

agenda

Items from
Whitby Council
agenda(s)

Monday, April 3, 1995

Planning and
Development
Committee

That a site plan application from Dynex Engineering for a 4,768-square-foot addition to the company's Forbes Street office be approved. Dynex manufactures steel mill equipment at its south Whitby factory.

Recommended to council That a site plan application from Dale Ramphal for a 1,238-square-foot addition to a shopping plaza on the southeast corner of Thickson Road North and Canadian Oaks Drive be approved.

Recommended to council That an official plan amendment application from Robert Hunter Farms Ltd. to increase the maximum allowable units in the medium density component of a proposed subdivision on the east side of Anderson Street, south of Winchester Road in Brooklin, be approved. The designation will permit an increase in the upper density limit to 39 units from 30 per net hectare. By increasing the density range it is estimated an additional 17 townhouses can be added to the previously approved subdivision consisting of 40 street townhouses and 19 linked units.

Recommended to council

Operations
Committee

That revisions to the fees charged at the Port Whitby boat launch and the Port Whitby marina be approved. Parking fees for a vehicle and trailer using the boat launch will be reduced to \$2.50 from \$5. However, under the Highway Traffic Act, a vehicle and trailer are considered two vehicles and a fee of \$2.50 each will be required for a total of \$5, the same amount charged in 1994. A single vehicle will now pay the \$2.50 daily fee as well. Season passes will also be increased to \$90 from \$60. Rates and fees at the marina will be increased three per cent, but there will be reduced winter storage rates for trailered boats and recreational vehicles. There will also be new summer "haul and wash" fees and a pre-approved payment plan for seasonal customers.

Recommended to council That Durham Regional Police be exempted from the Town's noise bylaw during construction of the classroom for the Kids' Safety Village of Durham Region on the east side of Kathleen Rowe Public School on Athol Street. The building is being erected for the police by a team of volunteers from the Durham Home Builders Association. Since tradesmen are volunteering their time, this requires that most construction be completed on the weekend.

Recommended to council

GARDEN ST. BRIDGE

Temporary road rejected, detours preferred

By Mike Kowalski

Whitby motorists will have to contend with detours and even more congested downtown streets beginning next year.

Town council last week rejected building a makeshift roadway to accommodate traffic during construction of the long-awaited Garden Street railway bridge.

Instead, vehicles will be rerouted to Anderson and Brock streets for the 18 months it takes to complete the project.

Council felt that opting to temporarily inconvenience drivers would be an easier sell than spending \$337,400 on something with only an 18-month lifespan.

"It's a waste of money," councillor Dennis Fox bluntly declared.

"There are other things needed in this town than a temporary road which would only annoy drivers," he said.

Although he had no difficulty winning support for his motion against building the roadway, Fox was put into the unusual position of asking council to defeat a recommendation he would normally have presented for approval.

Only one week earlier, the operations committee (which Fox chairs) had recommended holding a public workshop on the matter.

However, organizing a meeting and then assessing whatever comments were made could delay construction for up to four months, Fox explained.

Since only five people attended an information session last October, another workshop was unnecessary, he said.

"Although well intended, I ask that it (recommendation) be voted down and we deal with it tonight," said Fox.

"In the long run it will be a money-saver and a time-saver."

Scheduled to start next spring, the \$6.9-million grade separation will be funded by the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Work will include a bridge and roadway underpass at the Canadian Pacific railway tracks, as well as reconstruction of Garden Street from Martinet Street and Kilberry Drive to Dundas Street.

But before work could get underway, council had to decide if it wanted to reroute traffic elsewhere or build a temporary detour on Garden to bypass the

Dolstra
pleads
guilty,
sentenced

Former Whitby councillor John Dolstra was fined \$500 or 20 days in jail and given a year of probation after pleading guilty to assault, in provincial court in Oshawa last Friday.

Dolstra, 39, had been charged with assaulting his wife following an incident on Feb. 6 at his home.

He had been separated from his wife since August last year but was living in the basement of their home when the incident took place.

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construction site.

Public works staff were directed to report on problems that could arise if a roadway is not built and traffic simply rerouted away from the area.

Accessibility to nearby homes for fire and other emergency vehicles, as well as pedestrian safety were among the issues examined by staff.

In their report, staff state that neither the police nor ambulance service feel that closing Garden Street will cause major problems.

As for the fire department, the report states that there will be some delay to trucks responding from the Brock Street station but no effect on those from the Thickson Road fire hall.

Meanwhile, the Durham Board of Education is prepared to bus children who normally walk to either F.M. Heard or Leslie McFarlane elementary schools.

