

Will Hit Subdividers Harder Georgetown Reads Two By-Laws

Subdividers will be paying a much larger share of town services when they build if legislation being considered by Georgetown council becomes law.

At a council meeting, preliminary readings were given to two by-laws which have an important bearing on future subdivisions. The legislation is essentially the same as in the town agreement with Delrex Developments, with the addition of a charge for engineering services of up to five per cent. when the town deems it necessary to obtain engineering advice.

The by-laws were submitted by council's town planning committee which is headed by Cr. Doug Sargent.

One by-law will control the proportion of industrial and residential property in Georgetown subdivisions of five acres or more, limiting house building to 60 per cent. of the assessment of the subdivision. A subdivider would be allowed to proceed with building on 25 per cent. of the residue left and then would have to produce a compensating industry.

A possible loop-hole in the by-law is plugged with a clause which gives council the right to decide if a subdivider is contravening the by-law by splitting a large acreage into a number of five acre sections.

In subdivisions under five acres, the council require a \$300 payment per lot as a service charge.

The second by-law requires subdividers to supply a number of necessary services at their own expense. Roads, sanitary sewers, sidewalks, watermains, and street signs must all be supplied and, if necessary, storm sewers. Drainage easements must be given the corporation where necessary, also.

A fee of up to five per cent. for engineering services is also a responsibility of the contractor. The town will not take over the services installed until 50 per cent. of the buildings are erected.

As a guarantee that the subdivider will live up to his obligations, he must deposit sufficient money with the town or post a bond sufficient to cover all costs of services before proceeding with any construction.

Questioned whether the new by-laws will affect Delrex Mayor Armstrong said Georgetown's agreement with the firm would obviate the by-law applying to that subdivision. However, he said, it will regulate what have been called "added starters" owned by Delrex, such as the George Cleave and Russell Hepburn farms, which were not included in the town's agreement.

Construction Starts On Community Pool

Construction has started on a \$50,000 community swimming pool project which is being sparked by Georgetown Lions Club.

Toronto contractors Milne and Nichols have been awarded the contract for the Georgetown pool and preliminary work is in progress behind the arena where the pool will be located.

A fund campaign has been launched and a total of \$6,450 is in the bank as a start, with donations being solicited to raise this to at least \$50,000.

The Lions procured the location and prepared plans and specifications, and they have been aided substantially by the fire department in clearing the land, by Don Ford who mowed grass and weeds and town engineer Douglas Wilson, who is doing the surveying.

Amend By-Law To Build Plant

The Ontario Municipal Board approved Toronto Township's application to amend its zoning by-law to permit construction of a \$1,000,000 plant just northwest of Streetsville by the Canada Clay Co.

The board's ruling stipulated that land owned by the company in the vicinity of the plant be used only for obtaining materials for the manufacture of bricks and related clay products and that no dynamite be used in mining operations.

The company must also plant a buffer of trees along two sides of its property before commencing operations.

Says Women Still Face Inequality On Many Points

Calgary (CP)—Violet King, Canada's only negro woman lawyer, told a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club here that in many respects women still are not considered equal to men in the eyes of the law.

As examples, Miss King cited cases such as women serving on juries, the right of wives to retain their housekeeping earnings, and the ownership of a joint bank account. Miss King pointed out that seven of the 10 provinces permitted women to serve on juries. But in Alberta, where they were entitled to this prerogative, she said, there was always the excuse that court houses were not equipped to have male and female jurors serving together.

In regard to housekeeping money, a woman who has built up a fund is not entitled to any part of it and the money can be claimed by her spouse.

She warned against apathy and the effect of prejudice, particularly prejudice of women against women.

Oakville May Become City

Oakville Assessor Percy Spurgeon said that he thinks the 1955 census of Oakville will show total population to have passed the 10,000 mark. If it does, Oakville will automatically cease to be a town and will become a city.

Last year's census showed 9,111 people living there. For the past several years, the town has gained around 14 per cent. annually. Even a 10 per cent. increase from a year ago would put the present population at 10,022.

Mr. Spurgeon says that he expects to find the largest increase came from new apartment dwellers and boarders. Figures should be available some time around the middle of September.

Citizens Want New Hospital

If the enthusiasm shown by a group of more than 50 citizens means anything a hospital is practically assured for Burlington and district. A meeting, held in the Arena Circus room set up committees and appointed the joint Burlington-Nelson committee to take the necessary steps to obtain a charter in Toronto.

