

Public meeting on draft tree bylaw to be held April 28 at high school

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Regional and Burlington Councillor John Taylor expressed concerns about the new draft bylaw limiting the power of an enforcement officer to enter a property.

"If he's sitting out there on the roadway, we're not going to be stopping it (infractions)," he said.

Mr. Wong explained if the officer has a suspicion that the bylaw is being contravened, he can enter a property.

But Mr. Taylor pointed out even then, "Once the trees are gone, they're gone — it's impossible to get them back."

Regional Chair Joyce Savoline noted no matter how strongly worded the bylaw is,

those situations are still going to happen.

Regional and Milton Councillor Barry Lee said he's not sure how to stop illegal tree activity, but noted he thinks educating the public about the bylaw and those involved in enforcing it is the most important thing to do.

"I think the one thing we can do is enforce the education component," he said.

A public meeting on the draft bylaw will be held April 28 at 6 p.m. at Milton District High School. There'll be a presentation at 7 p.m. Another public meeting will be held May 28 at 9 a.m. at the Halton Regional Centre auditorium, with a presentation at 10 a.m. It's expected to go before the plan-

ning and public works committee June 15 and regional council June 22 for adoption consideration.

The tree bylaw comes as one of Halton's official plan review directions. It had been put on hold for about a year due to other priorities, like Official Plan amendment 25 (OPA 25) and provincial planning reform initiatives.

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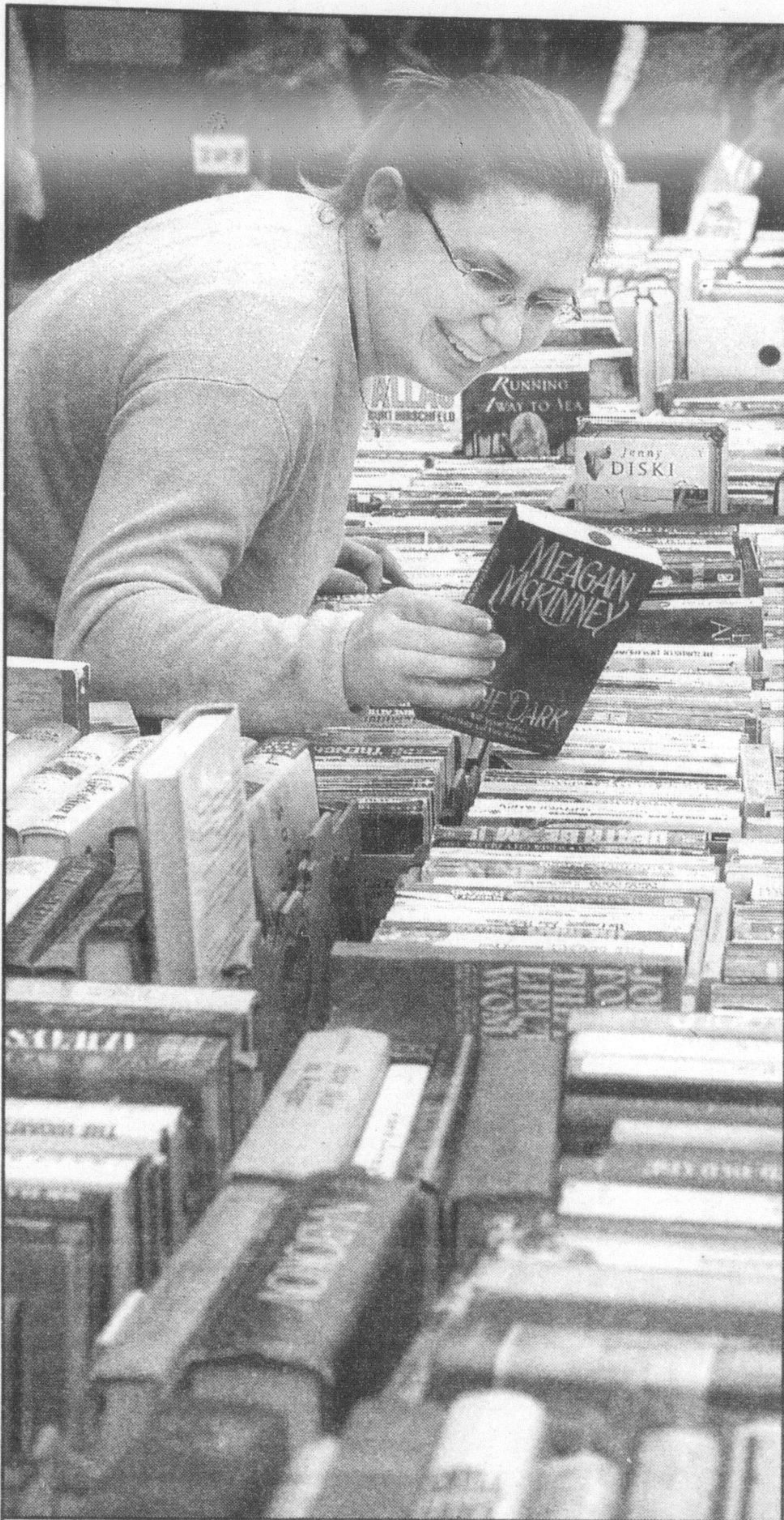


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Books galore

Brooke Peterson searches through thousands of paperbacks that were up for grabs over the weekend at Milton Mall. It was the annual Canadian Federation of University Women book sale.

\$20,000 needed for parade

Once again Canada Day is fast approaching, and the committee for Milton's celebration is kicking off its fundraising with some good news.

The committee, led by Paul Scherer, is pleased to announce it's received a \$2,000 donation from Sargent Farms Ltd.

The donation is particularly appreciated, Mr. Scherer said, since this year's fundraising goal is a lofty one — \$20,000.

The evening's fireworks account for about half that, he said, and the rest will go toward free attractions for the young and the young-at-heart at the Milton Fair Grounds.

"It's a fairly large goal to make Canada Day even better," Mr. Scherer said.

Last year, about \$15,000 was raised for the July 1 event, which each year includes entertainment, games and plenty of food.

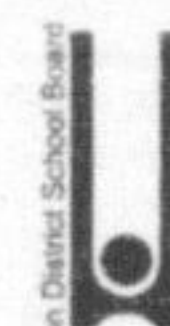


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Shrubs that die back to the snow line every year should be pruned severely in early spring.

Prune spring flowering shrubs early in the summer just after they have finished blooming.

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