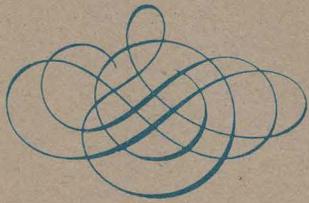


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Industrial land for the future

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The estimated bill for getting the land ready for Brantford's next era of industrial growth is a whopper: \$25.4 million. This is more than the city can afford. But the former township lands in the northwest must be serviced in order to protect the future of this community. So a delegation will go to see the decision-makers at Queen's Park, and ask them for some planning and financial assistance; \$13 million or so should do it. That will give the provincial men something to think about.

The hundreds of acres do not have to be serviced all at once, of course. This is a development to meet the city's industrial land needs for decades, and the costs can be spread over a number of years. The catch is that the up-front costs are massive. It will take more than \$13 million to extend sewer trunk lines to the area, buy property rights, grade the land, and so on, and all this must be done before a single plant site can be put on the market. As the report presented to city council made clear, without provincial assistance the whole project becomes prohibitively expensive.

If the city had to borrow the money, it would push its debt load to the maximum allowed by the municipal board; every other municipal project would have to wait. That is an unacceptable scenario. With substantial provincial support, the industrial park plan becomes affordable, for taxpayers and for potential newcomers to the industrial community. So provincial assistance is crucial. Without it, the new industrial park, one of the main reasons for annexation, begins to recede into the distance.

There is a lot of work to be done to persuade the province to help with planning and financing, and it will be some time before officials have all the information they need to say yes, or no. Part of that process will be to demonstrate need, to satisfy provincial officials that development of the northwest area, costly as it may be, is the only possible means of meeting the city's long-term needs for industrial land. A very strong case can be made for that. What is not so clear is how much urgency there is about the matter. How much available or quickly available industrial land do we have today, and how long is it likely to last?

Such questions, we trust, will be answered as council gets down to set an overall industrial development strategy for the city.

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The Corporation of The City of Brantford ONTARIO NEIGHBOURGOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN EAST WARD SOUTH AND EAGLE PLACE PUBLIC HEARING

Brantford city Council will be conducting a formal hearing regarding the Redevelopment Plan for Ontario Improvement Area No. 4 (ONIP): "East Ward South and Eagle Place" on

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1982, AT 7: p.m.
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The purpose of this Hearing is to consider the Redevelopment Plan for the Neighbourhood, as recommended by the City of Brantford Planning Board. This Plan has been the subject of earlier public meetings with the neighbourhood. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting and may make representations regarding the contents of the Plan.

Barrie company fined \$4,000

BARRIE, Ont. (CP) — A Barrie company that processes liquid industrial waste was fined \$4,000 Wednesday in provincial court for improper storage practices.

A representative from Chem-King Inc., known as Chemical and Petro Waste Disposal Ltd. when the charges were laid in February, pleaded guilty to two counts of violating the Environmental Protection Act.

The charges were laid after the company's operations were monitored for three months last fall by the Ontario Environment Ministry which found that a dike structure was too small and 14 storage tanks were not included in the plant's specifications nor within the proper containment area.

Board to study other mobile home developments

By TED HOOTON
Expositor Staff Writer

The Brantford Planning Board wants to look at mobile home developments in other communities before giving further consideration to a proposed development here

Two sites suggested for examination are Sandy Cove Acres at Stroud, south of Barrie, and the Homestead development at Wasaga Beach.

A group of senior citizens asked the city several weeks ago to consider allowing a mobile home park in Brantford. A report prepared for the planning board last month said mobile homes are a practical form of housing for a significant portion of society.

Concern was expressed at a planning board meeting Wednesday night about the type of mobile home site that might be developed. A

delegation of senior citizens said they envision a park containing permanent mobile-type homes in a subdivision, not the type of home that can be put on wheels and moved.

Len Davies said the matter of mobile homes was discussed in 1971 when a similar proposal for a park was turned down by the city. However, the type of mobile units now being built are of a better quality. Developers also are more organized and concerned with the operation of the parks.

Chris Brown said he has spent considerable time looking into such developments and has visited parks in other communities. He also has discussed them with provincial government officials.

Mr. Brown said the park near Stroud is one of the best he has visited and suggested the board, city council and planning staff examine the site.

He said council members should join the tour. If the planning board alone looked at the site and returned with a positive recommendation, the matter probably would become "a dead issue" when it got to council because most people have a negative attitude toward mobile homes.

