

## Get some tax answers

The federal government has set up a tax clinic in Oakville for people in need of forms or information.

The clinic is located at the Government of Canada Infocentre, 635 Fourth Line (south of Speers Road), and is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until March 12.

The clinics are staffed by Revenue Canada personnel who, in addition to answering inquiries, have tax forms, guides, and brochures on hand.



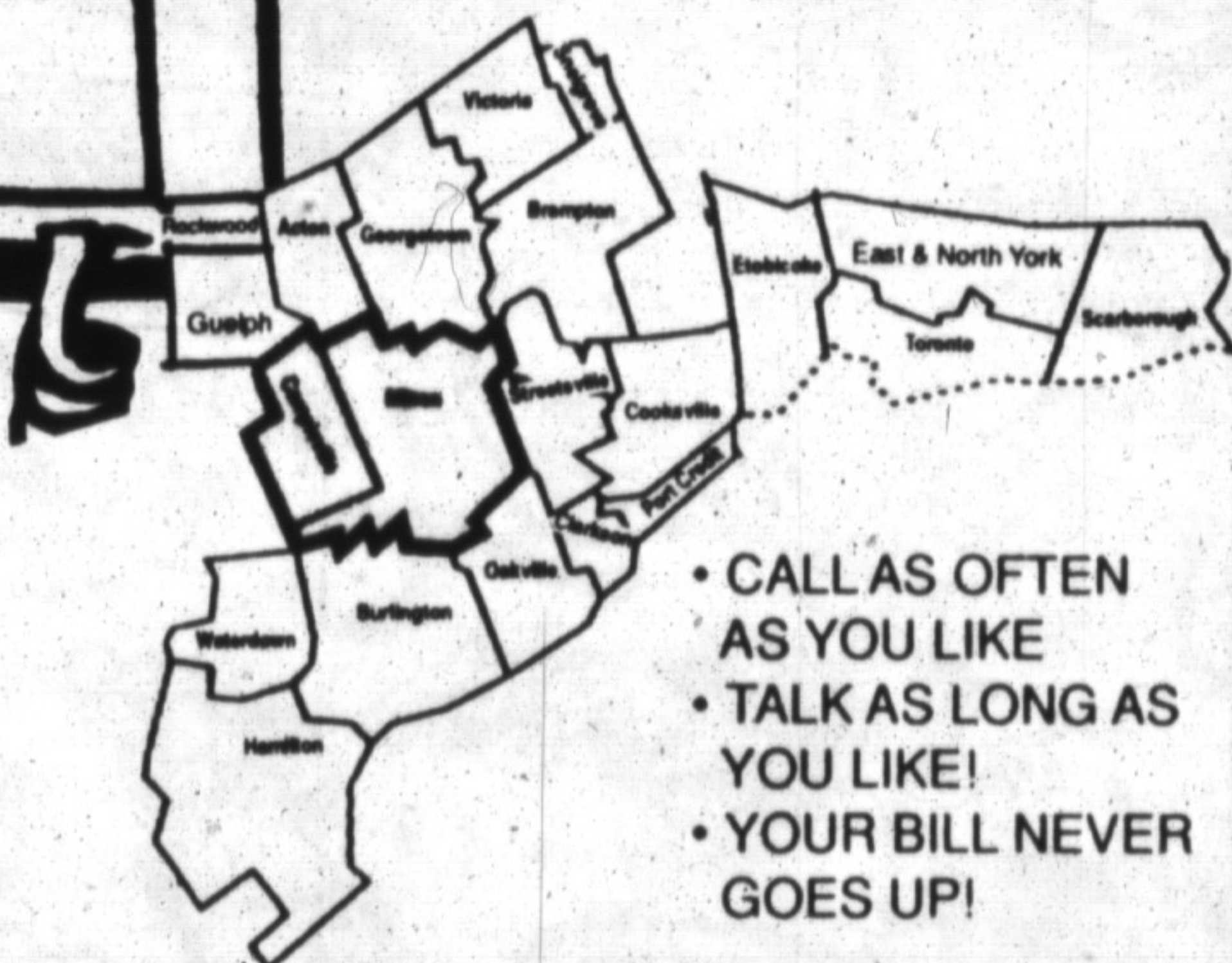
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Laura needs a permanent family to help her develop to her full potential. The five-year-old has cerebral palsy and is currently in the care of a Halton Children's Aid Society foster family.



## Adoptive family sought for Laura

The Halton Children's Aid Society is seeking an adoptive family for a five-year-old girl with cerebral palsy.

Laura received little stimulation before she came into foster care at the age of 20 months but now is making rapid progress and is developing into a lively, affectionate child. She needs a permanent family to help her reach her full potential.

It is difficult to assess her limitations, according to the CAS, as her development continues to progress. A year ago she was getting around by scooting along on her bottom — today she's walking without assistance.

Speech is difficult for her because of the cerebral palsy but she's learning sign language so quickly that her foster mother is having trouble keeping up with her.

At one time there were concerns that she might be legally blind. Vision tests now show no problems at all. Laura is able to feed and wash herself, although she still needs help with toileting.

Music gives her special pleasure and her foster mother

predicts that once she masters walking, she'll soon be dancing. Even now, if someone is holding her, she'll wiggle and move to the music. She also enjoys imaginative play and drawing.

Laura is an attractive little girl and she knows it. When she gets dressed in the morning she looks in the mirror and signs "beautiful". She's also affectionate and loving and quick to respond to others.

Changes in her routine are difficult for Laura, and often lead to tears and tantrums. While she can cope with an occasional late night, she's pretty grumpy if she doesn't get enough sleep.

Laura would fit most easily into a family where she was the youngest child. Older siblings would be wonderful — she thrives on the stimulation and attention of older children. A family from north Halton would be ideal, as she could then stay in her current school program. Families interested in adopting Laura should contact Shirley Hynd at 878-2375.

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