

## Response to affordable housing often NIMBY, says councillor

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ment and the public have become more aware of the need for reasonably-priced housing and the benefits of it, such as individuals being able to afford to work and live in the community.

Despite this, Mr. Craven said he thinks much more public education is necessary about the need for a wider variety of housing options, especially affordable housing.

"Too often politicians like me are faced with constituents who are reluctant to accept that different housing forms can help to strengthen a community in a variety of ways," he said. "Too often the response is NIMBY. We need more pub-

lic education and more public understanding."

Regional and Oakville Councillor Janice Wright said it's also very important to integrate affordable housing into the community, rather than isolate it.

She added another thing she took away from the forum is that sustainable funding is necessary to develop the needed affordable housing, noting the recent federal/provincial affordable housing announcement of \$301 million from each level of government isn't sustainable.

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## Dufferin plans to respond to groups' appeal: Lowe

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rock pillars between sections of the expanded quarry and ecological integrity.

"They (the board) seem to have completely misunderstood the evidence that was presented," said CONE Executive Director Bradley Shaw.

Ms Lowe also disagreed with this thought, noting she's confident the hearing officers diligently reviewed all the evidence, but they just came up with a different opinion than that of POWER and CONE. She said the officers also saw significant public interest in allowing for the expansion.

She went on to deem their arguments put forward in the appeal "really nothing new."

"All of this has already been dealt with in a 10-month hearing," she said. "We feel there's no merits in any of those points. We are still confident that the project will be judged upon its merits and approved by cabinet."

She said it's concerning that the environmental groups keep talking about the application being contrary to public policy, pointing to the support it received from both local and Regional councils.

Ms Lowe said when it comes to the environment, Dufferin has controls in place to make sure it will be protected.

She said the conditions Dufferin must meet to protect the environment is one of the "very strong" reasons why both the board and various agencies supported the

expansion.

She emphasized that the 83-hectare extension is "a very important source of high-quality aggregate."

She added Dufferin plans to respond to the appeal and its points in detail.

It's unknown at this point how long the whole appeal process will last, since cabinet has no deadline for its decision. Mr. Shaw said it's not uncommon for it to take more than a year to wrap up.

He noted CONE is just happy that there's another appeal process it can go through.

"We hope Cabinet agrees with us that the project should be rejected outright," he said.

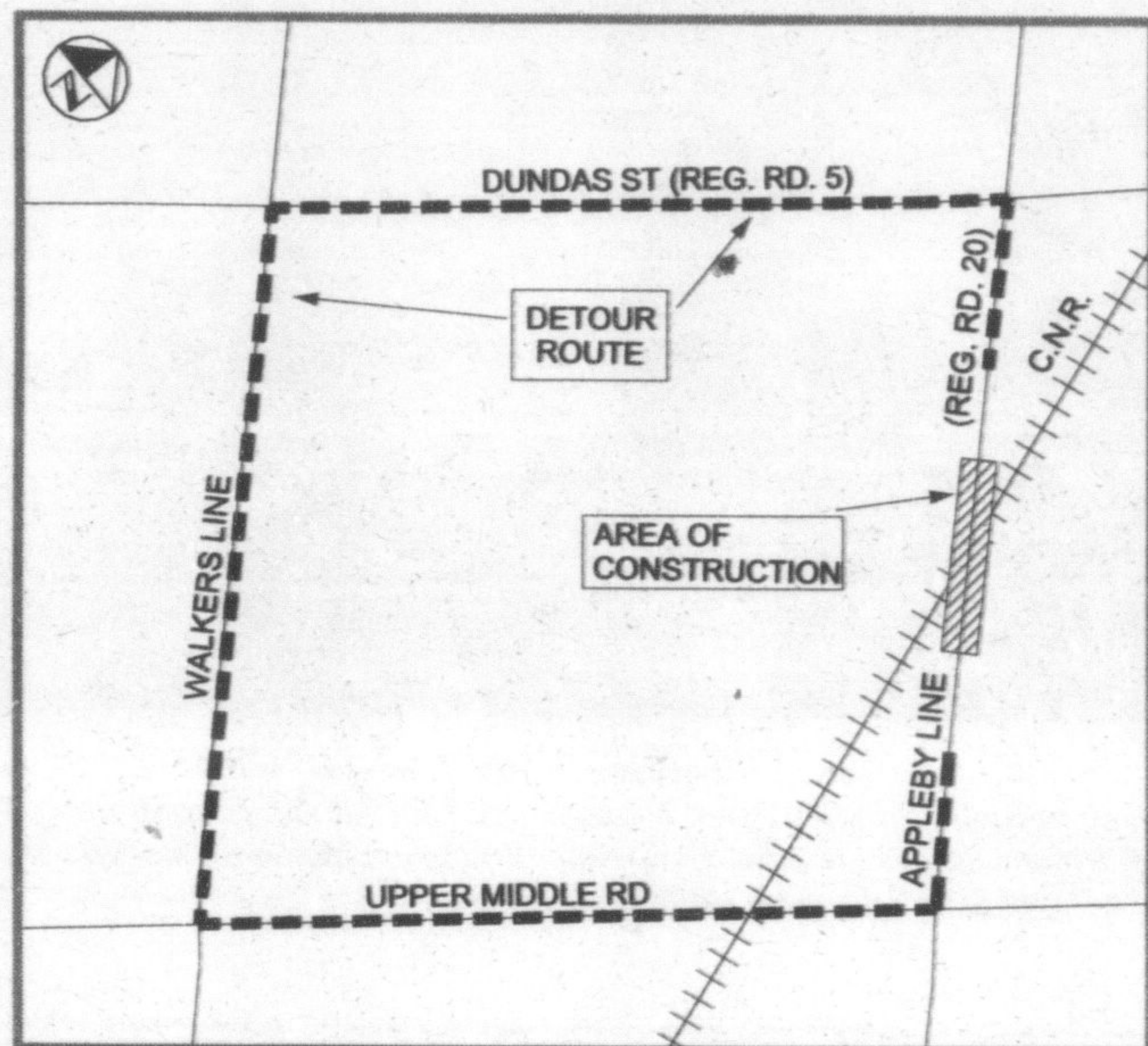
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Brent Marshall  
CAO, Halton Region