Ald John Starkey said he would like to see examples of a good development and a poor development.

Ald. Jo Brennan said she is concerned about the care of mobile home parks, including snow removal and other requirements that are in standard home developments.

The board said it wants to talk with developers of the parks, as well as residents, to obtain as much information as possible before discussing the issue again.



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TENDERS WANTED

DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS

Sealed tenders marked "Tender For Demolition or Removal of Buildings" will be received up to 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 22, 1982 at the City Clerk's Office, 100 Wellington Square, Brantford, Ontario for the purchase, demolition and/or removal of:

A one storey brick house located on Part Lot 8, Block "U", south side of Greenwich Street, municipally known as 307 Greenwich Street in the City of Brantford.

Specifications and forms of tenders may be obtained from the City Engineer's Office and this building may be inspected by contacting Anne J. Surmanski.

All tenders shall be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of \$500.00.

A Certificate in Good Standing from the Workmen's Compensation Board and proof of liability insurance must be submitted by the successful bidder prior to commencement of work.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

William K. Cheevers, C.R.A., Real Estate Department

Will discuss traffic issue ¹⁹⁸²⁻⁰⁹⁻¹⁷

Traffic concerns in the Glenwood Drive and Forest and Locks roads area of the city will be discussed at a meeting next Thursday.

All residents in the area are

invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at Echo Place School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The roads and traffic engineer for the city and Ald. Mary Welsh will attend the meeting to discuss the traffic situation.

City will try to limit increase in '83 taxes ¹⁹⁸²⁻⁰⁹⁻²¹

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"That would be on an agenda for any discussion with the unions."

His report said he planned to solicit proposals from the unions on ways to improve the efficiency of city operations.

Staff reductions should be through attrition or by reassignment, he continued. For example, Brant County Social Services may need more clerical employees to handle the crush of welfare applications. Rather than have social services hire a new employee while city hall is laying off, a secretary might be transferred. Rules for such an arrangement would have to be negotiated with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, he said.

The fact that city council budgeting is four or five months ahead of its traditional schedule means there is that much more time to work out a way to make staff reductions with a minimum of disruption, said Mr. Wilson.

His report contained several other suggestions on possible cost-cutting moves including

increased sharing of employees and equipment by city departments, a possible move to a centralized dispatching operation for the police and fire departments, reductions in the hours of operation of public facilities, and the sale of some municipally-owned property.

The level of services, which includes everything from street sweeping to the amount of work done on city flower beds, will be examined.

The fees charged to persons using city facilities, and charges for city services should be raised but in keeping with the spirit of the federal program the increases should be only five per cent.

The use of consultants should be reduced, and increased energy conservation will be examined, said his report.

Mayor Dave Neumann said that "in view of the large number of people who are unemployed and suffering economic hardship we should strive to hold the line on property tax increases."

"No program or project should be exempt from scrutiny within generally acceptable guidelines," he wrote in

a memo to council. But he added that projects and programs which will assist economic diversification should be preserved "if at all possible."

"Even in a time of economic restraint, we should not close off the opportunity to build the base for future recovery," wrote the mayor.

Ald. Bob Mroz said efforts to increase efficiency through a merger of the parks and recreation department with the civic centre board should be stepped up. He too supported increased co-operation by the police and fire departments.

Mayor Neumann and Ald. Mary Welsh both said the city should continue to find ways to provide short-term employment for persons who need a few weeks of work in order to continue collecting unemployment insurance benefits. Otherwise, said Ald. Welsh, they end up on welfare which is financed 20 per cent by the city and county

councils. Mayor Neumann added that it is important

that the city continue to finance such make-work projects under federal

and provincial programs in order to reduce the cost to the city.

Redevelopment plan approved ¹⁹⁸²⁻⁰⁹⁻²¹

A redevelopment plan for parts of East Ward South and Eagle Place was approved at a special meeting of city council on Monday.

The plan will involve the expenditure of \$1.2 million over the next three years to upgrade street lights, rebuild roads and install new underground services in parts of each neighborhood. Parks will be improved and a clean-up done of the old canal bank.

Half of the money will come from the city and the rest from the provincial government under its Ontario Neighborhood Improvement Program. Homeowners in the area are also eligible for low interest loans for home renovations under the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program.

The East Ward south portion is bounded by Mary Street, Rawdon Street, the old canal and Alfred Street. The Eagle Place portion is bounded by Greenwich Street, Mintern Avenue, Erie Avenue and Eagle Avenue.

