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Use caution near schools and buses

Thave had a couple of requests to write about school zones. There are Lsome schools located in some busy traffic areas. One intersection in particular seems to cause confusion for motorists, and that is Maple Avenue and Delrex Boulevard.

There are two large schools that are close by, and a lot of kids use that crossing, so drivers need to be extra cautious. The private driveway should be treated as a road as far as obeying the lights at the intersection. There is a crossing guard there to assist those kids as well.

So... just what are your obligations under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) when you see that dedicated school crossing guard who stands out in the middle of the road, holding up a stop sign, in the sunshine, rain, snow and fog? Section 176(3) of the HTA requires that the driver of any vehicle (that includes bicycles) approaching the stop sign shall stop before reaching the crossing. The driver cannot proceed until the school crossing stop sign is no longer displayed.

When the children who use the crosswalk see that stop sign held up by the crossing guard they assume that it is safe to cross. If a driver assumes that no more children will be entering the crossing and they proceed, the consequences can be fatal. Even a right turn, that looks safe, may prove to be just the opposite. It is best to exercise a little patience and wait.

Then there is the topic of school buses. Section 175(11) of the HTA states that every driver, when meeting on a highway a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signal lights flashing, shall stop before reaching the bus and shall not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead



red signal lights have stopped flashing. Subsection 12 states that every driver, when approaching from the rear a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signal lights flashing, shall stop at least 20 metres before reaching the bus and shall not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead red signal lights have stopped flashing. The definition of "highway" under the HTA means street, or roadway, not necessarily the 401-type highway.

So there you have it. No sneaking around on the shoulder, no passing on the left. If the thought of mowing down a child doesn't stop some drivers from passing a school bus when it is stopped, then maybe the thought of a \$500 fine and six demerit points will!

If you have any questions about this or other police issues contact me at 905-878-5511 ext. 2120 or laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca

> -Const. Laurel Barnett is the community support officer for 1 Division



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 1/Previously known as Block 232, RP 20M-889 (24T-90027), Part of SW 1/2 of Lot 28, Concession 4 Town of Halton Hills (Acton) (Honeyfield Community - West of Tanners Drive, South of Somerville Road)

Proposed Official Plan Amendment, **Zoning Amendment, & Part Lot Control** Exemption, to permit 17 Residential Lots and a Commercial Block (south of the proposed residential Lots).

Town Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Official Plan, Zoning By-Law #1358, as amended, and Part Lot Control applications. The application relates to Block 232 RP 20M-889 (24T-90027), at the southern extent of the 'Honeyfield' community. The subject lands are located west of Tanners Drive and south of Somerville Road.

The Owner proposes to create 17 residential Lots and one commercial Block (through Part Lot Control application). However to realize the Owner's proposed development, a Zoning By-law and Official Plan amendment are required.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan and/or Zoning By-Law Amendments and/or the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of these applications (including the proposed Part Lot Control application), you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Official Plan and/or Zoning By-Law applications does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of. Halton Hills before the proposed zoning By-Law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information is available in the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.



DATE/TIME: LOCATION: FILE NO:

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, 7:45 p.m. Council Chambers, Civic Centre D25, D09, 14/Rinarin (Honeyfield Community)

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

WARD 2 (Glen Williams) PROPOSED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

East of Eighth Line, North of Wildwood Rd Part of West Half of Lot 21, Concession 9 File: D12/DE Devins, Geraldine (24T-03002/H)

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed residential Plan of Subdivision, and a related amendment to

Zoning By-law 57-91, as amended, for the Town of Halton Hills. A key map showing the location of the subject property is attached.

The Plan of Subdivision application relates to a 6.88 ha (17 ac.) property located on the east side of Eighth Line, north of Wildwood Road in the Hamlet of Glen Williams. The application for a Plan of Subdivision proposes twelve (12) residential lots to be serviced by municipal water and private, individual septic systems, and a block to contain a storm water management facility. The plan proposes a local road to access the proposed lots that will connect to McMaster Street and Meagan Drive in the adjacent residential subdivision.

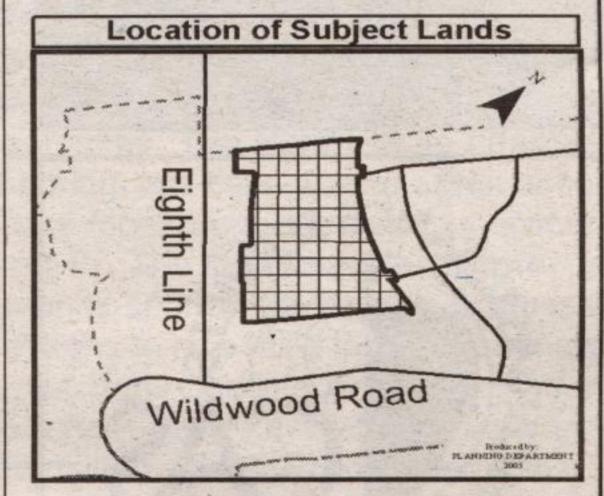
In conjunction with the Plan of Subdivision application, the Town of Halton Hills proposes to amend the Zoning By-law to change the current rural zoning on the property to a General Residential 'RG' zone permitting single-detached dwellings, and an open space zone for the storm water management block.

Further information regarding the proposed plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment will be available for public review and comment from August 12, 2005 at the Town of Halton Hills Planning Department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed plan of subdivision is approved or refused, and/or the zoning by-law amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills with respect to this proposed plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario, L7G 5G2

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Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers, Civic Centre LOCATION: D12/DE - Devins (24T-03002/H) 134 FILE NO:

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO EVENTS

The following community event(s) will be held within the Town of Halton Hills as follows:

A. Georgetown Fall Fair

From 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2005 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11,

Park Avenue, westbound from Charles Street to Fairgrounds

B. Acton Fall Fair (Parade)

Saturday, September 17, 2005 approximately 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Acton Boulevard to Mill Street East to Main Street North to Knox Street into Prospect Park

If you require any additional information regarding the(se) temporary road closure(s) please contact Kelly Withers at 905-873-2601 ext 2330.

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