

WE THE PEOPLE....

Do solemnly swear that we oppose the Keswick Sutherland School proposal to locate in our country neighbourhood. There are over 100 of us. We are concerned that the added traffic (est. 300 cars per day, and in a concentrated period of time) will compromise our ability to safely use our hilly country road. Check out the nature of our road in this photo. This photo is 650 feet from the driveway of the proposed private school.

Just think. For the thrill of a few extra property tax dollars, our town gets the privilege of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade this road to safe standards. What a deal for the people of Halton Hills!

If you live in the country (anywhere)....if you enjoy wildlife....if you walk the Bruce Trail or use the Scotsdale Farm for family recreation, then **THIS IS YOUR ISSUE**, even if this is not in your neighbourhood. It is a matter of principle.

We respectfully request that our Regional Council support the views of 100 local people, who believe that the right to enjoy our countryside and drive on a safe road outweighs the right of a **FOR PROFIT BUSINESS** to make money at our expense.

Make your feelings known to your Regional Councillors www.halton.ca (go to council, then councillor contact to send your representative an email on this issue).

Lois Fraser
A Concerned Resident
905-877-4411 ext.253



Fund-raising dance set for Feb. 17 to aid former resident's infant son

The past few months have been difficult for former Georgetown resident Craig Moore and his wife Debbie as their nine-month-old son has battled one complication after another following heart surgery last November.

The couple's son, Jacob, underwent the surgery to repair a hole in his heart and tightened pulmonary valve at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. He was expected to only spend a couple of weeks in hospital, but that turned into more than 12 weeks as he struggled through setback after setback.

In an effort to help the couple cope with the costs associated with travel, accommodation and meals while visiting their son,



JACOB MOORE

who is still in hospital, friends and family are holding a fund-raising dance and silent auction Friday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., at Waterdown Legion Hall.

Tickets for the dance are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the door or by contacting Tracy Cary at 905-877-8704 or Angela Damaia at 905-667-1234. There will be a deejay, raffles, a silent auction, 50/50 draw, games and light buffet served at 11 p.m.

Damaia has also set up a special "Jacob's Fight" account at CIBC bank in Waterdown. Donations can be made to the account number 88-55935 and transit number 01762.

Acton residents oppose development

About a dozen Acton residents registered their opposition to a proposed Churchill Rd. S. housing development at a public meeting in the Halton Hills Civic Centre recently.

Acton East Housing Corporation (AEHC) wants to build 16 single detached homes on a parcel of land, between Churchill Rd. S. and the railway tracks. This represents phase three of the development of Acton east, south of Hwy. 7. The land is currently vacant brushland.

AEHC representative Bruce Donaldson noted while the lots will be narrow in width, each will have about a 150 ft. depth, bigger than previous lots built on Rachlin Dr. The homes will front onto Churchill Rd.

Jennifer Morris, of Rachlin Dr., was one of the residents who spoke against the proposal, citing a number of issues: lack of Town water, fire risk to homes from passing trains, impact on future Town budgets resulting from additional residents, lost view and lost trees.

Morris, who said she has begun circulating a petition opposing the development,

said the land should be zoned parkland.

The land is currently designated in the Official Plan for housing.

Other residents spoke about lower home values for existing new homes resulting from the proposed homes backing onto railway tracks, construction damage and increased traffic on Churchill Rd. S.

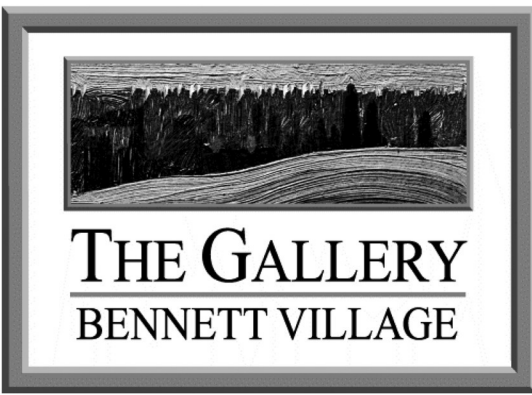
Town Director of Planning Bruce MacLean said the residents' concerns will be addressed in a planning report to be presented to council at a future date. He added the developer will be responsible for repairing Churchill Rd. if damaged during the construction.

The Town's Engineering and Recreation and Parks departments had no objection, pending the fulfillment of conditions. The Region of Halton reported the development is premature as there is no water capacity in Acton available for it.

The deadline for written comments to the Planning Department on the proposal is Friday, Feb. 24.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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If you feel overwhelmed, angry or frustrated as a parent, help is out there for you. Look in your area for support groups and services, or talk to a trusted friend, family member, pastor or doctor about what you can do to protect and support your child. If we all do our part to prevent child abuse, we'll get to the heart of the matter.

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