Mall idea rejected ¹⁹⁸²⁻⁰⁹⁻²¹

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dollars in the first place, he continued.

Ald. Starkey said the city had trouble enough tackling problems in its area of responsibility without taking on jobs that are properly the role of private enterprise.

He added that his resolution did not prevent the city from later reopening discussion about constructing the building as a municipal project.

Ald. Welsh said it was reasonable that the private firms would want to ensure that half of the space is leased before they construct their buildings. The city, if it went into the project, would have to do it according to the same rules to protect the taxpayers' investment, she said.

She speculated that there were more than two developers who could invest cash in a building and so avoid the high cost of borrowing.

Ald. Hexamer said the main question was whether the taxpayers' money should be put at risk in a venture "without assurances of occupancy."

He also opposed municipal involvement on the grounds that the trend should be toward less, and not more, government interference in the economy.

Ald. Lancaster said it would be unwise "to sink taxpayers' money into this when we just went through a budget report that said things are going to be tight next year."

Ald. Brennan, who supported the municipal venture, said the city had no guarantees that the private developers would construct the buildings. If the city waited too long, it would lose out on \$360,000 in provincial grants, and may even lose some of the ILAP companies to other cities with available industrial space.

"The developers might find out the costs will be higher than expected. Then it's too late for us," she said.

She proposed an amendment

which said that if a developer did not take out a building permit by Oct. 15 that the city carry on with its own building. After some procedural debate, the amendment was withdrawn in favor of a new one which said the city should carry on with drafting of its plan and preparation of cost estimates, but eventually that amendment lost.

Mayor Neumann said the private firms may well fill the need but there was still a risk that the buildings might not be constructed. Furthermore, he said, provision of industrial space was only one goal of the project; the second was to provide local unemployed construction workers with jobs.

The city could have guaranteed that its building would be constructed by a local contractor using unemployed workers. If a private developer did the job, the same guarantee would not apply, he continued.

Several organizations, including the Brantford Regional Chamber of Commerce have given it complete or conditional support, he said. The chamber supported it even with the knowledge that the two private developers were waiting in the wings.

"The project has a broad cross-section of support from the community. I believe the project makes sense, and if we had acted on it (in August) it would be under construction."

Ald. Max Sherman said the risk to the city would be "minimal" if it went ahead with its own building.

Brantford is losing its competitive edge because other southern Ontario cities are being designated under ILAP so the city has to look for new ways to beat the competition

Ald. Chuck McPhail said city council had a responsibility "to take the initiative to attract industry and provide jobs."

"Our people are certainly suffering and we're only seeing the tip of the iceberg," said Ald. McPhail.



PROCLAMATION

September

NOW THEREFORE, I, D. Neumann, Mayor of the City of Brantford and the City of Brantford, do hereby proclaim September 21, 1982, as the day of the City of Brantford and the City of Brantford.

D. Neumann
 Mayor
 City of Brantford.

Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Program (EAST WARD)

Brantford City Council with the approval of the Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Program (EAST WARD) IN THE CITY HALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. The purpose of this Program is to improve the quality of life in the East Ward Neighbourhood, as recognized in the Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Program. This Plan has been the result of a public consultation process. All interested parties are invited to submit their representations regarding the Plan to the City of Brantford.

LEGISLATION

WHEREAS the Royal Commission on the Status of Women requested that September 21, 1982, be designated as the day of the City of Brantford and the City of Brantford;

- 1) To perpetuate the memory of the women who died in the future;
- 2) To serve the community;
- 3) To aid widows and orphans;
- 4) To sponsor Air Cadets;
- 5) To aid in emergency relief;
- 6) To sponsor physical fitness programs;
- 7) To encourage young people to enter the workforce;
- 8) To aid in Scholastic Achievement Awards;
- 9) Personally encourage participation in the program.

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D. Neumann
 Mayor
 City of Brantford

Water

Installation of water main adjacent to the Brantford Powerline Road began this week and will be completed next week.

Pavement removal and excavation on the King George Road and Powerline Road adjacent to the Brantford Powerline Road will also be completed this week. New sanitary sewer lines on the east side of King George Road and Varadi Avenue will be put in.

The contractor working on the Eagle Place dike is the Birkett Lane rammed earth construction. Soil shaping and installation of soil will continue this week. Seeding and mulch application will be carried out the following week.

