Committee to create housing strategy

The Region is forming a steering committee to help create a comprehensive housing strategy for Halton -- a document that will detail regional council's vision for housing and its priorities for this council term.

Last week, council approved the terms of reference for the committee, which outlines its mandate, goal, scope, purpose, composition and term.

work plan, co-ordinate the development of the housing strategy and present the final version to committee and council for approval.

Communication is critical, said a report from Commissioner of Social and Community Services Adelina Urbanski. "The community at large, as well as interested stakeholders, must be consulted with and provided the opportuni-The committee will develop a ty to give feedback at key mile- done by next fall.

stones in the process."

Burlington and Regional Councillor Rick Craven and Oakville and Regional Councillor Mike Lansdown were appointed to the committee as representatives of the health and social services committee. A member of the Halton Housing Advisory Committee and regional staff will make up the rest of the group.

The strategy's expected to be

Fourth Line closure planned

The Town and Region have proposed closing Fourth Line from Derry Road to just south of Main Street East starting Tuesday for construction and to mitigate the high number of car crashes in the area.

"This closure is being completed ahead of the scheduled widening of Derry Road as a result of the number of motor vehicle collisions that are occurring at the intersection of Derry Road and Fourth Line, which is a result of high traffic volumes and speeds along Derry Road, as well as driver inattentiveness," a report from Town Engineering Services Director Paul Cripps

The closure is also necessary to complete road work for the future extension of James Snow Parkway, the report noted.

Those that live in the residential area north of Derry Road, abutting Fourth Line, are being directed to use the signalized intersections at Trudeau Drive or James Snow Parkway to access the subdivision.

A detour route to Thompson Road will be set up for Fourth Line through traffic.

A bylaw to authorize closing the road will come before Milton council Monday.

Those wishing to speak to the issue at the meeting should notify the clerk's department in writing.

New clerk

appointed

at Region

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management.

Last week, Halton council appointed

Ms Wallenfels has worked as an assistant

corporate counsel with the Region for

almost seven years, practicing primarily in

land development and municipal finance.

