

Revamped tree bylaw goes before regional council today

After two years of debate, and with the expiration date looming on the region's existing tree bylaw, an all-encompassing replacement is on its way to final approval.

Since June 2003, Halton's bylaw went through two drafts, several revisions, three public consultations and comprehensive reviews by local authorities before being given approval by the Region's planning and public works committee last Wednesday. It will go before full council today (Wednesday).

The new bylaw regulates tree removal in woodlands that contain anywhere from 125 trees and more or that are at least .5 hectares in size.

The bylaw was revamped in an effort to protect against wanton clear-cutting in the region and promote greater conservation of such resources. Between 1978 and 2001, Halton has lost 3,630 acres of woodlot.

The new bylaw states that permits are required for harvesting trees outside an urban area, cutting trees within urban areas and any mass clearing.

A plan has to be prepared by a professional forester in advance of the cutting, too, which could cost landowners anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000 depending on the size of the forest.

Where clear cutting an area is requested, applicants must apply to the region for a special permit and pay the \$500 fee at least 30 days before removing the trees. The request will be circulated to affected neighbours, staff will prepare a report and council will make the final decision on whether a permit will be granted.

Applicants have the option to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Infested trees, or trees that pose a danger to people or properties, are exempted. Agricultural land deemed by the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee (HAAC) to be operating as a proper farm are also exempt from the bylaw.

The financial penalties levied against those found guilty of contravening this bylaw are far heavier than its predecessor. The maximum fine for a first offence is now doubled to \$10,000, or \$1,000 per tree, whichever is greater. Subsequent convictions carry a \$25,000 maximum or \$2,500 per tree. Again, the larger amount prevails.

Corporations convicted could face up to \$50,000 in penalties and \$100,000 for any subsequent convictions.

Although the planning and public works committee has given the nod, with some additional detail requested, this bylaw isn't without its detractors.

"Clear cutting is the real issue," said Lieven Gevaert of the Milton Rural Residents' Association. "Please give farmers credit for what they have been doing all along for decades and not because an outside forester said it was good to do, but because its effective in the overall management of our farms."

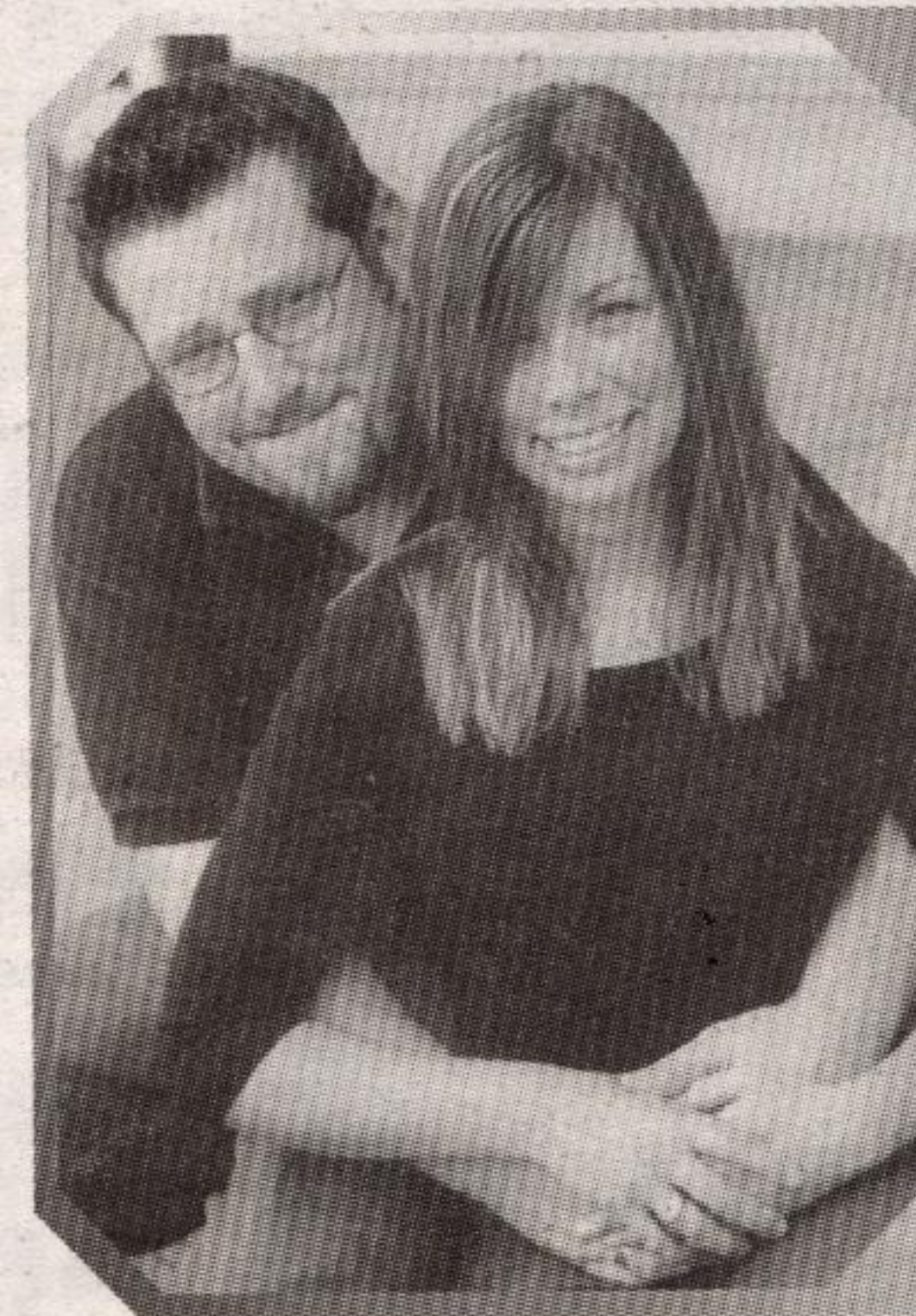
And according to James Fisher, a member of the HAAC, the committee is putting in place a disincentive to woodland growth.