City council to consider cutbacks

Staff reductions, increases in user fees and cutbacks in services will all be considered by city council in its attempts to keep the 1983 property tax increase in line.

If municipal services stay at their current level, the city's share of the property tax would

have to rise 13.5 per cent next year, said Treasurer Stephen Taylor in a report presented Monday to city council's committee of the whole.

But, continued the report, council should try to limit the tax increase to five per cent in keeping with the federal go-

vernment's restraint program.

Without cutbacks, the cost of operations will rise by \$3.6 million. Because of the slow growth in assessment and threats of a freeze on provincial grants, revenues will rise only

only \$875,000, predicted Mr. Taylor.

To keep within the five per cent limit, council will have to find spending cuts and new revenue totalling \$1.75 million in the city's projected 1983 budget of \$40 million.

The preparation of the

1983 budget has already started and is several months ahead of normal. Preliminary discussion will be held during the next two months although the final decisions will be made by the new council after it takes office Dec. 1.

In its discussions, city

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council should aim at "maintaining or decreasing departmental complements," said another report by City Administrator Geoffrey Wilson.

Ald. Art Stanbridge told the committee the city should approach the three unions represent-

ing almost 500 firemen, policemen and general municipal employees "and ask them if they'd take a wage freeze or moderate their demands to preserve the jobs of their brothers and sisters."

Mr. Wilson replied:
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Industrial mall idea rejected third time

By DAVID SCHULTZ
Expositor Staff Writer

The construction of an "industrial mall" should be left to private enterprise, stated a resolution adopted Monday by a 7-4 vote of city council's committee of the whole.

The vote was the third rejection of an idea proposed in August by City Administrator Geoffrey Wilson who said the city should use some of its own money, along with a provincial grant, to construct a multi-unit \$900,000 building to house five or six new, small industries.

On Monday he presented a report which said two private developers, who were not named, are prepared to construct two such buildings and lease them at rates competitive with similar buildings in Brantford and nearby communities. Nevertheless, Mr. Wilson proposed that the city continue preparation of plans and cost estimates for a municipally-owned building in case the private developers back out.

The four councillors supporting Mr. Wilson's idea attempted several times on Monday to have his suggestion for a back-up plan included in the main resolution but they were defeated.

However, the resolution did instruct Mr. Wilson to co-ordinate the flow of information from industries to the developers and report to council on Oct. 18 on the progress being made by the developers.

The resolution is subject to ratification by council at its Oct. 4 meeting. Voting in favor of it Monday were Ald. Bob Lancaster, Ald. John Starkey, Ald. Mary Welsh, Ald. Bob Mroz, Ald. Larry Kings, Ald. Enid Green and Ald. Peter Hexamer. Opposed to the motion were Mayor Dave Neumann, Ald. Max Sherman, Ald. Chuck McPhail and Ald. Jo Brennan. Ald. Art Stanbridge was not present.

Mr. Wilson's report said the private developers would construct the buildings if they could be assured that 40 to 50 per cent of the space could be leased immediately.

Officials of the Industry and Labor Adjustment Program (ILAP) have said there are several firms, interested in beginning operations in Brantford, which have complained about the shortage of rental space.

Mr. Wilson said a survey of existing buildings showed that there are a few units in a privately-owned building in Cainsville but that most other industrial buildings are too expensive to convert or better suited for larger companies.

Ald. Starkey, who presented the resolution supporting private development of the industrial mall, said the original proposal was made because it was believed that high interest rates prevented companies from constructing new industrial building for leasing at competitive rates.

But with the presentation of Mr. Wilson's report "the question of how to provide space has, for the most part, been answered," he argued. The only problem remaining is how to funnel the potential tenants to the developers.

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BIA seeks proposals to solve the problem of downtown parking

1982-09-22

By TED HOOTON
Expositor Staff Writer

The Business Improvement Area (BIA) board of directors is seeking proposals which would help eliminate the current downtown parking problem.

The move to find additional

parking space came Tuesday night after the BIA learned that downtown parking lots were full most of the time Mondays through Fridays. Space appeared to be available on Saturdays.

Ross Baker, chairman of the BIA board, expressed surprise when he was told that the parking lot on the old canal adjacent to the ring road south of Colborne Street was full each day.

Several members attending the BIA meeting Tuesday reiterated an often-heard proposal that parking meters be reinstalled on Colborne Street. The meters were removed when the street was reconstructed about three years ago.

