



# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Have your say on water

The following is an open letter to residents on town water.

Dear Editor:

Do you realize that you will be soon drinking Lake Ontario water if Halton Region has its way?

Everyone we have spoken to has no idea that this is about to happen. We have always been under the impression that the new development would have a segregated water supply. This is not the case. Instead, we will be forced to drink what the Region calls "blended" water: a combination of our existing water, and water from Lake Ontario.

Milton will begin expanding rapidly soon. About 20,000 new houses will be built in three stages. The Region's plan calls for Lake Ontario water to be added to the Milton reservoir and then piped to existing homes as well as the new ones.

The quality of our local water was never an issue until the introduction of chlorine. Now there is a much larger issue: do you or do you not want to drink water from Lake Ontario?

The Great Lakes continue to be cancer hot spots. It is well known that it is due to the PCBs contaminating the sediment on the lake bottoms. Pollution levels in the lakes are improving, but it will take many hundreds of years before they are clean once again.

How can Milton residents deal with this issue? It's simple — urge government to keep the water supplies separate (i.e. all new development would drink Lake Ontario water while current residents would continue to drink town water). A new reservoir would have to be built.

According to the Region, the developers, under Ontario law, would not have to pay for this new reservoir. Therefore, the cost of a new reservoir would be the responsibility of we, the current Milton residents. So the real issue is cost.

The Region claims a new reservoir is the only way to maintain segregated water. Stage one of the three-step plan will consist of 6,200 new homes and 700 acres of industrial development. Why is there no way of amortizing the cost of a new reservoir when one considers the size of this development? A new reservoir will be required for the second stage of the development, anyway.

It appears there are actually

three courses of action open to us:

1. Drink Lake Ontario water (i.e. 'blended' water)
2. Segregate the system by building a new reservoir. The Region estimates this would double our water bills for the next ten years — on average, an additional \$300 per household for 10 years.
3. Have Regional staff revamp their current proposal so that the developers bear the

cost of a new reservoir.

The only way to have this issue reopened by the Region is to show that it is of concern to the residents of Milton. Rather than attempting to have the Region hold a formal referendum (which would be costly, time consuming and unbinding), we would like to gauge public opinion by having you circle one of the three alternatives above, fill in your name, address and phone number

below and tear out this letter and mail to: Water Supply, Box 2303, The Canadian Champion, 191 Main St. E., Milton, Ont., L9T 4N9.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Signed:

Mel Cutler  
Milton



## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

### Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the Official Plan for the Region of Halton

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, is holding a Public Meeting to provide interested individuals an opportunity to comment on proposed Halton Region Official Plan Amendment No. 5:

Date: **Wednesday, January 13, 1999**

Time: **9:00 A.M.**

Place: **Halton Room  
Halton Regional Centre  
1151 Bronte Road  
Oakville ON L6M 3L1**

To Get More Information: Proposed Amendment No. 5 may be viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. weekdays, or a copy may be obtained by calling Ruth Victor, Ext. 7183, at one of the numbers below. Those wishing to address the Committee are requested to telephone the Regional Clerk, Joan Eaglesham, at Ext. 7237, prior to Thursday, January 7, 1999, 4:30 P.M.

Purpose Of Amendment: The purpose is to permit a church on a 6 acre site, existing cultural and outdoor recreational facilities on a site of 47 acres. On the remaining lands agricultural uses are permitted. The amendment will also recognize the existing water service connection. The site area subject of this amendment is located west of Winston Churchill Blvd. north of No. 5 Side Road. The property is legally described as Part of Lots 6 and 7, Concession 11, Town of Halton Hills.

Note: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk at the above address. If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Regional Municipality of Halton in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to the Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