Of the anticipated 1,027 combined student enrollment for the 1996-97 school year, 192 students living north of the railway tracks would need to be bussed.

"The board is amenable to the closure proposal in order to eliminate the daily exposure of school bound children to the construction environment, thereby minimizing the risk to their safety," the report adds.

Councillor Joe Drumm said that no matter what council decided problems would result.

Drumm said his primary concern was the children's safety and that issue has been satisfactorily addressed.

"I can't support spending \$337,400 for something that we

dig up and throw away in 18 months," he said.

"I would have preferred some kind of road, but financial implications deem otherwise," said councillor Gerry Emm.

"In another time and place it might make some sense to have

a temporary road, but not now," said councillor Marcelle Brunelle.

However, Brunelle warned council to prepare for criticism from angry drivers.

"Gird your loins and get your earplugs," he advised.

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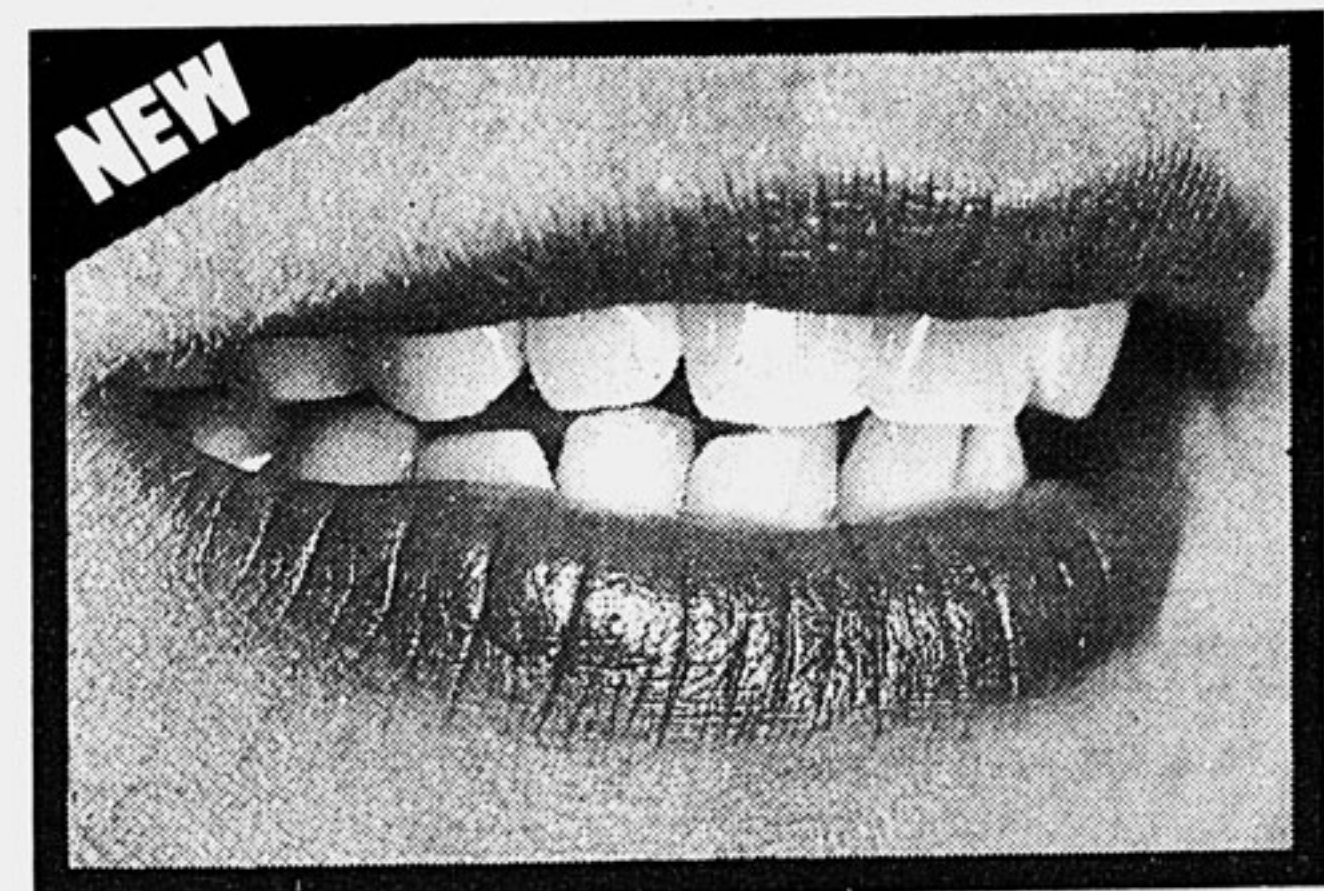
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