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the hospital beds, classroom desks, fire halls, recreation centres and roads to handle the growth.

Bonnette said Halton's four municipalities already need \$300-million worth of infrastructure work to deal with existing growth and cautions there is a development bull's eye on Halton Hills.

He said the proposed population in Halton's

Official Plans is approximately 690,000 by 2021, and that means, according to the province, there will be 150,000 people to deal with.

"Make no mistake about it – the bull's eye is on us – I don't want to panic, but the bull's eye is on Halton Hills for growth," Bonnette said.

"I think we will be bankrupt if we have to deal with the growth they want us to take, without any help from the province, and existing taxpayers will be paying the freight," Bonnette said, hopeful a united approach will convince Queen's Park to reconsider its plans, especially since there will be an October provincial election.

"What are they going

to do? Ignore this and get beat in all the 905 area code," Bonnette said, adding municipalities in York and Durham may join the movement.

At Council, Bonnette urged his colleagues to support the motion – they did unanimously and said it was time to push back with a strong message.

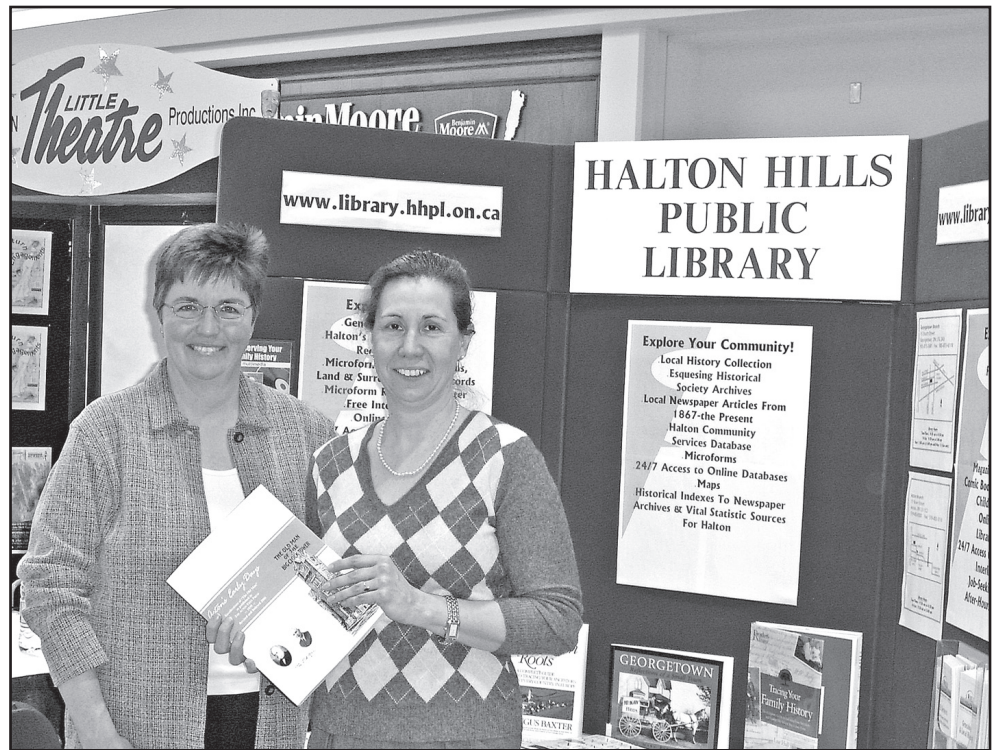
The resolution calls for immediate changes to the Development Charges Act to allow municipalities to recover the full cost of growth-related infrastructure, immediate changes to the GTA pooling, cost sharing

requirements for Halton taxpayers who pay for

Toronto social service costs and municipal infrastructure funding to accommodate growth and provincial capital requirements to deal with existing deficiencies in schools, hospitals highways and courts.

Milton council is expected to call a special meeting to deal with the resolution, and Burlington will also debate the issue.

Halton council deals with the resolution on March 7.



**BOOK BOOSTERS:** An historical book about Acton caught the eye of Acton library supervisor Marie Vickery (right) and Georgetown library assistant Alison Crawley on Saturday as they manned the library's booth in the Community Open House at the Georgetown mall. – Frances Niblock photo

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ways in the area.

The company returned her \$350 deposit and cancelled her contract – in a phone message – and said the \$1,500 payment covered grading work done on

the property.

After not getting any response from City Wide, Davey contacted the Better Business Bureau which opened a file and is attempting to find out what happened to Davey's money.

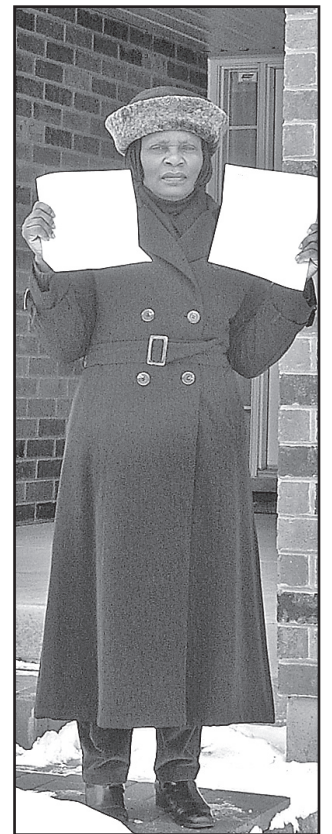
"City Wide told the Better Business Bureau that the \$1,500 is not refundable, and the Bureau wants to know if that's okay with me. I told them I would take this all the way to the Supreme Court because it is not okay for them to take money and not do the work," Davey said.

"I don't know why they didn't do the work but it is not fair that they keep my money," Davey said.

Along with calls to local media to publicize her plight, last week Davie contacted consumer ombudsman Dale Goldhawk.

"I sent him all of my paperwork and maybe he can have more luck than I have. I am not going to give up," Davey said.

City Wide Paving did not respond to numerous requests for comment.



**FRUSTRATED & ANGRY:** Acton's Avinell Davey shows some of the paperwork she's collected in her attempts to have a paving firm refund \$1,500 for work she claims it did not do at her Tanners Drive home. – Frances Niblock photo


  
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