

# Getting a better grip on the Lowville hills

## Halton spends \$2,500 for skid treatment on curving part of Guelph Line

While Guelph Line residents await a 1997 road reconstruction between Britannia Road and No. 8 Sideroad in Lowville, Halton Region has spent \$2,500 on a new skid treatment to make the curving road safer.

"The Lowville Area Residents Association (LARA) expressed safety concerns with the present condition of the pavement sur-

face," said regional public works commissioner Art Leitch.

Last week the regional planning and public works committee heard that one km of Guelph Line through Lowville has been treated with a new technology that uses a "skidabrader", a machine which hurtles steel bearings against the road at high speeds to texture and roughen the pavement.

"You hear a bit of a difference in noise from the tires if you have your radio off but you don't feel it," said regional road design and construction director Bruce Kitchen.

Mr. Kitchen said initial readings of the newly treated pavement indicate a 60 per cent increase in skid resistance, and the effect should last for three to five years.



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