Mr. Baker said the problem was immediate and installing the street meters would not help alleviate the situation existing now.

The problem was the result of persons working in the downtown area using the lots for parking all day, said some downtown businessmen.

Ben Kanter, operator of a Colborne Street mens' wear store, said all-day parking should be banned and suggested a two-hour limit be placed on parking so shoppers would be able to use the lots. Others suggested that the ring road lot be expanded. Another suggested that those working in the downtown area find private lots and pay for their parking.

Mr. Kanter also wanted the city to open the former Scarfe paint factory property south of Greenwich Street for parking.

"Nearly 75 per cent of the parkers on the market square lot

are all-day parkers and they should be banned," he said.

The meeting became heated several times during the evening and at one point Mr. Kanter demanded that the board of directors resign because they were not following the wishes of the downtown merchants and demanding that city council reinstall the street meters.

Noting that Mr. Baker had admitted that he was not in favor of installing street parking on Colborne Street, Mr. Kanter charged that "this was only one example of how you (the merchants) are being shafted."

"Here is an example of how the board is doing nothing for us. Every one of you on this board is flouting the democratic process," he said.

Ken Purdy, a Colborne Street florist, took exception to Mr. Kanter's remarks.

Mr. Purdy said he differed with Mr. Kanter's charge that the board was not appointed by the democratic process.

Ald. Max Sherman, city council's representative on the board, said he would check out the possibility of filling in an area of the ring road parking lot and making it usable for increased parking. Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Kanter took issue with the BIA spending money on the Famous Peoples' Walkway being built in the laneway which runs from Market to King streets between stores fronting on Dalhousie and Colborne streets.

Catch-22 for Chamber

1982-09-22

The Brantford Regional Chamber of Commerce board, following a presentation from the City of Brantford, supported the city's short-term involvement in a new small business industrial mall.

How can an organization that supports free enterprise and a lessening of government involvement in business make such a decision?

The city's presentation indicated a Catch-22 situation. There are new small industries ready to locate in Brantford who will not do so after reviewing available sites. We were told private enterprise will not provide the kind of low-priced space required in Brantford.

The choice of this community was indicated as providing good low cost space with government assistance and involvement and increasing employment (construction and manufacturing) and tax base, or missing the opportunity. Although it was public knowledge that the Chamber intended to consider the city's initiative, no contrary arguments or presentation

requests were received prior to the meeting.

The Chamber board was therefore in the same moral dilemma as many businessmen are today. Government involvement in approval programs taken advantage of by one company/community places their company/community at a disadvantage if they do not follow suit. The Chamber board chose to be pragmatic to the presented arguments and to support the city's initiative — to give this community the advantage by temporarily involving the city in an industrial mall. The Chamber board still supports less government involvement in business.

The city's industrial mall is not yet council approved. Private enterprise may accept the challenge and find a preferred way. It would be unfortunate for the community if neither rose to the occasion.

E. L. (TED) GOOLD,
President,
Brantford Regional Chamber
of Commerce

BIA planning shopper centre

1982-09-22

The former Bank of Nova Scotia building on the southwest corner of Market and Colborne streets will become a customer courtesy centre for downtown shoppers.

Ross Baker, chairman of the Business Improvement Area (BIA) board of directors, said Tuesday the city had granted the BIA free use of the building.

The centre, which will be open during regular shopping hours, will contain various displays provided by charitable and other organizations, a Let's Speak-Up campaign display, a Telerider telephone, a community notice board and a BIA promotion board.

The anti-vandalism committee will occupy a second floor office.

Mr. Baker said the BIA will be responsible for insurance — included in an existing policy held by the board.

Other costs to the BIA will be about \$50 a month during the summer and \$100 a month in the winter.

Heat will be kept to a minimum because shoppers will be wearing coats during cold weather, Mr. Baker said.

No washroom facilities will be provided but signs will direct users to downtown facilities.

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Lorne Dam

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"With all the rain, it's very difficult to examine. We're going to do sufficient repairs. But they may be impossible right now because of the water over the dam...If we can retain it, we will."

Mayor Dave Neumann said divers should be back in the river today to inspect the dam.

"It could take two months to do a coffer dam (a temporary retaining wall) so we were looking at putting huge concrete blocks in and getting a conduit in to put cement in."