#### Halton Regional Meeting Schedule:

July 13th 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council

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## Corrections

• A wrong date was reported in an article last Friday on the third annual GoodLife Summer Cycle. The correct date of the event is Saturday, July 16.

• A story in Tuesday's Champion contained an error. A new exhibit at Country Heritage Park features honeybees, not bumble bees as incorrectly reported.

We apologize for the errors.

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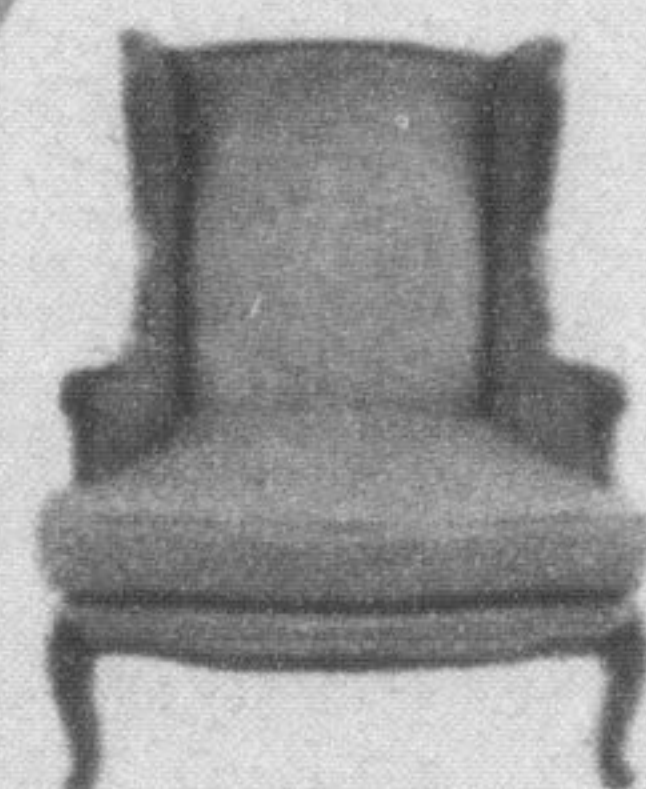


