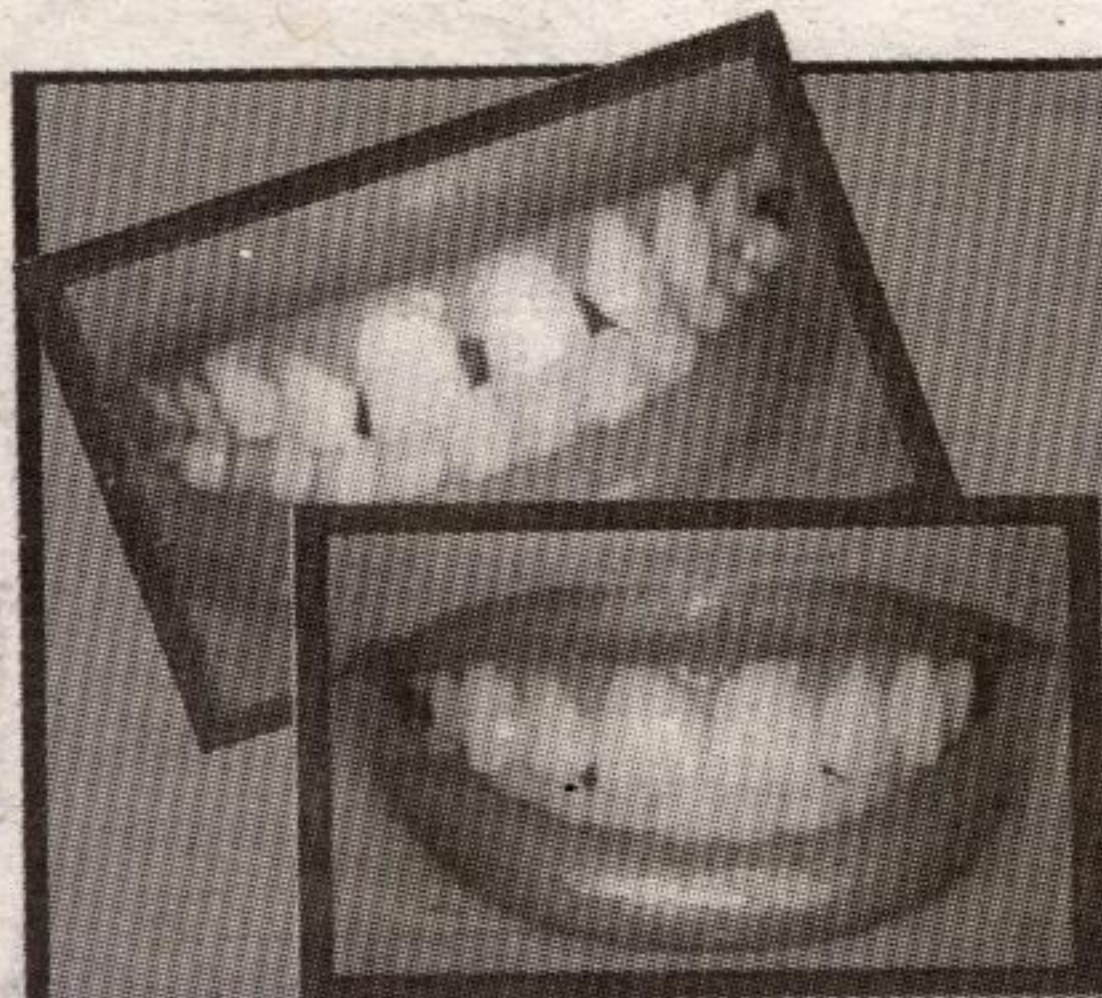
Davis opposes Barber Mill report

Ward 3 Councillor Mike Davis opposed the ratification of a report on the public meeting of the proposed Paper Mill redevelopment.

Davis said he had a problem with the staff report listing the financial impact as being beneficial to the town— additional

building permit fees, development charges, taxes and assorted other revenues.

"We need to have the other side of the financial impact which is we must provide services." He wanted both sides of financial impacts listed in any future reports.



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