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All the right moves

Christ the King Secondary Schools held a Caribbean Cruise night recently in honour of Black History Month. Showing off some fancy high-stepping moves was John Barkie (right) a member of the group Chozen Fiyuh while dancer Nina Mazze (below) opted for a more serene performance.

Photos by Sabrina Byrnes



School opponents take fight to Region

Several area residents sent a loud and clear message to regional council members Wednesday—they are opposed to the application for a private school on the Eighth Line.

The current condition of the Eighth Line and how the increased traffic from the proposed Keswick Sutherland School will impact safety on that road was one of the main reasons for the opposition raised by the residents. How the development will affect their water supply was another top concern.

Approximately 45 people attended the public meeting on the amendment to the Region's Official Plan to permit the school, proposed for a 95.6 acre property on Eighth Line between 27 and 32 Sideroads. The school is to include an equestrian centre.

Eighth Line resident Lois Fraser, who lives across from the school, provided a traffic analysis based on research she had done, including contacting private schools, and estimated if the school is built there will be an additional 406 vehicle trips on the road each day—a 634 per cent increase, equivalent she said, to the amount of traffic generated from 68 additional homes. That was based on 20 per cent of the students being bused to school, which Fraser said was the norm at the private schools she contacted.

The applicants, however, had a different estimate.

In a letter to the Town of Halton Hills planning director Bruce MacLean

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