The appointment follows council's

approval of a reorganization in the legal

services department, which will see the

regional clerk's functions delivered in a

Given the rapid growth in Halton, the

role of the regional clerk has changed sig-

nificantly, demanding the clerk possess an

intimate understanding of legal require-

ments related to municipal operations,

statutory and common law rights and obli-

gations, procedural issues and information

The clerk's position will now be staffed

by a lawyer, who will serve a dual role in

the organization as both clerk and assistant

Monica Wallenfels as the new regional

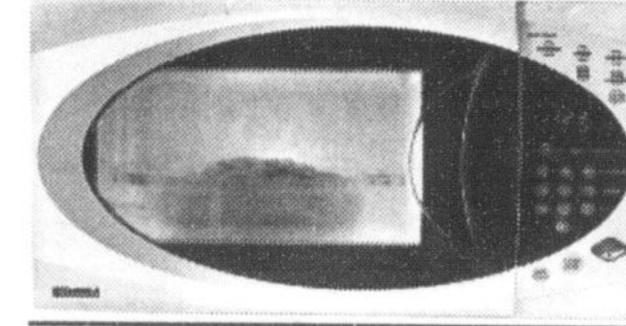
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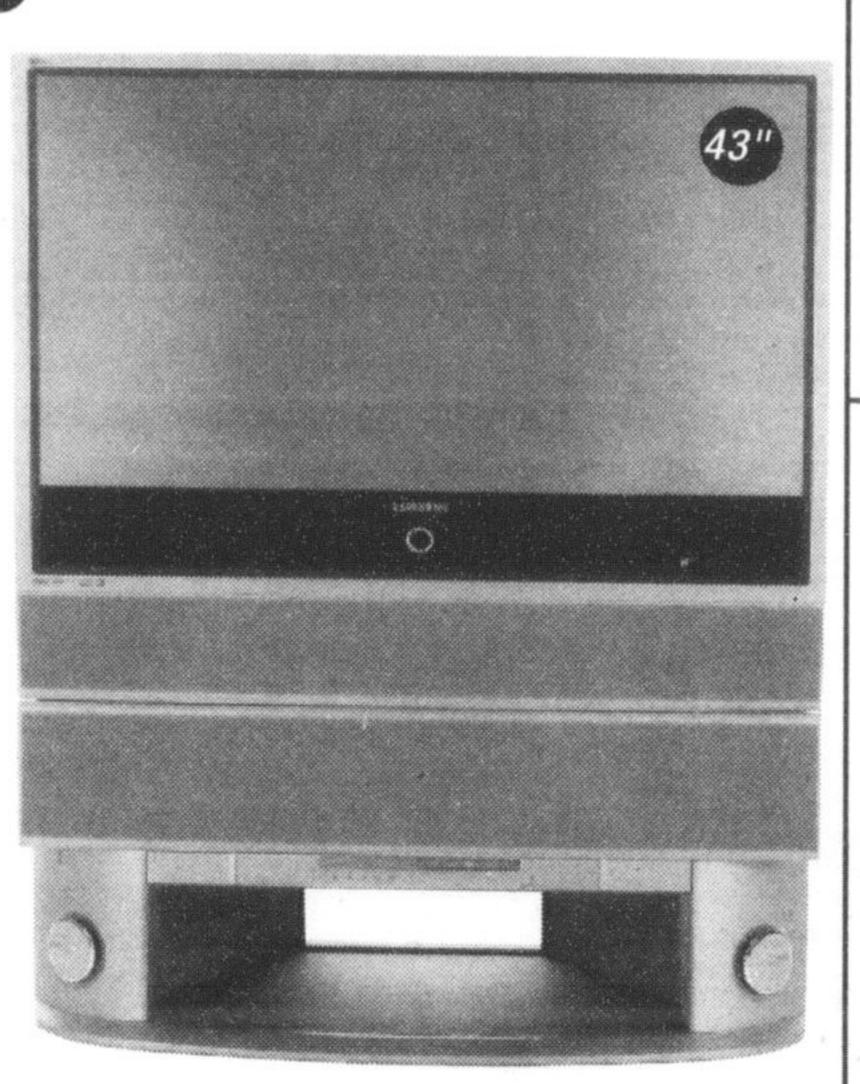
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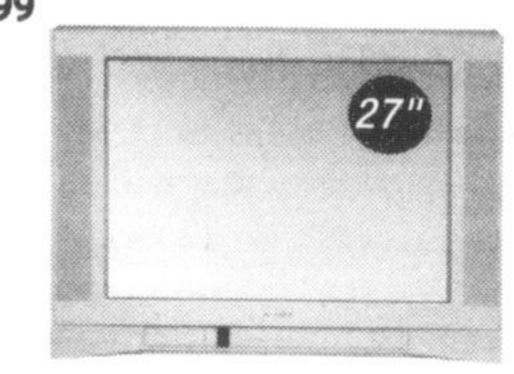
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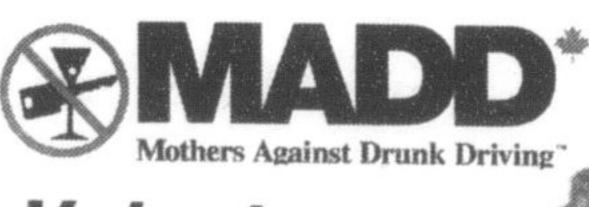
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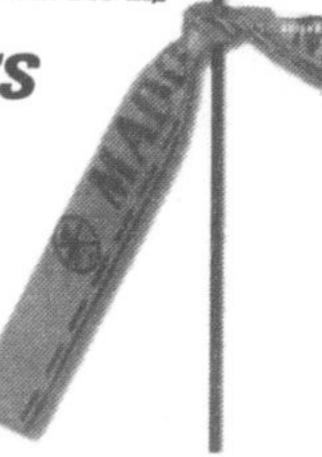
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