"What landowner wants to increase their woodlands if they have to go back for permission to cut any of it in the future? You can't legislate to the nth degree and

expect us to co-operate."

Staff also recommended hiring a forester to oversee issuing permits, education programs that promote stewardship, good farming and normal forestry practices. But a decision on that recommendation won't be made until the next round of budget talks.

—By Melanie Cummings, special



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Notice of Completion of Environmental Study Report

Winston Churchill Boulevard (Regional Road 19) between Embleton Road/5 Side Road and Mayfield Road/River Drive Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Regional Municipality of Peel, in association with the Regional Municipality of Halton and the Town of Halton Hills, has identified the need to rehabilitate Winston Churchill Boulevard (Regional Road 19) between Embleton Road/5 Side Road and Mayfield Road/River Drive (refer to Key Plan below). Winston Churchill Boulevard is a boundary road separating the Region of Peel and the Region of Halton with shared jurisdiction between the Regions of Peel and Halton. The recommended rehabilitation plan includes the reconstruction of the 2-lane roadway with adequate shoulders and ditches. Intersection improvements (e.g., addition of left and right turn lanes) have been recommended at the major intersections, as well as a reconfiguration of the intersection with 10 Side Road. No change in the urban cross-section is proposed through the Village of Norval.

The study was conducted in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (June 2000) as a Schedule "C" undertaking. As part of the environmental assessment process, opportunities were made available to the affected and interested parties to provide input to the Class EA study. A Notice of Study Commencement inviting initial input was published in September 2003, a Community Workshop was held on Oct. 27, 2003, and subsequent Public Information Centres were held on Feb. 12, and Oct. 28, 2004.

By this notice, the Environmental Study Report (ESR) is being placed on the public record for a 30 calendar day review period (starting on Sept. 30, 2005 and ending on Oct. 31, 2005) in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA. The ESR will be available for public review starting Sept. 30, 2005 at the following locations.

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All issues or concerns may be brought to the attention of Binu Korah, Region of Peel or Chris Duyvestyn, Region of Halton (see below for contact information). If concerns arising during the prescribed Review Period cannot be resolved through discussion with the Region of Peel and Region of Halton, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act. This request (commonly referred to as a Part II Order) must be received within the above prescribed 30 calendar day review period by the Minister, at the address listed below. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Project Managers for the Region of Peel and Region of Halton. If no request is sent to the Minister of the Environment and received by Oct. 31, 2005, the Regions may proceed with design and construction of the project as outlined in the ESR.