If the dam breaks, paper production at Sonoco Ltd. on Park Avenue could be affected. The dam diverts water into a pipe running along the old canal route. The pipe empties into an old section of the canal from which Sonoco draws its water supply. Mr. Middleton said if the dam collapses, water would rain out of the canal.

Mike Iking, maintenance foreman at Sonoco, said "If the canal goes dry, it would shut us right down." He said that situation has never occurred before.

Mr. Middleton said Tuesday's movement of the dam was a progression of the dam's deterioration. A report presented to city council two weeks ago said the 83-year-old dam was in the early stages of failure. It said restoration work must be done if the dam is to survive the spring.

That work could cost between \$600,000 and \$1 million.

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No trespassing signs posted at Lorne Dam

No trespassing signs were posted today in the area of the Lorne Dam for any additional movement along its crest.

A warning to keep away from the dam was issued Tuesday afternoon, after a section of it moved forward six inches. "It's too dangerous for men to be working on it now, with the possibility of it going out."

On Wednesday, city engineer Ron Middleton said a portion of the dam could collapse at any moment. "We're still hoping that if that section of the dam stabilizes, and the water goes down, we can still hold it for the winter."

Staff-Insp. Gordon Stoneman said today the police are "checking the area periodically", but there is no longer a constant watch. Mr. Middleton said it could be held by placing concrete blocks in front of the collapsing section and pumping concrete into the base.

"People will be warned to stay off. If there is any obstinacy they'll be charged with trespassing." The water in front of the 83-year-old dam, constructed of timbers with a concrete cap, is about four feet deep. It is about 10 feet deep behind the dam.

Mr. Middleton said today "it doesn't appear that the dam has shifted since that big movement."

"You can hardly see it now with the water going over it."

He said city engineering staff will monitor the dam for a week. "The rain doesn't raise the water level very much, just a matter of an inch or two. But it does mean the water will be high for a long time."



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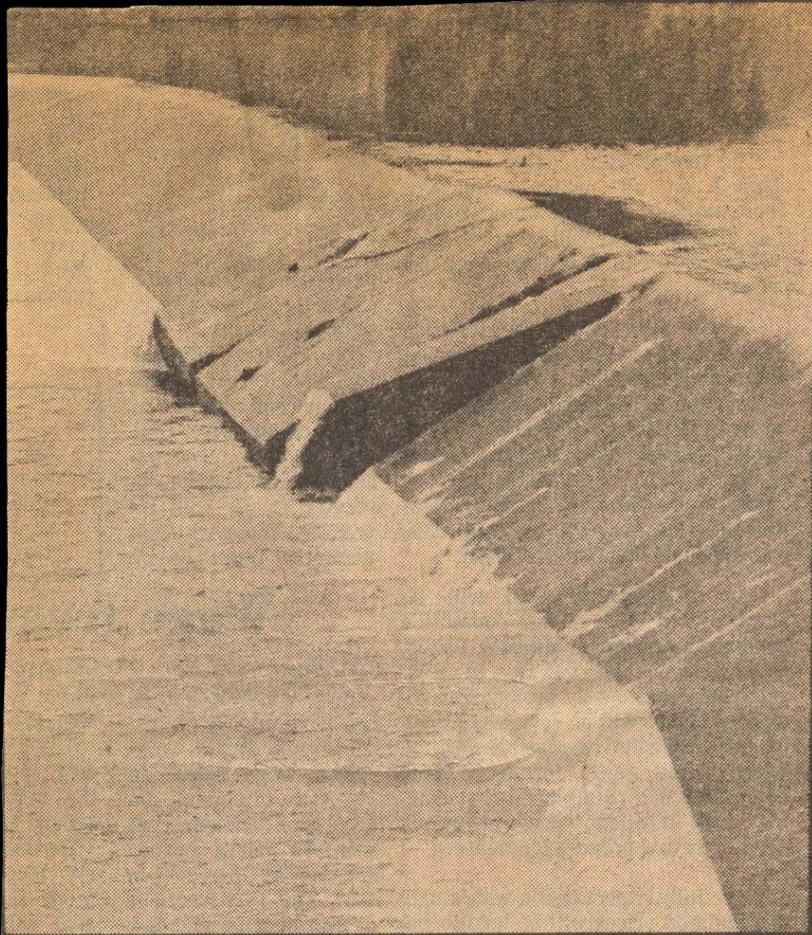
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ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant, being composed of all of Delamere Street as shown on Registered Plan 527 extending northerly from the north limit of Edge Street to the south limit of Charles Street.

