

No bodies under roundabout

By Bill Rea

Despite rumours that have been circulating, there are no humans buried on lands that are currently under construction for the new roundabout in Bolton.

Bolton resident Heather Broadbent, former heritage resource officer for the Town of Caledon, was anxious to put such stories to rest. She said there had been an archeological dig on the site last year, and she said she knew remnants of a cabin were found there, as well as evidence that people had lived there around the mid-1800s. But there was no sign that people had ever been buried there; native or otherwise.

Broadbent made the observation in light of rumours that there had been a native burial ground.

‘Absolutely no native burial site was found there,’ she declared.

Broadbent has an Ontario Archaeological Conservation Licence, and she said she was asked by officials from the Province and Peel Region for assurances on that point.

She pointed out if there were such burial sites, there would have to be major consultation with native groups, adding there would likely be an uproar if there was any attempt to get around that.

‘If it has to be done, it’s done with full consultation with native groups,’ she said.