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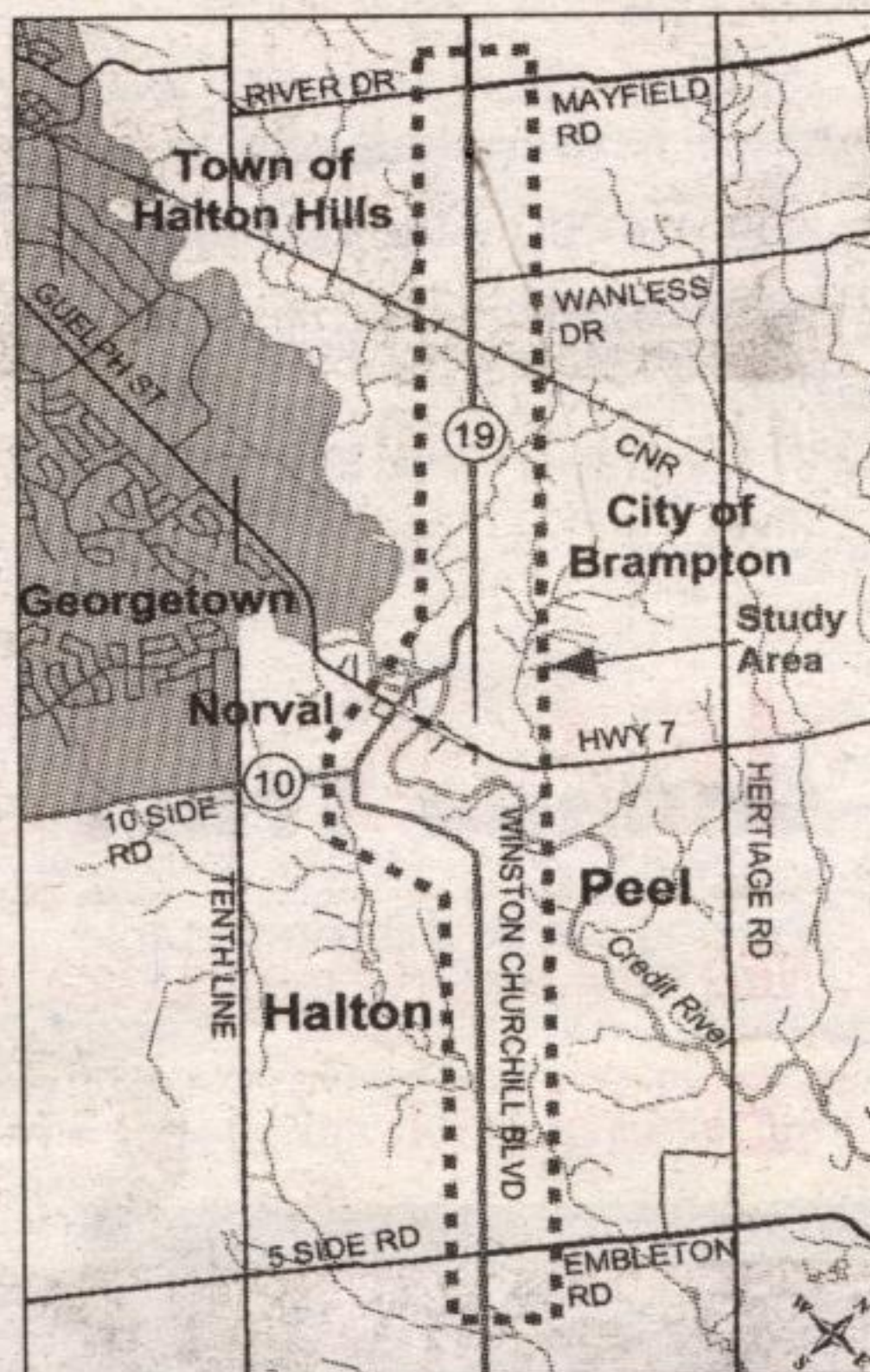
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