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An excavator brings down a wall at 52 Confederation Street in Glen Williams after the Town of Halton Hills ordered the demolition of the home (seen below at the turn of the 20th century) last Friday. The home's owner argued the Town had dealt unfairly with him and that he was intending to rebuild it.

Councillor Joan Robson countered that "the house was demolished after five years of broken promises from the owner."

Above photo by Ted Brown  
Bottom photo courtesy Gord Preston

## Homeowner irate after Town demolishes 'disgraceful eyesore'

There's nothing left but a vacant lot at 52 Confederation St. after the Town of Halton Hills demolished a home last Friday that area residents had been complaining about for years.

Owner of the home, Mert Veldhoen, is very upset the house, which is actually in his wife Frederica's name, was torn down and believes the Town dealt unfairly with them.

Veldhoen, who lives in Wasaga Beach, said their plan for the vacant home, was to tear down the rear part of the house and rebuild it.

He said the Town "had no clue what they wanted" and they provided all the necessary documentation required to get a building permit.

"Every time we did, something else came up. They weren't going to let me build, they should have told me that," said Veldhoen.

"That house was demolished after five years of broken promises from the owner," said Halton Hills Councillor Joan Robson, who stressed the home didn't comply with the building code.

She said over the past several years she and the Town have received numerous complaints from area residents and the Glen Williams Community Association upset with the condition of the home. One resident referred to it as a "disgraceful eyesore."

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