



GROUND BREAKING DAY... AN HISTORIC EVENT

Clearview November 2009:

October 20th, 2009 was a day like most others but was a day not many will forget. On that day, 30 or 40 local residents gathered on the site of the new Clearview public school and watched as 3 young students, MPP Kevin Flynn, HDSB Chairman Wayne Joudrie, Trustee Philippa Ellis and Ward 3 Counselor Mary Chapin chipped away at the hard earth during the official ground breaking ceremony. Each had just commented on how this community had waited 20 plus years for just this day and are now eagerly awaiting the start of construction for this community school.

plained this was an historic event and was the culmination of years of hard work as a school trustee and now in her capacity as a town counselor. This too was a big day for her.



Mr. Joudrie thanked MPP Kevin Flynn for his government finding and funding several "new build" schools including this one in Clearview. Philippa Ellis received a heartfelt round of applause for her courage and dedication to supporting the cause for building a new school in Clearview even in the face of overwhelming resistance from many families whose school the HDS board might have to close. Change is often painful and the rhetoric from those affected by the school closures was often very cruel. Ms. Ellis stood her ground.

Lastly, there were several others in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony that did not step forward but were acknowledged for their efforts. Michelle Sloan and Laura Mang both received a heartfelt show of appreciation on behalf of COCA and the school subcommittee for their relentless pursuit of landing a public school in Clearview. Clearview is fortunate to have such dedicated and passionate representatives at all levels and together with Mayor Burton, Clearview will soon have a local public school complete with a branch library.

Chairman Joudrie introduced those in attendance and spoke about how a school in Clearview had often risen to the top of list for the school to be built next, only to have another more urgent need arise elsewhere in the region. Mary Chapin, our Ward 3 Town Counselor spoke passionately of her years as the former school Trustee and her drive to get the mayor's attention to the possibility that this site may be sold to developers if the Town of Oakville did not step in. She ex-

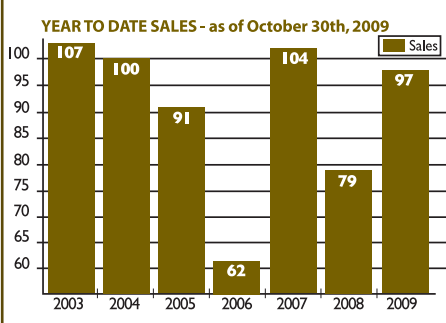
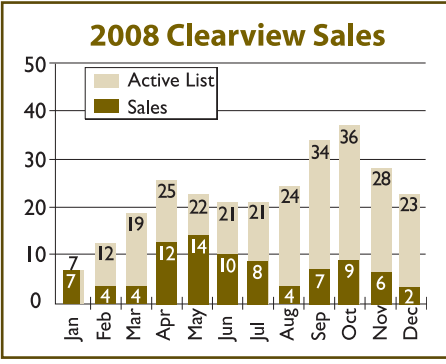
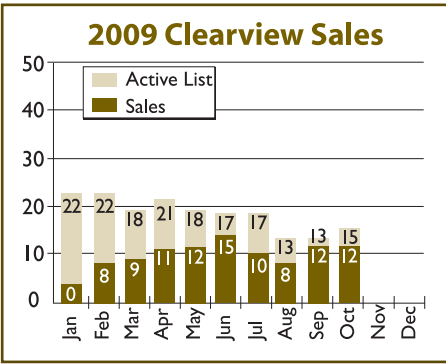
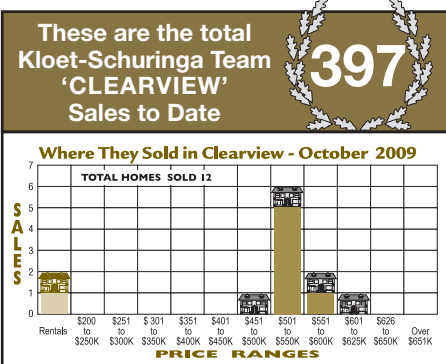
Several years ago, the local papers printed editorials and letters suggesting that the Halton District School Board was dysfunctional. These were difficult times for school boards across Ontario and particularly in Halton. The province took over education and new funding formulas often caused more confusion than clarity. Back then a new school could only be built with funds by selling off another, pitting one community against another. When Mr. Joudrie was hired, he inherited a hornet's nest.

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the market. Those who ignored the daily doom and gloom news and bought a home early in the year have today reaped a windfall.

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