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Halton Hills: The town of Halton Hills has removed the "[Notice of trespass](#) - Press Release" the Town had issued to Derrick Williams. The notice disappeared shortly after Mr. Williams indicated in a Georgetown Independent news report -- that he would be seeking compensation for defamation.

The "[Press Release](#)" notice was posted on the Town's website for approximately two months, broadcasting the unsubstantiated allegations, defaming Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams, a respected business man operated a successful Georgetown business in the community of the Town of Halton Hills for over thirty years. Williams also ran unsuccessfully on a number of occasions for a council chair. Williams is a regular attendee at most council meetings and as such, has become one of council's best known oppositional critics. Many in the community feel Mr. Williams was targeted by council for his vocal criticism.

Council persecuted Mr. Williams behind closed doors for unsubstantiated comments the town alleges were made towards a sitting councillor. At some point a formal complaint was logged by an unnamed individual at the town with The Halton Regional Police Services, but no charges were laid.

Mr. Williams has since sought legal advice and will be seeking damages from the town and two unnamed council members for defamation. The Herald is waiting for the Town's CAO to respond to our inquiries regarding; if the Town has any intentions of covering the litigation cost of the two politicians who allegedly defamed Mr. Williams in news reports outside the council chambers.

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