

Town blasts NEC proposed Plan hearing officer's report to province

Halton Hills council's special Aggregate Task Force Committee has expressed "serious reservations" about the Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC) proposed Plan hearing officer's review report.

The task force brought down a whole package of recommendations dealing with the hearing officer's report on the NEC Plan which were approved Monday by Halton Hills general committee. The Town's comments are being sent to the premier, provincial cabinet and Provincial Secretary for Resources Development.

"The municipality of Halton Hills is concerned and disappointed with the demonstrated lack of regard and insensitivity to the views of the taxpayers and their municipal representatives as demonstrated by the hearing officer's report."

The task force addressed not only the thousands of acres in the Town under the control of the NEC, but also vast tracts of land covered by the region in its Official Plan and expressed concern about aggregate policies in both jurisdictions.

Halton Hills has objected to the hearing officer's suggestion that "high priority mineral resource areas as identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources be included as part of the proposed plan and that this be done by means of 'overlays' to maps which form part of the proposed plan." The Town says mineral resource maps should be identified in all Official Plans in the appendix only.

The Town doesn't want a paragraph saying that "Mineral resource areas include extraction areas and areas of high priority mineral resources. The designated extraction areas are areas licenced pursuant to the Pits and Quarries Control Act and four areas which were in the process of being licenced" included in the NEC Plan. The hearing officer's recommendation that "To

designate mineral resource extraction areas" and "To designate high priority mineral resource areas (which is done by means of overlays which form part of the plan)" be made objectives of the Plan should be dropped, council feels.

Referring to these two items the hearing officer wanted included, the Town says it is opposed and "no interim designation for the protection of high priority mineral resource areas is necessary as the mechanics are

readily available, through the Official Plan amendment process, to change land-use designations to facilitate any form of development."

In addition Halton Hills wants provision in the NEC Plan to follow a municipal Official Plan if it is more restrictive. This allows a municipality to have the "degree of detailed planning that is so vital to an individual municipality's goals and objectives and its overall planning identity."

The Town has opposed the hearing officer's recommendation to change the Standard Industries land designation boundaries on the maps because in "essence" this will change the designation of the lands to a less-restrictive designation. Such a move has the "potential of allowing mineral extraction as a permitted use."

Halton Hills also concurs with 51 submissions to the hearing officer on the NEC Plan given by government agencies and local citizens. These submissions either supported the NEC Plan in its entirety or at least in its content regarding aggregates. Following are the submissions Halton Hills is telling the province it backs:

The Regional Municipality of Halton, The Halton Region Conservation Authority, The Speyside Area Ratepayers Association, Mirka Barac, Stanko Barac, Mr. and Mrs. L. Biasutti, Ken Bilton, Marjorie Bilton, Deborah Boycott, Marianne Bronder, David Casson, Mrs. V. Chornook, Guido De Rycke, John Devries, Mildred Devries, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diamond, W.B. Elsley, Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Fairles, Douglas J.T. Falls, Jean Falls, Earle Harrison, James B. Kenzie, Dr. and Mrs. D. Medland, Boris Mokrytzki, Steve Mokrytzki, Vera V. Mokrytzki, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. McMeekin, Jack D. Pemberton, Mrs. J. Reed, Laurie E. Reed, Pamela Sheldon, Derek Smith, Pam Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Spaldin, Lois M. Swan, J.A. Swan, A.J. Toccalino, Carolo F. Toccalino, Carlo T. Toccalino, Mrs. Jeanette Toccalino, Kearen Toccalino, Louis Toccalino, Michael Toccalino, Barbara Van Sickle, Fred Van Sickle, Andrew Walton, Barbara Walton, David Walton, Mrs. Gloria Walton, Janet M. Wood and Kenneth Wood.

Looking at the region's Official Plan amendment dealing with aggregate production which caused an eruption of citizen anger last fall, the task force asked that it now be referred to regional planners for review re-evaluation and investigation while coming up with a new aggregate policy in "consultation with the local municipalities."

Halton region has been asked by the Town to rescind its 1979 motion moving aggregate protection maps from the Official Plan appendix to the policy section. Halton Hills feels the aggregate protection maps should appear as an Official Plan appendix only.

The Town has urged "that a policy be inserted in the regional Official Plan mineral resource section (stating) that if a local Official Plan or (zoning) bylaw is more restrictive than the regional Official Plan, that Plan or bylaw shall be deemed not to be in conflict if it conforms with the general intent and purpose of the regional Official Plan."

Chairman of the aggregate task force, Pam Sheldon, has been directed to confer with the Official Plan advisory committee "with respect to mineral resource policies contained within the Halton Hills Official Plan now before the Minister."

The task force will reconvene when the region comes up with a new draft aggregate policy.

July trial for Pries

Eric Pries has been committed to trial July 18, nearly one year after he was charged with possession of marijuana and cultivating the drug.

Pries, of Eden Mills, was arrested last July after a police raid on his parents' home, which uncovered many plants growing outside and drying in the barn.

A member of the Church of the Universe, which claims to use the drug as part of the sacrament, Pries is using this as his defense.

