

New planning head

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 when you have an acting commissioner," said Mr. Marshall. "Now we can move forward in an aggressive manner."

Mr. Murphy's appointment unleashed a shower of congratulations from regional council and staff.

"Pat has been an incredible employee of this region for years," said Halton Chair Joyce Savoline. "He works in a very strong but quiet way. He's a brilliant negotiator."

Mr. Murphy is a 10-year veteran of Halton's planning department. He came after stints at Oakville, Markham and Toronto.

Lots of work

"Needless to say, I'm absolutely delighted," he said after running a gauntlet of well-wishers. "There's a lot of work to be done in the next few months."

With Halton poised on the verge of a population boom, there promises to be an avalanche of work for the planning department, said Mr. Murphy.

"We'll be servicing about 200,000 new Halton residents," he said. "That really sets us up for the next 20 years."

At the top of his priority list is developing the industrial lands in Milton and Halton Hills, and moving ahead on the renovations of the Skyway sewage treatment plant in Burlington.

The downloading of Hwy. 5 and Hwy. 25 are also on Mr. Murphy's to-do list.

"We'll be looking at ways to improve them, especially Hwy. 5, which needs a lot of work," he said.

That's not including the work that is already in progress, such as the cast iron water main program, involving about \$2 billion worth of infrastructure, he said.

The easy relationship between regional

staff and the four area municipalities will likely help make his job simpler, said Mr. Murphy.

They can talk

"The relationships between municipalities in other regions are nothing like they are here," he said. "In some other regions they are barely speaking to each other."

"Here, we obviously have differences, but we can talk about them."



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Key donation

Robert Baldwin School's Sarah Armes (left) and Kelsey Wimmer operate one of four computers recently donated to the school by Nortel of Milton. The firm also outfitted them with a laser printer.

Advertorial

Bill's Auto Body Celebrates 50 Years In Business

Ries Boers who has owned Bill's Auto Body Shop since 1987 appreciates being named Best Auto Body Shop in the recent Milton's Choice Awards, but more importantly, he appreciates his customers.

"Being involved in a car accident is traumatic enough," Boers says. "My customers don't need the added stress of wondering if the repairs will be done quickly and done well. After all my years in the business, I've learned that looking after my customers the way I'd like to be taken care of, is the most important part of the job."

Bill's Auto Body is celebrating its 50th year in business in Milton this year and Boers' involvement in the business dates back to the early 1960's when he apprenticed with the company. Twenty-five years later, he bought the business and along the way has made it a steady success, with good workmanship, good service and state-of-the-art equipment.

Computers have streamlined his business in many ways. Computerized paint matching allows Boers to scan the colour on the car. The computer then interprets the scan, selects the colour match and provides the paint formula. Bill's Auto Body also uses a digital camera to provide visual records of damage direct to insurance companies.

Boers says last month's heavy snowstorms really boosted his business for an intensified few weeks. He adds that people manage to get into accidents just as easily on a warm sunny day when they daydream or when they do routine everyday driving, like backing out of their driveway.

"Driving should never be taken for granted," Boers advises. "But when your car is damaged, make sure the auto body shop you choose doesn't take you and your business for granted either."

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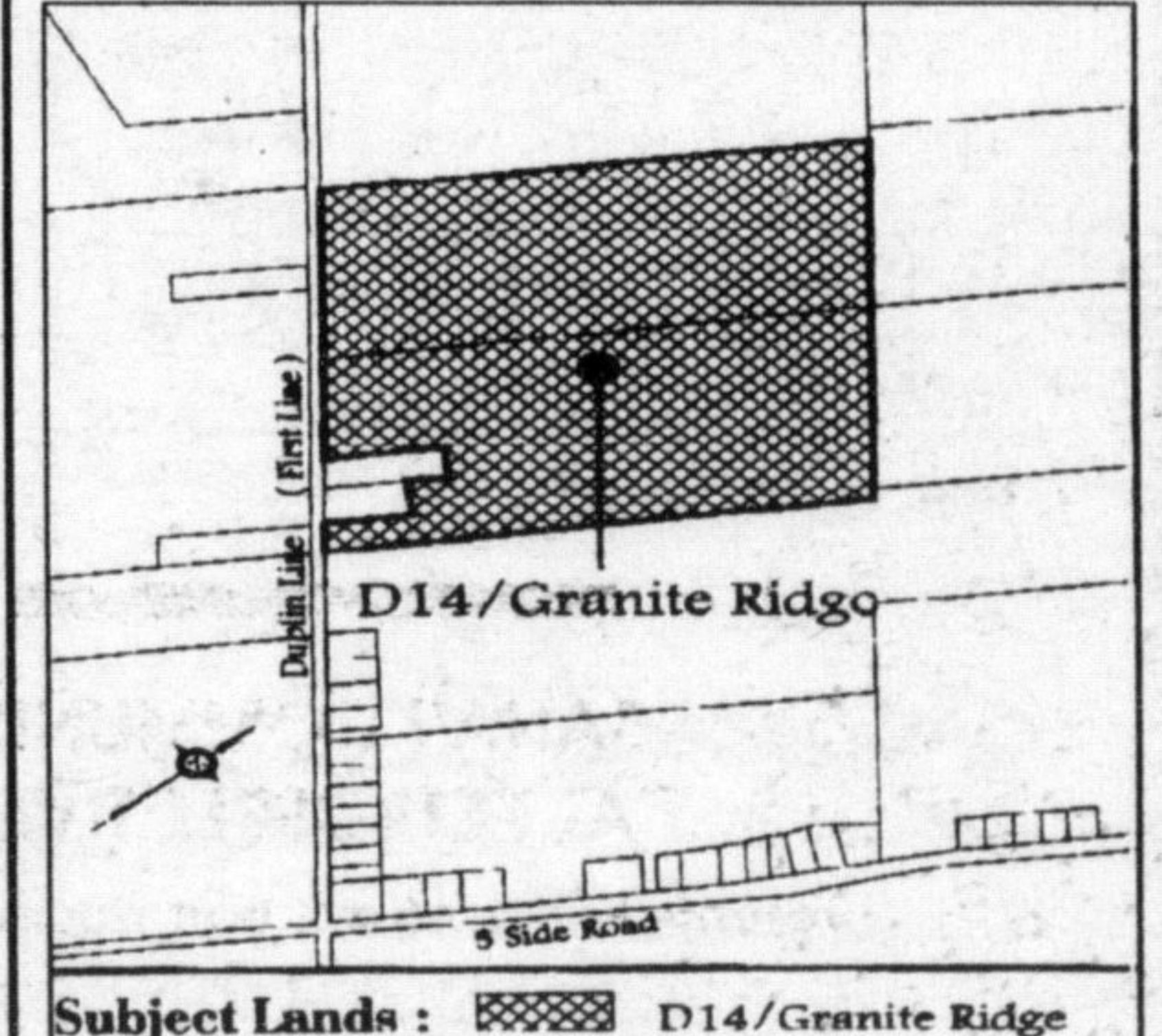
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2 / DUBLIN LINE

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51, as amended. The application proposes to allow the expansion of an existing golf course, incorporating an additional eighteen (18) holes on lands to the south of the existing golf course.

The subject property is located on the east side of Dublin Line, north of 5 Side Road (Campbellville Road).

The public is invited to attend the meeting to ask questions and provide comments. If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or written submissions, to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information is available by contacting the Planning Department.



ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Date/Time: Monday, March 22, 1999, 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Council Chambers
 File No: D14/Granite Ridge 34

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