

Deal reached with nurses

The Region of Halton has avoided a strike by its 140 public health nurses. The Region and the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Local 1 Halton Health Programs reached a tentative settlement Monday.

At press time, the tentative settlement was to be presented to ONA Local 1 members as well as to members of regional council for ratification. If a tentative settlement had not been reached, ONA Local 1 representing about 140 registered nurses would have been in a legal strike position.

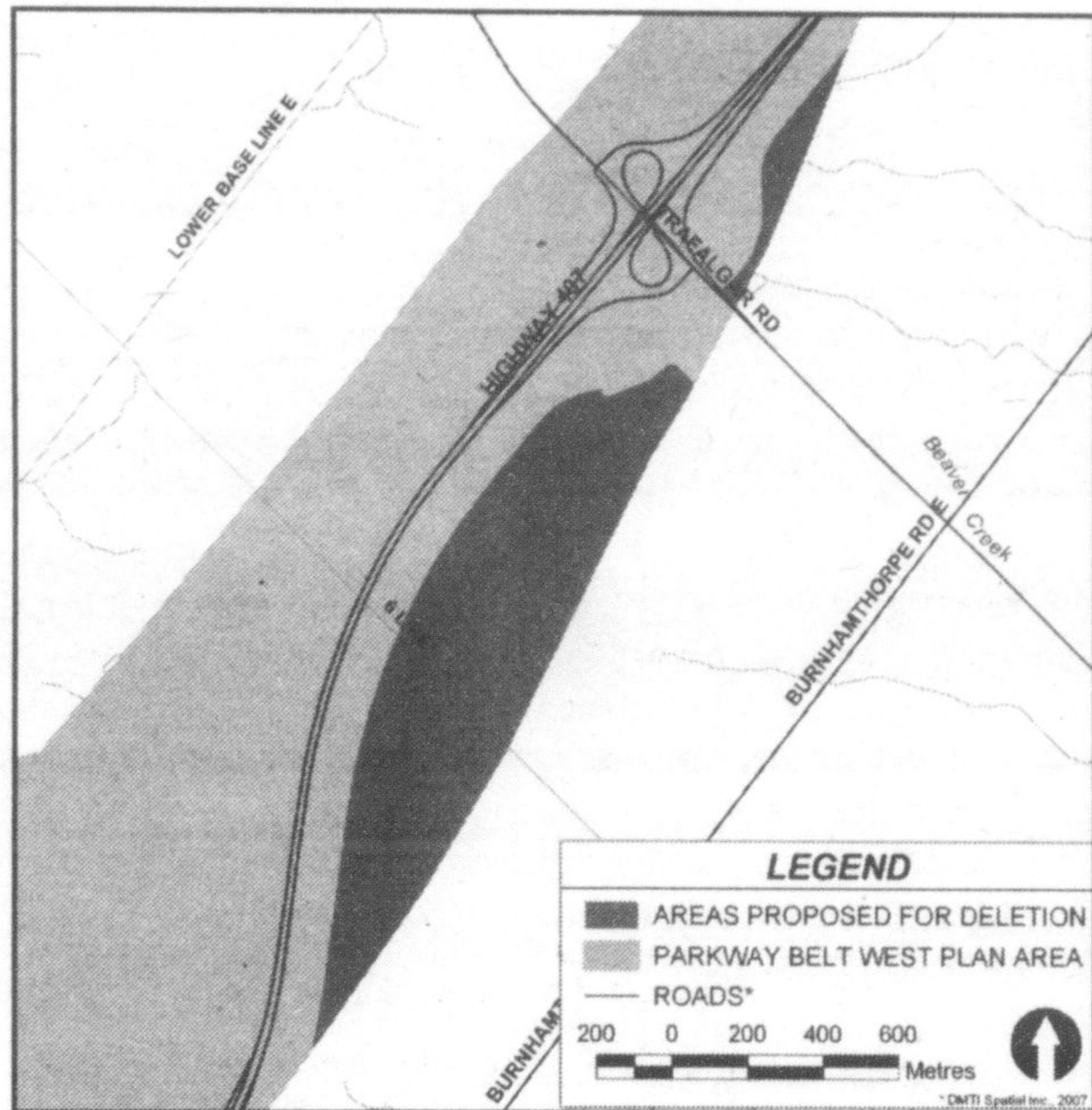


NOTICE OF A PROPOSED APPLICATION TO AMEND THE PARKWAY BELT WEST PLAN (TOWN OF OAKVILLE AND TOWN OF MILTON)

Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994, Subsection 6(7)(a)

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is processing two applications, File Numbers 24-PBA-001-190 and 24-PBA-001-191, which proposes to delete approximately 142.6 acres (57.7 hectares) of land located within the Parkway Belt West Plan, in the Town of Oakville and Town of Milton.

The subject lands are illustrated on the map below and are located on Map 3: Southern Link within the Parkway Belt West Plan. The lands are designated as 'Road' with the 'Public Use Area', and 'General Complementary Use Area' within the 'Complementary Use Area' of the Parkway Belt West Plan.



A copy of the requested amendment can be examined at:

1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Municipal Services Office - Central Ontario
777 Bay Street, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5
2. The Regional Municipality of Halton
Planning & Public Works
Planning and Transportation Services
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, ON L6M 3L1
3. Town of Oakville
Planning Department
Corporation of the Town of Oakville
1225 Trafalgar Road
Oakville, ON L6J 5A6
4. Town of Milton
Planning and Development Department
43 Brown Street
Milton, ON L9T 5H2

Submissions on the proposed amendment may be made in writing to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing until September 23, 2007 at the above-noted address. The options available to the Minister, depending on whether or not submissions are made are set out in sections 7 and 8 of the Ontario Planning and Development Act, 1994.

