

Hornby residents worried about corridor development

Several Hornby area residents turned up at the Halton Hills Civic Centre recently for a public meeting on the town's plans to intensify industrial development in the Steeles Avenue-Hwy. 401 corridor.

Halton Hills needs to make zoning and official plan amendments in the corridor — located south of Steeles Ave. to Hwy. 401 between Winston Churchill Blvd. and the James Snow Parkway — to allow for industry on urban services, which are expected there after 1998. Types of industry the changes would permit include manufacturing, telecommunications and industrial malls.

Among the concerns raised by the residents about the town's plans were increased traffic, particularly trucks, on Steeles Ave.

Area resident Robert Gracey called the traffic on Steeles "overwhelming." He suggested a service road along Hwy. 401 to alleviate the problems.

Hornby resident James Snow said Steeles Ave. would have to be a five-lane road with continuous turning lanes to accommodate the industry. He added he didn't want to see one stoplight after another on Steeles between Hornby and Milton.

Mark Fedoriv of Hornby called for an interior road

to be developed in the industrial area. He stressed the traffic on Steeles Ave. is much greater than it was when the Hwy. 401 industrial corridor study was done in 1994 and a new traffic study should be done.

Randy Howden of Hornby also complained about the truck problems on Steeles Ave. and stressed Hornby Park should be left as it is.

"You also plan to encroach on Hornby Park -- which I don't believe you have any right to -- because it was given to the people of Hornby," said Mr. Howden.

Mr. Howden also mentioned that he understood the Cashway building in the corridor near Milton had been built without a permit. Town staff confirmed construction on the building had started without a permit, the building company had been charged and a stop-work order had been issued.

"I am outraged to hear that another major project is underway on Steeles Ave. without a building permit," said Mr. Snow. Mr. Snow said he is beginning to understand this is just common policy in Halton Hills.

Halton Hills' deputy planning director, Karen Pianosi, said she will report back to municipal council on the public meeting early in the new term.



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Welcome to my home

Gerri Faggion (foreground) and designer Beverly Grant greeted visitors to Ms Faggion's Mill Street home as a steady stream of people visited area houses during the recent United Way fundraising tour of some of Milton's most attractive properties.

New poster underscores drunk driving's grim toll

By HOWARD MOZEL

Special to The Champion

A grim ad campaign is being used to illustrate an equally grim reality — the death toll of drinking and driving.

A new poster bears the slogan: "Drinking and Driving - It's Been Done to Death." Between sentences on the grim black backdrop is a skull.

It was unveiled last week during the official kick-off of the 1997 Red Ribbon Campaign sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada. Everyone from Halton Regional Police Chief Peter Campbell to representatives of MADD Halton was blunt about the toll exacted by impaired driving.

Considering the stakes, says MADD Canada, more such initiatives are vital: 4.5 Canadians die every day and another 300 injured as a result of impaired driving. It's

no surprise, then, that Chief Campbell characterized MADD's work and the police's efforts as a "war."

"It is important to help people help themselves to be preventive," said Halton Regional Police Services Board vice-chair Tony Gabriel.

At the event MADD Halton president Stephanie Dooley officially donated a new \$12,000 Intoxilizer breath testing instrument to Halton Regional Police — the second such device donated in as many years.

MADD Halton purchased the equipment entirely through the proceeds of last year's Red Ribbon Campaign and various fundraisers.

According to police, the Intoxilizer is not more accurate than a Breathalyzer but it is faster.

Its computerized components also allow no room for reader error.

Cops need musical talent

The Halton Regional Police Chorus is looking for an accompanist.

The chorus provides entertainment at numerous police and community events.

"We are currently seeking an accompanist to join us in continuing our communi-

ty work while at the same time promoting the image of the Halton Regional Police Service," said Sgt. Frank Phillips.

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