There was not a dissenting voice from among the audience representing municipal, church, service and other groups in both the town and township. In addition seven doctors took time out from their work to point out the need for a hospital in the area, and promised their assistance in obtaining one.

It was generally agreed that a hospital there should have from 80 to 100 beds. Cost was estimated to run from \$1,200,000, to \$2,000,000, with government building grants approximately \$250,000. It was pointed out also, that government grants would contribute in a large way in the operation of a hospital.

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Apologize For Decision Delay

Chairman Lorne Cumming of the Ontario Municipal Board, apologized for the delay in handing down a decision on the Oakville-Trafalgar annexation hearing.

"You can't expect a decision before the end of August," Mr. Cumming said. "We are terribly short-handed down here, and we have to take on other hearings as they come along."

"I know there is a great deal of interest in Oakville and Trafalgar," he continued, "but there is not much chance of a decision being forthcoming before several weeks have passed."

Mr. Cumming said the board is "swamped with work," and is doing its utmost to deliver the various decisions. He said the decision was too important to be hurried. "We will give a ruling as soon as possible," he concluded.

Special Meeting For Municipal Building

Action on Burlington council's plans for the Municipal building were demanded by Cr. Jack Richardson, chairman of the town property committee. He requested a special meeting of the entire council in committee to go into the matter and report for open council.

At the suggestion of Deputy Reeve Fred C. Atkinson, who presided at the council meeting, Cr. Richardson was to ask Mayor E. W. Smith to call the special meeting as quickly as possible. In presenting his report Cr. Richardson said he was being pressed by the "Inter-Urban Board for a decision."

"They want to know what we intend to do about this building," the councillor said. "If we have no plans then they want to go on with a building of their own."

WELL-TRAINED DOG

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. (CP)—Art Carter of Desbarats has a dog which provides all the services of a well-trained wife. His seven-month-old collie fetches, slippers, the newspaper from the mailbox and a dish for his own meals.



MOST POWERFUL DIESEL IN CANADA: D. S. Thomson, vice-president, Canadian Pacific Railway, and George A. Mueller, right, senior vice-president, Canadian Locomotive Company, exchange a few words during their inspection of the most powerful diesel locomotive in Canada. Handed over to the C.P.R. at Kingston recently, the 2,400 horsepower unit boasts a top speed of 75 m.p.h. and more pulling power than any other locomotive on C.P.R. lines. The power-packed unit — another Canadian Pacific first—is equally adept at hauling freight or passenger cars. The new "Trainmaster" will undergo tests on the Montreal-St. John, N.B. line, and later on the Kettle Valley Division.

Ask \$800,000 For South Peel Hospital

South Peel Hospital Board will ask ratepayers of three local municipalities to vote \$800,000 more to hasten the creation of a 125-bed hospital near Cooksville.

With nearly \$500,000 on hand, the board members said the hospital will cost a total of \$1,750,000.

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Georgetown Council Won't Close Mill

The air was cleared in Georgetown council chamber if not in the Alliance papermill district, when a delegation of union representatives appeared to protest statements made by councillors last week in a council discussion of odours from the company's mill waste.

An apology for his statement that the mill should leave town if they cannot operate without a stench by Cr. Walter Gray, and explanation by Reeve Stan Allen that he had been somewhat misquoted in his statements about mill wages were accepted by the delegation as evidence that council collectively or individually would be concerned at any thought of the mill leaving town.

"Councillors are human and tempers fly here as well as anywhere else," said Reeve Allen, explaining that while he is still interested in seeking a remedy to overcome the odour, it is not his intention to see the mill closed or any worker hurt.

Tom Hill, union president, introduced the delegation which included William Engleby, honorary president, and vice president Del Majurey, and several other members.

Restore Pioneer Farm Home Built At Oakville Before 1829

In an effort to preserve a bit of Oakvilliana for posterity, Oakville Historical Society is conducting a campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the old pioneer farm home, recently acquired as an addition to the Old Post Office Museum.

The venerable dwelling, built previous to 1829, was originally owned by Merrick Thomas and was recently purchased from the Department of National Defence for a nominal fee.

The building, a masterpiece of pioneer farm home construction, consists of a large kitchen with a fireplace for cooking and heating and two smaller rooms. It will be used to display furniture and sundries typical of the period now owned by the museum.

Mrs. Hazel C. Mathews, Oakville historian and authoress of "Oakville and the Sixteen," instrumental in procuring the building, is also supervising the restoration process.

