



Visitors to downtown Georgetown will notice the plant life missing from the medians and sidewalk planters for about another week. Roughly half the plants that were put in by the contractor responsible for last year's makeover project didn't survive because clay soil was used. According to a Town official the contractor is replacing the soil and plants at no cost to the Town.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

## Downtown gets another makeover after use of wrong soil kills plants

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It's been a bit of a flashback to last summer's makeover project in downtown Georgetown over the past few days as the median and sidewalk planters on that stretch of Main St. were dug up and plants removed.

Gord Troughton, the Town of Halton Hills Manager of Design and Construction, said the Town had to make a claim on the warranty of the work done there by Aecon Construction last year after about 50 per cent of the bushes and plants put in by the company didn't survive.

The Town determined the problem was the mostly clay soil that was put in the planters so it had to call the contractor back to replace the soil and plants, at no expense to the Town.

The company has removed the soil, replaced it with topsoil, and the Town is awaiting testing to ensure it's the right material for the plants to thrive in.

Troughton said if the test results are favourable, the hope is to have the plantings replaced and the project completed by next week.

The cost for the re-do to the contractor is about \$25,000, Troughton estimates.

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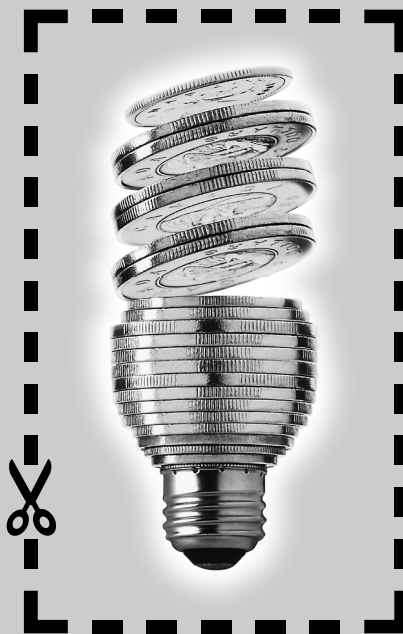
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