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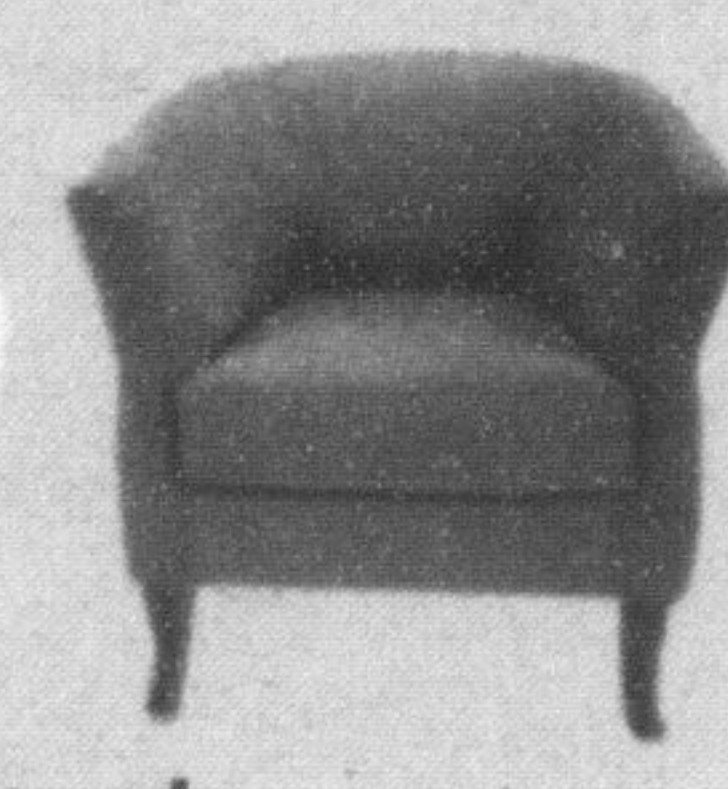
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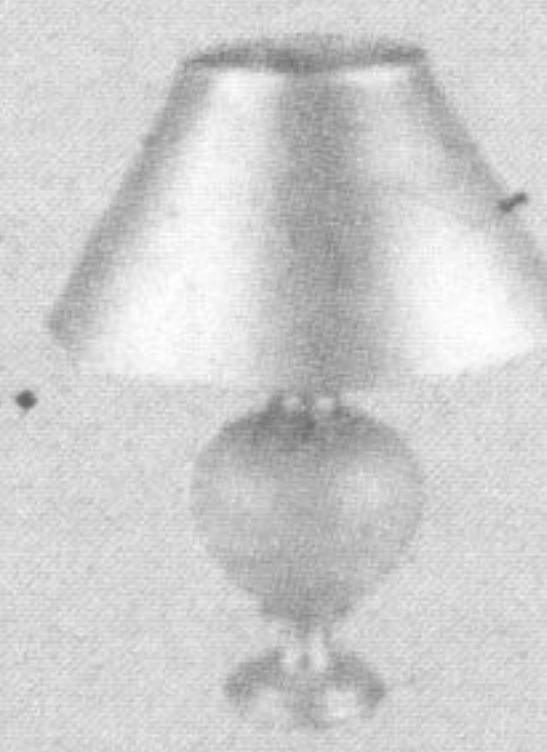
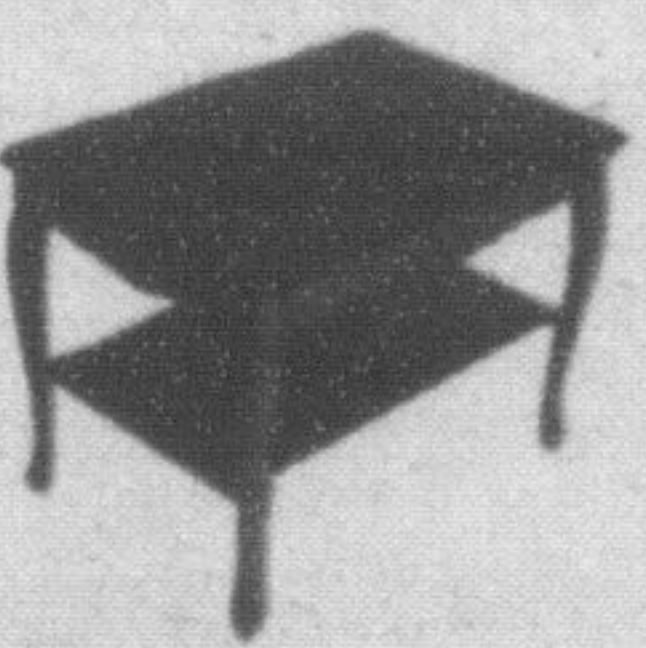
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