The massive stone fireplace has been reconstructed from native stone and is lined with hand made brick. The front porch has been partially rebuilt and support columns replaced where necessary, and the roof has been reshingled.

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Power, Roads Council Concern

Borrowing of money to be used for the extension and improvement of the power distribution system was authorized at the meeting of Rockwood council in the town hall recently.

In a motion moved by Mr. Cox and Mr. Armstrong, and carried unanimously, it was decided to obtain \$8,000 upon debentures for the carrying out of the work. The improvements will cover the police village of Rockwood. The proposal was given first and second readings.

Other business included a report by Edgar W. Harris to the effect that he had demolished three buildings on lot 5, concession 3, in April. On a motion of Mr. McNabb and Mr. Oakes the collector was authorized to rebate the sum of \$18.00 on his 1955 tax account.

New road signs were discussed and investigation is being made. The Roads Superintendent was instructed to carry out work on the fourth line as soon as possible and, dependent upon purchase of land at the usual price, to undertake the improvement work on the Jog on number 20 side road later in the year. He was further instructed to consult a solicitor with a view to obtaining a deed for property acquired for widening of Indian Trails in 1953. The question of purchase of further lands to complete the Trails was brought up. No decision was reached on this.

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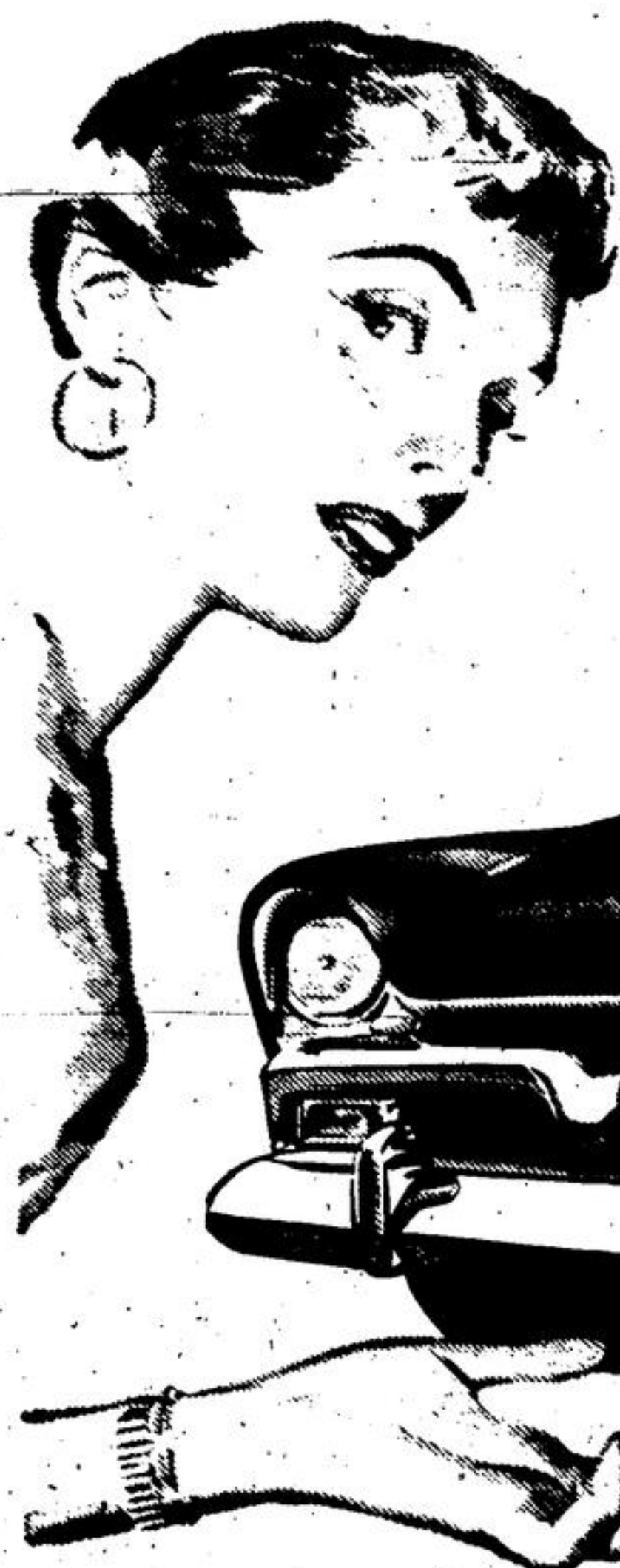
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