

# Zorra wants porn books moved out of kids' reach

By RON PRESTON  
of The Sentinel-Review

INGERSOLL — If you're shorter than five feet tall, you may not be able to peruse or purchase a pornographic magazine in Zorra Township in the near future.

Councillors have approved a resolution similar to the controversial London bylaw which has forced city merchants to put their sexually-graphic materials on shelves at least five-feet high, and behind opaque plastic shields.

Township staff will now draft a bylaw. The resolution was passed after council received a letter from the Kintore Optimist Club seeking the changes. Two months ago, council tabled any action on the matter after receiving a similar letter from another group.

"It's come back up from a new source," said Coun. Jim Muterer. He agreed with concerns by other councillors pornography is difficult to define "but it's getting to the point where it's out of hand."

## Seeks government aid for clean-up efforts

By RON PRESTON  
of The Sentinel-Review

INGERSOLL — A Woodstock scrap removal firm which financially broke even helping Zorra Township's spring cleanup efforts, is lobbying for government aid for future efforts because "you can't run trucks on nothing" said owner Don Kitching.

His family-operated company, Oxford Metal Removal Ltd., volunteered its trucks last April in the two-week cleanup drive. In lieu of fees, it kept the proceeds from selling the junk material gathered to recycling centres.

After collecting and selling almost 30-tons of tin, steel, aluminium and glass, Kitching said his company was paid nearly \$1,400, almost the same amount it cost to conduct the pickup.

Outside the Zorra Township chambers Friday, Kitching said he hoped to get either a government grant or subsidy to continue his work with the township.

The purpose behind the collection "was to save the landfill sites" from being over-used. "The less material that has to go there," he said, "the longer it will operate."

"People have to realize if they don't support this (cleanup), they will end up with a landfill site in their backyards."

He expressed his disappointment with provincial authorities who say funds or grants can be arranged, "and when you approach them, it's not

available," said Kitching. "A private individual can't continue pouring his own money out."

He admitted, however, his company did gain from "the spin-off of free advertising" from travelling the 317 miles of township roads.

The scrap dealer told Zorra Township councillors he "felt it was quite successful for a first effort" and agreed to help in a fall cleanup campaign.

This time, however, instead of going to each residence as they did in the spring, the firm intends to leave a truck at a central depot on a Saturday during October. Council agreed, and will pay for the advertising costs in the fall.

But "as for another year, it's hard to know" whether he would consider the cleanup without levying a charge to the municipality, perhaps as high as \$1,000.

Coun. Jim Muterer questioned whether there would be enough material for fall collection but Kitching said some people had put their recyclables out after his trucks went by.

"I must admit," the businessman said, "we missed the odd person" last spring.

In the rural areas, he said, "it doesn't pay to do it twice a year — you may get a good response or you might not."

Kitching informed council of one interesting fact. "The farther you get away from the landfill sites," he said, "the more (material) you collect."

There are only two retail outlets, both in Thamesford, which sell magazines. If council passes the bylaw at the next meeting, the bylaw enforcement officer would have the power to fine merchants contravening the bylaw.

"I'm in favor of it," said Coun. Carl Chambers, "but who decides what's pornographic? To some people, a photography magazine can be considered pornographic."

If the council follows the London example, township clerk Wayne Johnson said, the bylaw will list exactly what acts shown in a magazine constitute pornography.

"What we're looking at," said Coun. Chambers, "is people who shouldn't have access to it," and how to prevent that exposure.

Mayor Wallis-Hammond said if the bylaw passes, the enforcement officer would have to stop at the stores each week to ensure continued adherence to the law.

But Coun. Chamber disagreed. "Our bylaws have always been passive," with action only on complaints. He doesn't want the enforcement officer "to become his own censor board."

"If someone gets a vendetta against a store," said Mayor Hammond, "the (township) clerk could get a phone call every day."

Johnson said the issue began with the Optimist Club being shown some materials at a meeting which were "more graphic than they expected." The clerk said he didn't know if the materials had been purchased in the township.

Council will likely vote on the bylaw at its Aug. 8 meeting.

# Farm fatalities on the rise

### Poor economy, stress blamed as 48 Ontario farmers killed in 1983

TORONTO (CP) — Farming in Ontario may be hazardous to more than just economic health.

The Ontario Farm Safety Association says there were a record number of farm injuries in 1983, with 2,809 reported — an increase of 14 per cent.

The economy, stress, carelessness and the number of children and young workers around a farm are all being blamed for the rise.

The province's Workers' Compensation Board says injuries to farmers last year cost more than \$10 million and farm fatalities were up 20 per cent, with 48 Ontario farmers killed in accidents.

James Gibb, of Embro, president of the farm safety association, said stress caused by the troubling financial situation on Ontario farms is taking farmers' minds off their jobs.

"The economic situation is on the minds of more and more people," he said. "Everybody is thinking about their financial situation and it is preying on their minds instead of what they're doing."

"You've got the farmer working longer hours and they're working bigger farms with bigger machinery, so the potential for accidents is greater."

Robert Plunkett, a spokesman for the association, said studies show farmers suffer more than urban residents from stress in times of financial difficulty because farmers stand to lose more.

"The farmer suffers losses personally and directly because it's his family and his farm," Plunkett said.

He also noted farmers don't buy the latest safety equipment when times are tough because it doesn't bring them any concrete gain.

Larry Swinn, public relations co-ordinator for the safety association, said the accident figures show that children shouldn't operate or ride on high-powered equipment.

Ten of the fatal accidents involved people younger than 20, and 40 per cent of farm injuries involved workers younger than 25.

"The farm workplace has always been used as a child-care centre and parents don't seem to get the message that it's dangerous," Swinn said.

There are no health or safety regulations governing Canadian farm working conditions, although provincial agriculture ministries try to make farmers aware of the hazards of their profession.