

As part of anti-bullying initiative CtK students go pink for a day

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Motivational speaker Keith Hawkins connected with students at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School during his recent appearance as part of Ontario's Safe School campaign against bullying.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

who were struggling in some part of their lives and hadn't told anyone about it to stand up, and several of the teens did rise out of their seats.

"We don't come to school and talk about this because if we talked about this, it would be something that really matters in life," he added. "In most schools in Canada and North America, they usually talk about things that don't matter, because people will accept that. Let's start to talk about things that do (matter)."

Grade 12 CtK student Jozo Markic was impressed with the presentation and the theme of the day.

"I was surprised so many people stood up when (Hawkins) asked them, but it was a good thing," said Markic. "If a teacher just came out and asked that question in class, nobody would say anything."

"Bullying might be an issue in Grades 9 and 10, but for the Grade 11 and 12s, most people respect each other here, so it's a different situation, but everything (Hawkins) said is true," said Markic.

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The entire student body at Christ the King Catholic High School in Georgetown was awash in pink t-shirts for one day recently to support anti-bullying initiatives at the school.

Part of the province-wide Safe at School campaign, the 1,500 students listened to guest speakers and all signed anti-bullying contracts to back up their pink-shirted commitment. The idea came from some students in Nova Scotia, who wanted to make a statement after a Grade 9 student was threatened for wearing a pink shirt on his first day of school this past September, and numerous schools across the country have followed the trend.

As well, one of North America's top student leadership trainers and high school motivational speakers, California native Keith Hawkins, addressed students in two separate assemblies.

Sometimes humorous, other times coldly blunt about the challenges facing teens today, Hawkins grew up in a harsh single-parent environment and was homeless for his Grade 7 year, finding refuge by sleeping at his school. He spoke about the nature of bullying and self-confidence, while also asking youths to disclose any problems they may be having to family, friends or school staff.

Hawkins' early high school days were spent as a troublemaker who didn't care about his education, tormenting some schoolmates and teachers.

"My basketball coach told me that teachers were not my enemy, FEAR is the enemy—False Evidence Appearing Real," Hawkins explained to a captivated audience. "I used to come up with evidence about teachers, and all my friends would laugh about it. I would come up with evidence about people with different skin colour, different culture, different language, and all my friends actually believed it."

As well as conducting a Simon Says exercise with the students to illustrate how most people will follow the actions of another before they'll listen, Hawkins at one point asked the students



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

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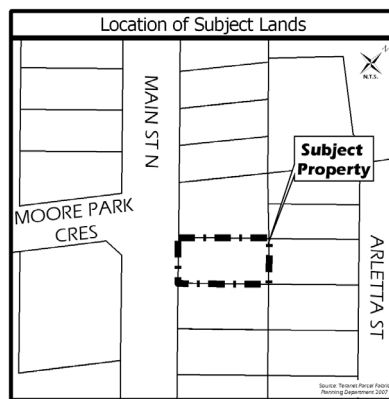
Concerning Applications to Amend the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 57-91

For lands legally described as Lot 35, Registered Plan 59 Municipally known as 79 Main Street North (GEORGETOWN)

Town of Halton Hills File: D09OPA07.002 & D14ZBA07.010 – Lucy Quaglia

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed application to amend the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 57-91, as amended. The proposed application applies to the lands legally described as Lot 25, Registered Plan 59. The subject site is located at 79 Main Street North (GEORGETOWN).

Below is a map showing the location of the subject property to which the proposed application would apply.



The purpose and effect of the proposed application is to add business/professional offices as permitted use in addition to existing permitted uses.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of this proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

NOTES:

1. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.
2. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.
3. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.
4. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.
5. Any written comment/objection submitted to the Town of Halton Hills regarding this application(s) which is being processed under the Planning Act 1990, may be made public as part of the application process.

Further information is available in the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2, or contact the Planner assigned to the file, Mark H. Kluge, at 905-873-2601 ext. 2299. A copy of the related Staff Report will be available on **Friday May 2, 2008** on the Town's website.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

1 Halton Hills Dr., Halton Hills ON L7G 5G2
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DATE/TIME: Monday May 5, 2008 @ 7:30PM
LOCATION: Council Chambers – Civic Centre
FILE NOS: D09OPA07.002 & D14ZBA07.010 45

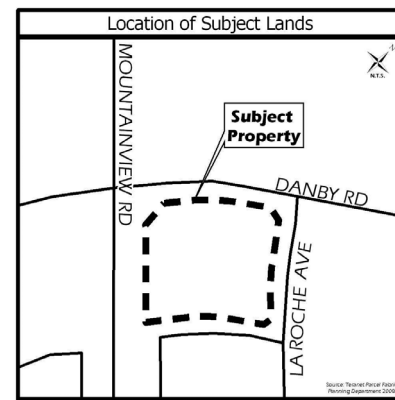
WARD 4

Concerning a Common Element Condominium Application and a Related Part Lot Control Application For lands located at Blocks 108, 109 & 110, 20M-944 Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown)

Town of Halton Hills Files: D07CDM08.001 and D25PLC08.003 Remington Homes (Georgetown) Inc.

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed Common Element Condominium and a related Part Lot Control application. The proposed applications apply to the property legally known as Blocks 108, 109 & 110, 20M-944, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

Below is a map showing the location of the subject property to which the applications apply.



The purpose and effect of the applications are to facilitate the establishment of a common element condominium with a private lane. A 19-unit townhouse development has been approved and is currently being constructed on the property.

The subject property is designated Medium Density Residential under the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and is zoned Fourth Density Residential Special (R4-2) under Zoning By-law 57-91.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed plan of condominium before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of condominium, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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NOTE: Any written comments/objections submitted to the Town of Halton Hills regarding this Application(s) which is being processed under the Planning Act 1990, may be made public as part of the application process.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of this proposed Common Element Condominium application, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

Further information is available in the Planning & Development Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2, or contact the Planner assigned to the file, Mark H. Kluge, at 905-873-2601, ext. 2299. A copy of the related Staff Report will be available on **Friday May 2, 2007** on the Town's website.

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