AND TAKE NOTICE that at the time and place above mentioned Council shall hear in person or by his or her solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the bylaw and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Brantford, Ontario this 2nd day of September, 1982.

W. A. COULSON
City Clerk
City Clerk's Office
100 Wellington Square,
Brantford, Ontario.



Expositor photo

A section of the Lorne Dam has moved forward about six inches.

Section of dam near collapse

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A section of the Lorne Dam could be washed out any moment, says the city engineering staff.

A warning has been passed on to city police to keep people off the dam and away from the area downstream.

Ron Middleton, city engineer, said today a portion of the dam between the middle and the east bank is in immediate danger of collapsing.

He said that portion of the dam "rolled forward about six inches" on Tuesday. "The crest is now out of line."

He said the concrete cap on that section of the timber dam "will likely break up and the timbers will roll forward more."

However, Mr. Middleton said "I can't see the whole dam going at once, at the moment." He doesn't foresee major flooding if the collapse occurs.

"If one section just goes, the flow would be relatively slow...The water would come up slowly. There would be plenty of time to warn people below. It would be nothing compared to spring run-off.

"It would hardly make any difference downstream. Just a matter of a foot or so.

"In the spring you have a flow of 60,00 cubic feet per second. All you have here is a pool of water down to Holmedale Avenue."

Brantford police have a patrol stationed at the dam to monitor the situation and to keep people away. The area below the dam is a popular fishing spot.

Mr. Middleton said emergency work will be done when the water level goes down. The river is now flowing over the dam.

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Revenue increased from GRCA parks, recreation areas

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CAMBRIDGE — Revenue from Grand River Conservation Authority's parks and recreation properties is up this year, although attendance was down.

August was a disaster because of the weather, said Mac Coutts, the general manager, at a Wednesday meeting of the authority here.

"We budgeted for a loss," one member said. "It's just a question of degree."

Mr. Coutts said the authority's new fee policy of charging for each person rather than for a carload has improved its financial position.

The authority had some complaints, mainly from those who had been walking into the parks for free in the past.

The new policy is more equitable, he said. Nevertheless, it will be reviewed and adjusted further.

A four-year Grand River water management study will be reviewed by the authority's four advisory boards. The study outlines a \$72-million plan to reduce flooding and ensure water quality and supply.

Mr. Coutts called the study a resource report which would be used in drawing up a water management plan which has to be submitted to the province by next June.

Mr. Coutts agreed with one complaint that the study didn't deal with a number of important areas, such as recreation, forestry, wildlife and public relations.

Authority staff will develop more material which will be used in developing the watershed plan, Mr. Coutts said.

Chairman James Bauer agreed with one member's comments about the importance of developing a way to insure that the plan's recommendations are implemented.

The study, covering the next 50 years, recommended dredging and the construction of dikes in Brantford, Paris, Caledonia, Dunnville and New Hamburg. Brantford's major dike project, the Eagle Place dike, is already under way.

In other business, the GRCA decided to apply to the province for a \$120,000 winter works program for help to control erosion at the Binge Island Park, repair a fish ladder and improve the fish habitat in Sulphur Creek, part of the old Welland Canada feeder works.

The City Beat

Even the best of campaigns have boundaries

By order of city council, this has been Let's Speak Up Week in Brantford.

Six months after the campaign began, the slick song, the split-screen promotional movie, the full-page newspaper ads, and the radio jingles have become part of life in the city.

The campaign was devised by a group called the Brant-



ford Image committee, according to its chairman Mike Woodburn, because too many people thought that living here was, in a phrase, "the pits".

The problem isn't that Brantford has little to offer, he said Friday. It's that too few people are aware of just what is available.

So the campaign concentrated on "emphasizing the positive" — the parks, the history, the inexpensive housing, the new industries attracted to the city, the old ones that are growing and above all, the friendly nature of its residents.

As far as he is concerned, it has worked. As just one example, look at the letters to the editor in the paper, he explained; more and more writers are mentioning the campaign and its slogan in their letters, calling on other Brantford residents to join them in boosting the old home town.

It was never the group's intention to gloss over the city's problems he continued. Mr. Woodburn is intimately aware of the problems of the economy and the efforts underway to bring it back to life.

So while it is easy to be cynical about the committee's work, perhaps there is something to it after all and the boosters deserve a round of applause.

But there are limits to even the best organized and most well intentioned campaign. It comes when the image makers run head-long into a problem which positive attitudes and slogans alone cannot cure.

