

# Town okays OP changes to allow 184-home subdivision

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Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments were approved to allow a 184-home subdivision on McFarlane Dr. at Guelph St., at a Halton Hills council meeting recently.

Menkes Georgetown Estates plans to build 104 single-detached homes on 30 and 40 ft. lots, 80 on-street townhouses, plus a park on 24 acres of tablelands at the northeast corner of Hwy 7 and McFarlane Dr. The property was severed from the Upper Canada College (UCC) lands.

Building cannot go ahead until some conditions are met including receiving a water allocation from Halton Region and sharing in the cost of installing traffic

lights on Guelph St. at McFarlane Dr./Hall Rd.

A report on a Plan of Subdivision will be presented to council at a future date when a water servicing allocation becomes available.

Under questioning by Ward 4 Councillor Bob Inglis, Planning Director Bruce MacLean said the planned subdivi-



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sion would not set a precedent for the remaining UCC lands.

"No it does not," said MacLean. "The remaining lands have environmental sensitivity, and from my perspective we would not anticipate the remainder of the lands to be developed."

MacLean added there will be at least two more opportunities for the public to express comments about the proposal at subdivision plan report stage and site plan stage. Residents who have already listed their names to be notified will be sent letters at these stages. Already close to 90 letters have been sent to the Town's Planning Department on this project.

The Town's report, PD-2008-0027, on this project is available on its website, [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca)



Kathy Levere of the Clerk's Department of the Town of Halton Hills displays the new dog tags being issued, with the Town's logo on one side and the number on the opposite side. The Town has someone manning the Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services kiosk in Georgetown Market Place to re-issue the replacement tags. A Town staffer will be at that location every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in July, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Photo by Ted Brown*

## Fido to get new look

Local canines will have a new fashion look- the Town of Halton Hills has changed its dog tag design.

The change was made in response to veterinarians' comments that the Town heart-shaped tag too closely resembled a rabies tag, and did not have the Town's canine services phone number on it. Often, they say, persons finding stray dogs would see the vet's name on the rabies tag and drop the dogs off there.

The new silver, circle-shaped tag will have the Town's logo on the front with the identification number and the 24/7 Emergency Canine Services phone number on the back.

As well, in response to seniors' complaints that the S-clip to fasten the tag to the dog's collar is difficult, the new tag can be easily snapped onto the collar.

The licence costs \$25 for one year; \$40 for two years or \$60 for three years.

Licensing staff will launch the sale of the new tags at the Georgetown Market Place kiosk this month and at Town community centres.

For details call 905-873-2601, ext. 2346.

## Busing issues responsible for school start and end times

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The superintendent said that in almost all cases the school transportation consortia Halton Student Transportation Services, comprised of the Halton public and Catholic boards and the area two French-language boards, establishes bell times based on its school bus routes.

Each year in May consortia representatives meet to review student enrolment projections, school boundary changes and new school openings in order to develop bus schedules and route information for parents and bus operators Attridge, Stock, Tyler and First Student (formerly Laidlaw).

For 2008-09, the Halton public board had to consider the impact of decreased walk-to distances for senior elementary students (from 3.2 to 1.6 kilometres), which made more students eligible for busing, plus the elimination of transportation exemptions approved earlier last year. Parfeniuk said that as a result of transportation changes the board will need about 30 more school buses for 2008-09, at an additional cost of about \$1.2 million.

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