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The Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund is creeping toward its \$25,000 target thanks to donors such as Milton Limestone's Debbie Charlton (left). The company recently raised \$2,018 for the Christmas fund, run by The Champion's Sheena Cameron (second from left). A cheque for an identical amount was also passed to Linda Willis of Halton's Women's Place (second from right) from Milton Limestone's Carol Lonesberry (right). The Christmas fund is now at \$10,858. The Salvation Army campaign aims to ensure all local families have a nice Christmas, complete with dinner and toys for the children. To donate cash, food or new, unwrapped toys, drop by The Champion office at 191 Main St. E., or send a cheque payable to the Christmas Bureau Fund care of The Canadian Champion, Box 248, Milton, Ont., L9T 4N9.

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REGION OF HALTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Golf Course Amendment #15 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 #15.

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2001
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Halton Room
 Halton Regional Centre
 1151 Bronte Road
 Oakville, ON L6M 3L1

To Obtain More Information: Proposed Amendment #15 can 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 contacting Helma Geerts by phone at ext. 7209 at one of the numbers below or by email at geertsh@halton.region.on.ca. Those wishing to address the Planning and Public Works Committee at the Public Meeting are requested to telephone the Deputy Clerk, Susan Lathan at ext. 7254, prior to Wednesday January 3, 2001.

Purpose of the Amendment: Proposed Amendment #15 is intended to direct recreational uses, including golf courses, to Halton's non-prime agricultural area and to sites with redevelopment potential such as closed landfill sites and depleted quarries provided that environmental, agricultural, and transportation issues are addressed. To strengthen current agricultural policies, the rural area to the south and east of the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area is proposed to be identified in the Halton Regional Official Plan as "Prime Agricultural Area". The permitted land uses in this area will not change as a result of the Amendment. The only change will be the removal of the policy stating that recreation uses including golf courses will be considered only by site-specific amendment to the Regional Official Plan. Regional policies on recreation uses like golf courses in the Escarpment Rural Area are the same as Niagara Escarpment Plan policies, with the exception of all Escarpment Rural Areas below the Escarpment Brow which will be considered the same as Prime Agricultural Areas. The proposed amendment also commits the Region to work with the golf industry and public agencies to 1) identify areas with golf course development potential, and 2) develop and promote Best Management Practices for the design, construction, and operation of new and existing golf courses in Halton Region.

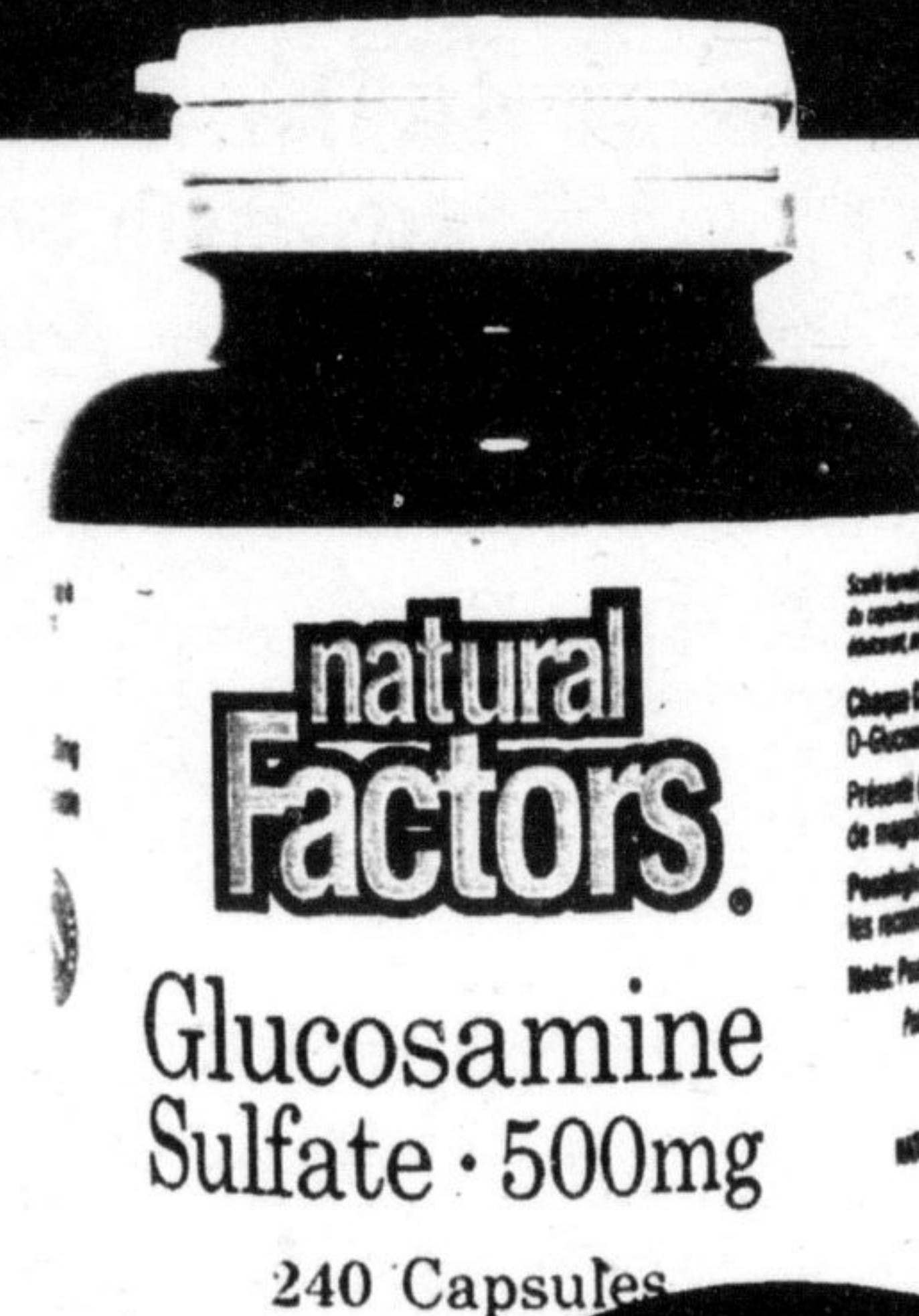
Note: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Deputy Clerk at the address printed above for the Halton Regional Centre. If a person or agency filing an appeal of the proposed Official Plan Amendment does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions 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.

Local inquiries may be made to the following numbers:

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