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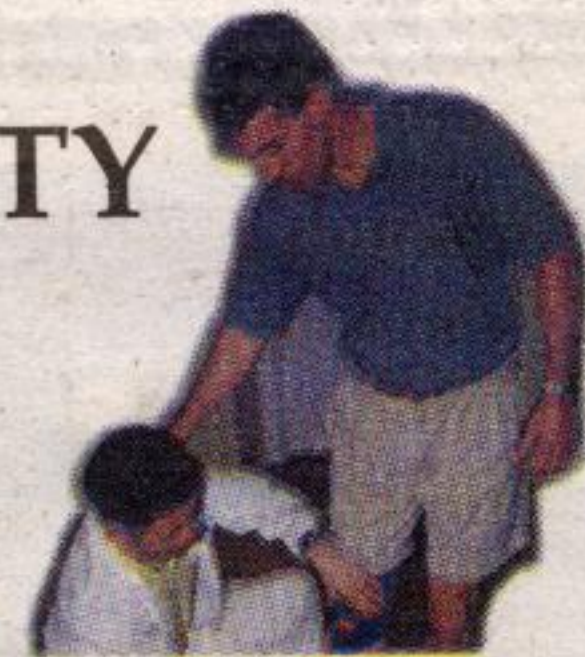
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Town to use fed cash to speed up road resurfacing

Thanks to the federal New Deal gas tax sharing, close to \$2 million will be spent in the next three years to hard surface Halton Hills's gravel roads.

Mayor Rick Bonnette introduced a motion asking that \$333,000 in 2006, and again in 2007, and \$334,000 in 2008 (for a total \$1 million) be used to supplement the town's existing budget (about \$900,000 over the three years) for surface treatment on rural roads.

Halton Hills currently has about 38.5 kilometres of gravel roads in the rural area, and this program will reduce that number to 24 kilometres. Halton Hills has been aggressively pursuing a hard-topping priority; about seven years ago the Town had 80 kilometres of gravel roads.

According to the Town's 2004 Performance Measures, the operating costs for a paved (hard top) road per lane kilometre is \$846.90 while the operating costs for unpaved roads per lane kilometre is \$3,195.22.

The mayor said priority would be given to those roads the Town had applied—but denied—for funding under COMRIF grant (Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund). These were Third Line, from Five Sideroad to 15 Sideroad; Sixth Line from 22 Sideroad to Hwy. 7; Hume Court, from 10 Sideroad to the north limit; Fifth Line from 17 Sideroad to Lot 22, and Fifth Line from Bridlewood Blvd. to 32 Sideroad. Councillor Bryan

Lewis said the Third Line had been nominated for the Worst Roads in Ontario program.

The Town instead will apply for a COMRIF grant for the reconstruction of Main St. from Church St. to George St. in downtown Georgetown.

The Town expects to receive under the federal gas tax sharing plan, \$470,000 in 2005/06, \$470,000 for 2006/07 and \$626,000 for 2007/08. With Bonnette's recommendation there will still be another \$500,000 remaining to be spent on other Town road, bridge or tunnel projects—which is a condition of the money.

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Dana Patton of Ruffins Pet Centre plays with one of the store's kittens that are for sale. This kitten was similar in colouring to one of two that were stolen from the store in the past week. Photo by Ted Brown

Cat-napped!

Pet store owner upset at theft of two kittens

The owner of a Georgetown pet store is upset two kittens were stolen from her Guelph St. shop over the past week and hopes they will be returned.

Linda Patton of Ruffins Pet Centre on Guelph St. said one of the kittens—a three-month old white kitten with black tabby patches (one shaped like a saddle on his back), and a tabby tail—was taken last Thursday.

The other kitten, which looks

about 10-weeks old, was taken on Monday, said Patton. It was a black female with faint striping.

The kittens, which were running free in the store when they went missing, were for sale for \$125 each.

"It's very hurtful because they stole a live thing," said Patton. "Are they taking care of it?"

"They don't realize I've put money into them," she said.

She asks whoever took the kittens to return them to her store.

There will be no questions asked, and no repercussions.

"If somebody in your house has brought in one of these kittens that matches the description, perhaps you should ask them where they got it," said Patton.

Although she doesn't know who took the cats, and hasn't reported the thefts to Halton Police because she doesn't believe they would do anything, she said they have had problems at the store

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