

Cost of new library will mean tax hikes for the next five years

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• The scenario would also require about \$650,000 in operating costs for a new library and for the alteration and maintenance of the Cultural Centre.

• Construction of a two-floor addition onto the Gellert would be begin in 2008, with occupancy in 2010. Alterations on the Cultural Centre would commence in 2010.

Councillor Bob Inglis, a library board member, said the plan was impressive.

"This is really putting into the forecast that 'we're serious (about funding a library)', and I'm really impressed that financing is also there for the existing building," said Inglis.

Director of Library Services Jane Diamanti said she is "very excited by the prospect of a new branch that will offer much needed space for collections, comfortable space for people to gather, read, and study, and sufficient and appropriate space for the delivery of children's programs. We are looking forward to a new branch that is functional, fully accessible, and welcoming to all members of our community."

Currently the Georgetown branch is about half the size it should be for the population now served. By 2011, the Georgetown branch service area population is projected to grow by another 6 per cent to 40,000. Without this new branch by 2010, library

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service to this community will be seriously compromised, said Diamanti.

While the board sees the financing plan for a 20,000 sq. ft. building as a significant step, in the long-term, a study has shown that the Georgetown branch needs to be 33,000 sq. ft. to meet the projected population of 2021.

In the next few months, the library board will be considering how best to utilize the smaller-sized building, and will develop a service delivery model based on number, size and location of branch or branches to present to council for approval.

Any resident who wishes to comment on a new library branch for Georgetown is invited to do so in person, via fax, 905-873-6118 or through the library's website at: www.library.hhpl.on.ca. Click on "Contact Us/Ask Us".

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Sought hike in aggregate licence fee Province shoots down town request

Rural councillor Bryan Lewis expressed disappointment that Ontario Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay has turned down a Town of Halton Hills request.

Last June, the Town endorsed a resolution calling for a review of the aggregate licence fee. Currently municipalities receive four cents per tonne removed by aggregate companies from their jurisdiction. The resolution asked that amount be upped to five cents.

In a letter to the Town, Ramsay said it's a longstanding government policy that a review would only occur once all significant parts of the province were designated under the Aggregate Resources Act.

"It's a long-winded 'no'," said Lewis.

In Halton Hills about \$150,000 annually goes into a reserve to help fix roads. It

costs about \$26,000 per kilometre to tar and chip a road, and in the millions of dollars to reconstruct one.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Only one nomination filed for fall election

The Town of Halton Hills has received one nomination so far for the November 13 municipal election.

Last Tuesday, Gillian Tuck Kutarna of Georgetown filed her nomination papers for the position of public school board trustee, which is currently held by Ethel Gardiner.

Candidates have been able to file their nominations for the upcoming election since January 1. Nominations close Sept. 29.



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