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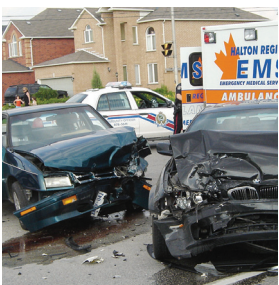
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FRIDAY...

Despite complaints from neighbours, a ruling allows events to continue at Halton Place this summer. See story in Friday's edition.

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Pint-Sized Patriots

Twin six-year-old brothers James (left) and Robert Parker, from Georgetown show their colours at the Canada Day celebrations in Glen Williams yesterday afternoon (Tuesday). For more Canada Day photos see Friday's edition of The Independent & Free Press.

Photo by Calvin Dyke

Town sees chance to build library next year

CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

Financial decisions will be made in August that could see the planned renovation and expansion of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre and Library finally get to the construction stage next year.

In an update presented to Halton Hills council at a June meeting, Town Treasurer Ed DeSousa suggested that the picture is coming clearer on the town's water woes, which is stalling residential growth. Additional homes bring revenues to the Town that allows the building of municipal facilities like new libraries.

What's changed?

According to DeSousa's update there is a potential this fall for the release of 500 SDEs (single detached home equivalent) units of water for new homes. After Halton Region upgrades the sewage and water treatment plants by 2010-2011, another 1,200 SDEs could be released. A further 700 SDEs is dependent on whether another well to service Georgetown is found (a search is currently underway).

Under the latest scenario, which will be firmed up for the August 11 budget meeting, \$12.5 million will be spent: \$10.6 million on the Georgetown branch library renovation and expansion and \$1.9 million on the Cultural Centre's (John Elliott Theatre and Gallery) alterations. LEED certification of the project would mean at least another \$400,000.

"This is still our next big project; council is committed to it. The public should still be anticipating we're going to be doing it as soon as we confirmed all of our finances," said

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