Being aware of the good things about life in Brantford does not automatically correct the problems of the community; drawing attention to the problems is not the same thing as being negative about the city.

Once the community's self image has been improved, what then?

It is possible to be both proud of Brantford yet to question its current and future health.

It is possible for individuals caught in the pincers of unemployment and inflation to be despondent about their own future.

And when that state of mind sets in, almost nothing can cure it but the elimination of the cause or, in other words, a regeneration of the economy.

Are there, among the 110,000 citizens of Brantford and Brant County, people who have reached the point of hopelessness? There is no way of answering that question with any degree of certainty.

But it is easy to come to the

conclusion that now, with winter on the horizon, with the effects of industrial development programs still months away, and with layoffs continuing at major employers that a growing number of residents will have difficulty coping with their personal and family crises.

The people who run social service agencies, the community's political leaders, the representatives of unions and government departments, certainly have the best interests of the community at heart. They are Brantford boosters, but they are also working hard to deal with the economic and human problems caused by layoffs, cutbacks and shutdowns; certainly, they have nothing to gain from negativism for its own sake.

What is it that they see happening in Brantford? Here are a few quotations drawn from recent meetings.

Greg Guthrie, executive director of the Family Service Bureau which provides family and financial counselling: "We're getting more referrals than we can handle."

Kitty Francis, administrator of Brant County Social Services: "We see people coming on welfare who are really at the last straw."

Ald. Chuck McPhail: "So many people are finding it difficult to survive. Our people are really suffering and we're only seeing the tip of the iceberg."

Finally, from Jack Herron, executive director of the Council on Continuing Education, a cogent comment which hits at gut level:

"Many people have never been in this situation, have never believed they'd go on UIC, let alone welfare."

"They really believe things will be better tomorrow."

"They're thwarted every way they turn and they're looking for a way out. People are on hold."

The recession has created its own ironies. As Mayor Dave Neumann noted the other night, politicians at all levels of government spend hours devising make-work projects but at the same time look for ways to cut their own staff complements to save money. It is, as he said, a funny way to fight unemployment.

Ten thousand persons in Brant County are collecting unemployment insurance or welfare. Put another way, that's one person for every fourth or fifth household. Probably every person in the city has a neighbor or relative collecting benefits.

People who have devoted many years to their small businesses are confronted by the possibility that their life's work may fall victim to the recession.

Blue collar workers with children to feed and a mortgage to pay worry about losing their homes.

Young men and women, fresh out of school and lucky to be working are threatened by layoffs which promise to deprive them of something less tangible but just as real — the loss of hope.

Speak up Brantford. But don't be critical of your neighbor if the sound he utters is not a cry of exhalation but a moan of despair.

Water main connections to mall now completed

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Water main connections to Brantford Mall were completed this week, as work on King George Road continues.

New water mains were also installed along the east side of King George south from Varadi Avenue. Excavation continued there also. Curbs and gutters were put in at the Powerline Road intersection.

Road excavation and water main work will continue, and the installation of sanitary sewer connections and paving from the mall to Powerline Road (weather permitting) will start next week.

Paving of Birkett Lane ramp was completed last week, but the road will remain closed until the guide rails are installed. Work still to be done on the Eagle Place dike includes relocating hydro lines and placing topsoil on the side slopes. That work and seeding and mulching will continue next week.

Construction on Alwood Street between Waddington Street and

Pusey Boulevard will begin next week. The old road surface will be removed from Waddington to the south end of Pusey, and the Public Utilities Commission will start work on renewing the water-main services on this block.

The base gravel has been placed on Terrace Hill Street, between West and Dundas streets. Curb and gutter construction was started and will be finished next week to be followed by the installation of final gravel.

Installation of water mains and services is 50 per cent complete on Elgin Street between Rawdon and Murray streets, and sanitary sewer connections are 40 per cent finished. That work will continue next week.

Excavation of Elgin, between Murray and Brock streets, will begin next week.

Base gravel will be placed, and curb and gutter construction will start next week on Edge Street between Delamere and Milton streets. Installation of final gravel will follow.

Curb and gutter work will also start next week on Milton from Charles Street to Edge, and placing of final gravel will also follow.

Street sweeping: nights — downtown, Henry Street to Grey Street area, alternate side-parking streets, city parking lots; days — Ava Road, Holmedale and Dufferin areas, Brier Park, West Brier, Brier Green.



