

"Cure Ills That Lead to Municipal Death"

Representatives of the north Halton municipalities were urged to take some action on regional planning "that could cure some of the ills that can lead to a municipality's death as an economic unit," when they met Thursday evening in Georgetown.

Organized by the North Halton Urban Board, the meeting, attended by about 150, heard talks from John Pearson of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Community Planning Branch; Dr. Ralph Krueger, Professor of Geography at the Waterloo University College; Norman Pearson, director of planning for Burlington; and Reeve J. R. Sams of Waterdown.

A panel discussion by the group was moderated by Bill Thompson of the planning staff of the Burlington Suburban Area Planning Board.

Boundary Beyond

John Pearson outlined the importance of Planning Board decisions, the relationship of the Board to council and the importance of a planning area. "There is no case for a Planning Board that's boundaries coincide with the boundary of a municipality. The boundaries have to be tied to the interests of a community which invariably extend beyond the boundary."

He concluded describing the objective as "how to have land uses with a minimum of conflict that will result in the best possible community."

Deploping the "urban sprawl" that is polluting our countryside Dr. Krueger said "we must explode the myth that our agricultural resources are unlimited." He pointed out that there are no frontiers, no west, and no north, the only frontier is technology. Agriculture productivity has increased by only two per cent in the last 20 years.

Noting the verge of a population explosion Dr. Krueger explained the population of the world has doubled in the last 60 years and the cycle would be completed again in less time.

Agriculture Gone

"Dealing with the urban sprawl problem," the speaker claimed the land consumed by cities is prime agricultural land. "By the year 2000, at the present rate of growth one quarter of our agricultural land will be gone."

In the Niagara Fruit belt, the speaker reported 12,000 acres had been consumed by urban sprawl and another 12,000 acres spoiled for agriculture.

Citing factors that spoil land for agriculture, Dr. Krueger named high land prices, land subdivided into uneconomic land uses; farmers having to pay high taxes for services required by urban houses, land held for speculation, and lack of incentive to make capital improvements in existing farms anticipating an early sale.

Spoils the Land

Spotty development in rural areas also spoils land for agriculture and costs more for services because of lack of orderly development, Dr. Krueger claimed.

"In Metro Toronto no one knows how much population could be put in the area already spoiled by the shadow of urban sprawl," Dr. Krueger said. "Metro is already galloping out along

401. Build a fence and restrain Metro spread. You still have time to act," he challenged.

"It is not a question of whether or not you can afford to plan—you cannot afford not to plan," the speaker concluded.

County-Wide Plan

Suggesting consideration of county planning Norman Pearson, director of planning for Burlington, pointed to "the city that has no name, the city sprawling on to this area." He suggested the county was being divided by urban development along the front and more rural areas to the north. "The problem of overall county planning could be tackled by a standing committee of municipalities already in the county. Burlington is not big enough to confine its own problems to its own boundaries. 401 skirts it and stimulates another set of problems just outside the boundary."

Mr. Pearson stressed the importance of human values in planning and the significance of decisions.

Reeve Sams joined the speakers for a panel discussion that saw questions and answers flying back and forth until 10:30 p.m.

What They Want

To a question "is this a good area for industry," the panel concluded industry would come if the area had what they wanted. Listeners were urged to know what qualities their community had.

Questioned on the most economical ratio of industry to residential, the panel members noted some communities were ideal bedroom communities while others were logical industrial areas. "The mere zoning of land for industrial use does not assure in reaching the ideal industrial-residential balance," Reeve Sams offered. He suggested pooling the industrial assessment over the county.

Municipalities should be buying park lands now, perhaps keeping them in moth balls for future development, the panel suggested.

What are the steps to preparation of a regional plan, the panel was asked. It was suggested more meetings within the municipalities would help and perhaps the North Halton Urban Board could organize activity along this line.

EDEN MILLS

Club's Euchre on Saturday Meetings, Visitors in News

A successful euchre was held Saturday evening in the village hall under the auspices of the Eden Mills Community Club. Prize winners were ladies, Lela Barden, Fran Tolton, Ella Singulaw, Evelyn Barden; men, Herb Gilbertson, Ross Campbell, Melvin Tolton and Howard James.

Mrs. Roy Hostess

Mrs. Rob Roy hosted the February meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Roy Gordon in charge of W.M.S. and Mrs. Roy for Ladies' Aid. Orders for three quilts were accepted and the ladies will be busy sewing before house cleaning.

Plan Cookie Day

The Scout Mothers' Auxiliary held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the Stevenson home. Arrangements were made for Cookie Day in the near future and a Mother and Daughter banquet was thought of for a later date.

Mrs. Ralph Thompson hosted the W.M.S. and W.A. of Eden Mills Church on Tuesday evening with Mrs. James in charge of W.M.S. and Mrs. Townsend of W.A. after the business a social time was spent.

Mrs. Mansel Lourie is progressing favorably in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beatty and son spent Saturday in Toronto.

Drill Hits Hot Wires Contractor Uninjured

Footings have been poured for the new greenhouse being installed at the Acton High School this week and completion of the installation is expected in the near future.

The greenhouse formerly used as a conservatory by the late Angus Mason was given to the school by the family and dismantled and moved last week.

Contractors for the erection of the greenhouse Jack Drysdale and Doug Guthrie struck a snag during the weekend when they were digging the ground for footings.

Mr. Drysdale, handling a pneumatic drill, struck something appearing to be an old piece of cement. Stopping drilling, he took a hand shovel and commenced to remove the object when he smelted smoke. Digging carefully he uncovered, bared wires, which turned out to be the lead-in to the electricity to the new school addition recently completed.

The wires fused and blew out the lighting system in the school and a main transformer.

Once he realized the situation, the hydro and a private electrician were called to restore the broken service and safety encase the wiring in protective material.

Later the contractor learned he had struck a three-phase 120-208 volt circuit and three 150 amp fuses had also given out inside the school.

Hydro workers stated later the contractor was lucky he didn't receive injuries from the contact with the wires.

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Don't Forget Neighbors

Panelists warned listeners it wasn't possible to draw a green belt wall around a community and forget you have neighbors. Any official plan has to have some flexibility that will allow it to integrate development as it occurs.

Summing up the panel discussion, Reeve Sams noted a lively interest in the problem of growth. He suggested the Urban Board organize a committee to seriously study the possibility of regional planning. He emphasized it was necessary to determine the local problems and list them. "No professional can do that better than the people here."

A roast beef dinner preceded the meeting in Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown.

ONE PERMIT

Nassagaweya issued only one building permit, valued at \$1,000 during February. This brings the total for the year up to \$17,500.

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Mrs. Haggitt, convener of the committee, reported uniforms turned into the group will be cleaned, mended and made available to any boy or girl entering the scout movement.

In the event any child has outgrown their uniform, they can turn it in and swap it for a larger one.

Ask Assistance

An appeal is sent out to all citizens to keep the committee in mind when cleaning out closets and old discarded uniforms can either be donated or sold to the group.

Committee members are only too happy to pick up uniforms and ask interested parents to any parts of or full uniforms no longer required, phone their homes if they have.

Ask Help

Uniform Swap Shop Started By Scout Mothers' Group

Plans were finalized Tuesday evening by the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association to establish a "Swap Shop" for uniforms for Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies.

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9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Church School
11:00 a.m. - Mattins

MID-WEEK SERVICE

Wednesday, 15 March, 1961, 8 p.m. Lenten Evensong and Instruction
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10:30 a.m. - Senior Sunday School, grade 4 and up.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Junior Sunday School, up to grade 3 with nursery.
7:30 p.m. - Young People's.

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