Generally, if no submissions are received within the time specified, then the Minister may approve, modify and approve or propose to refuse all or part of the amendment. If the Minister proposes to refuse all or part of a requested amendment, the Minister shall allow the applicant to make written submissions.

If submissions are received within the time specified, then the Minister may appoint a hearing officer or alternatively, the Minister may refer the matter to the Ontario Municipal Board to conduct a hearing and to make a recommendation on the amendment, approve, modify and approve or propose to refuse all or part of the amendment.

Local businessman to run for Liberals in fall election

By Dennis Smith
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Gary Zemlak says he'll re-focus his campaign now that he's been chosen the Halton Provincial Liberal candidate.

The Milton entrepreneur won the nomination by a narrow margin over CFRB 1010 radio host Christina Cherneskey Tuesday night. The Mississauga resident conceded following a recount at the nomination meeting, held at Tansley Woods Community Centre in Burlington.

Zemlak said he feels confident going up against PC incumbent Ted Chudleigh in the provincial election October 10.

But he's not giving interviews about issues or the Liberal government's record for a little while.

"Right now, the reality is just sinking in," he said Wednesday.

"I don't have anything to say yet, there are local issues and there are millions of them. The shock has to settle out. I'm numb from what has happened."

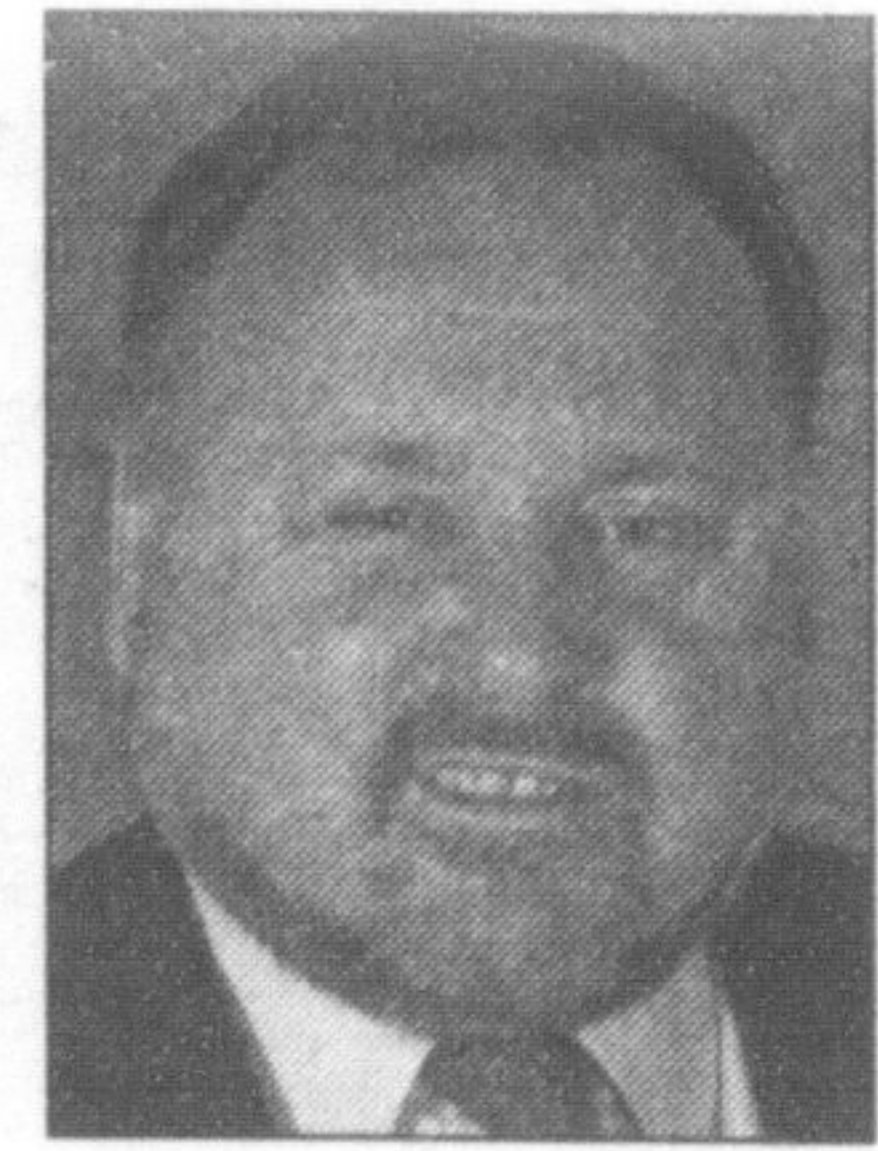
He said the focus until now has been getting members for the nomination meeting.

"We're going through phases and now we have to get our heads wrapped around what the party wants," said Zemlak. "The campaign needs time."

The candidate said he has knocked on a lot of doors and listened to a lot of people.

"We're going to have to put our minds on focusing on their concerns," he said.

Zemlak has resided in Halton for 15 years and is a longtime



Gary Zemlak

local Liberal party member. He was president of the Halton Provincial Liberal Riding Association from 2005 until earlier this year and has also been a director of the Halton Federal Liberal Riding Association.

Zemlak founded and runs Tykris Inc., which focuses on the design, development, manufacture and distribution of highly-sophisticated assistive devices to help persons with severe disabilities. He is married with two grown-up children.

The current president of Halton Provincial Liberals said several hundred party members voted at the nomination meeting.

Jose Zlatar said attendance was difficult to pinpoint as people arrived, voted and left during the evening. The riding association does not release results, he said.

Each candidate gave an eight-minute speech prior to the vote.

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