A bid by his agent, Walter Tucker to have the matter adjourned until another similar Hamilton case is settled in September was denied by Provincial Court Judge W.P. Hryciuk Monday in Guelph Provincial Court.

When Tucker told the Judge of the use of marijuana in the church, the Judge pointed out he was not interested in hearing the story. The Judge later noted other cases had been heard in Toronto by other judges and in both cases, the ruling went against the defendant. He would not wait until the Hamilton case was settled.



The Catholic Women's League elected their executive for 1983/84. The new slate consists of, front row, left to right, Father Ralph Diodati, spiritual director; Ann Donaton, first vice-president and community life convener; Ruth McMahon, president; and Loretta Sammitt, second vice-president and spiritual development convener. Back row, Veronica Lampkin, secretary; Carmel McGeraghe, public relations convener; Stella Wallace, hospitality convener; Ann Montgomery, third vice-president and Christian and family life convener; and Pauline Porter, treasurer. Missing from the photo are Mary Margaret Dickinson, past-president and Carmela Cobham, organization convener.

Undercover operation

Police drug bust

In a major three month undercover operation dealing with thefts, fraud and drug trafficking, Halton Regional Police have nabbed 19 people and laid 51 charges.

Among those charged are Richard Baker, 18, of Rockwood, Timothy Copeland, 21, of RR 3 Milton, Noreen and Richard Pester, both 20 years old, of RR 3 Milton, Robert Deslaurier, 39, of Milton, Gary McGuire, 16, of Milton, Ralf Latkolk, 16, of no fixed address, Donald Pickett, 19, of Milton, Clifford Bill, 21 of Milton, William Coulter, 37, of Port Colborne, Steven Hughes, 29, of Oakville, Scott Hubbert, 23, of Oakville and Robert Brinkman, 20, of Milton.

Also charged are Christine Jones, 21, of Milton, Mark Bennett, 22, of Milton, and Al Cooper, 25, of Milton.

Calling it a "very successful" operation, Inspector Currie from Oakville Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) explained Halton worked in cooperation with Niagara Regional Police Force for months before the arrests.

About \$5,000 worth of stolen property, including video tape recorders, electronic scales, a micro-wave oven, color television

set and numerous pieces of jewelry was recovered.

About two pounds of hash, marijuana, hash oil, cocaine, LSD and psilocybin (magic mushrooms) were seized as well.

Inspector Currie confirmed that there were 12 Halton Regional officers working on the operation during the three months. "But they worked at different times, certainly not full-time," he explained, adding there was one undercover officer.

The undercover officer infiltrated the drug trafficking ring operating in Milton and Port Colborne, purchasing a small quantity of narcotics and restricted drugs and stolen property.

"There was not a lot of drugs seized because the purchases we made were small," Staff Sgt. Boris Yacyshyn of Halton's Drug and Morality Squad said.

Police say that in addition to the people charged, warrants have been issued for two people and they expect several more charges before the investigation is complete.

Two juveniles have also been charged.

Police beat

Teen charged for booze theft

A 16-year-old youth has been charged with break, enter and theft, and possession of stolen property after about \$50 worth of liquor was stolen from a Lot 25, Con. 3 home last week. Entry was gained by smashing a rear door.

Five bottles of liquor were taken, and later recovered.

A lab scale worth \$550 was stolen from Elso Chemicals on Commerce Crt. sometime overnight Thursday, police say. Thieves smashed a window to gain entry, causing \$10 in damages.

A 22-year-old Rockwood youth has been charged with being in possession of a narcotic in connection with marijuana found in his possession on 17 Sideroad, west of Highway 25 early Sunday morning.

Friday evening, police charged a 18-year-old Georgetown youth with being in possession of two pieces of hashish on Willow St.

About \$30 damage was caused to furniture in a domestic dispute on Holmsway Pl., but no charges were laid and no injuries were reported.

A 21-year-old male was charged with consuming liquor in a public place outside the Sit 'N Bull Pub and Restaurant on Mill St. Friday morning.

Three 15-year-old Acton juveniles have been apprehended for the theft of a nurse's purse in Acton High School Thursday at noon hour, police say.

The wallet with \$20 cash and identification was subsequently recovered within the school.

A 43-year-old Georgetown male was charged with being intoxicated in a public place Thursday evening in the Prospect Park area.

A 17-year-old Guelph resident has been charged with dangerous driving and mischief after an incident prompted by a dispute over a girl.

On May 8 the accused was driving his car in Rockwood. He saw a car driven by a 17-year-old Rockwood resident and followed this young man to Acton, the whole time the one youth was trying to elude his pursuer. The chase was along Highway 7.

Halton Regional Police report the Guelph youth overtook the Rockwood resident on Elizabeth Dr. and swerved his vehicle in front of the one he had chased. Damage to the two cars in this collision was \$250.

Next the Guelph youth jumped from his car and struck the windshield of the other vehicle, cracking it.

At this point the Rockwood youth reversed his vehicle and fled.

The accused later surrendered to police at the Georgetown station.

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