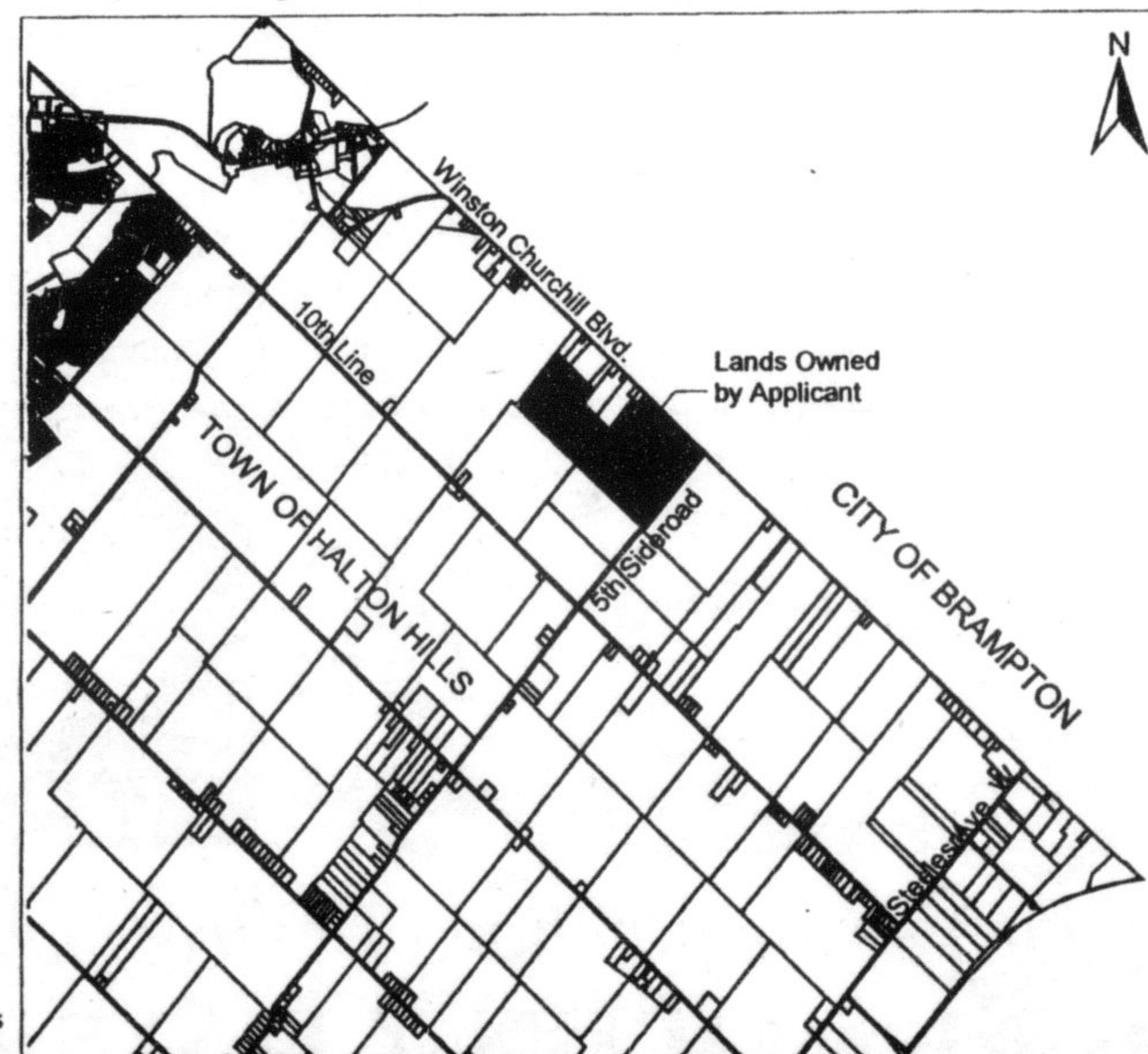
Related Applications: Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-Law Amendment File.

To phone the Region of Halton from:

Aldershot	(905) 639-4540
Acton	(519) 853-0501
Georgetown	(905) 878-8113
Burlington, Oakville, Milton	(905) 825-6161

Legislated Notice has been provided to those neighbours affected by the proposal, as required under the Planning Act. This is provided for any other interested parties.

Site Location



### IMPORTANT AUCTION SALES NOTICE

SAT., DEC. 26 (BOXING DAY) AT 10:30 AM

Our Annual Boxing Day Antique Sale

Featuring: Pine Ref. corner cupboard; Cranberry hanging hall lamp; Moorecraft pcs.; oil lamps; Bateman prints; Clocks; pottery; Treenware; Toys & Collectibles; Quilts; Primitives & Furniture. Preview & Registration will start at 9:00 am for this sale.

NEW YEAR'S DAY JAN. 1 '99 AT 11:00 AM

For Barb & Gordon Rank

The Rank's 17th Annual New Year's Day Sale of Quality Antiques. A sale that everyone looks forward to. Preview 9:30 am

Both sales to be held in the Agricultural Hall on Robert St., Milton Fairgrounds, Milton, Ont. AUCTIONEER DON COLLING (905) 877-0117



## MILTON MINOR HOCKEY SCHEDULE

### HOUSE LEAGUE DIVISION

Senior Dec. 28/98

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Gus Mowbray Heating vs. Ross Dixon Financial	Tonelli Arena
8:40 pm - 9:40 pm	Avanti Auto vs. Culligan	Tonelli Arena
9:50 pm - 10:50 pm	GoodLife Fitness vs Kentucky Fried Chicken	Tonelli Arena



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