

Plunkett, regional government under fire as planners meet

Some widely divergent views on the future status of what is now Halton County were bandied about last week when members of the Halton County Planning Association got together for their annual dinner meeting.

The same meeting also suggested the present "association" be given broader powers and become a county planning board. To date, the three-year old group is only an informal meeting-place of planning board members and staffs from the seven municipalities in the county, and has no official status.

But the highlight of the discussions was a round of speechmaking by three recognized experts in the planning field — all employees of planning boards in Burlington, Oakville and Milton — who came up with three different ideas for the future. Each found different faults with Tom Plunkett and his needs study of Halton and Peel Counties.

Robert Serena of the Burlington Planning Department, chairman of the C.P.A. for last year, disagreed with Plunkett's plan to lump Burlington with Oakville and several southern Peel County municipalities in a new "urban" form of regional government. He said, however, that the municipal affairs consultant for wanting to group the northern "rural" municipalities into a new rural county. He also favored the two-tier form of government with a large regional council overseeing the work of smaller local bodies.

Dan Chisholm, senior planner for Oakville, agreed a larger planning area is necessary but felt Plunkett should have sliced Halton on a north-south angle rather than drawing an east-west boundary line across its middle. He spoke in favor of a one-tier government.

Ross Pearen of Milton attacked the plan from a different angle — he blamed the Ontario government for not setting the policies years ago that would have alleviated all need for such a study as the one Plunkett conducted at a cost of \$40,000.

In his annual report to the association, Mr. Serena said regional government was beneficial in spreading assessments over a larger area to help pay for their rising educational costs. Under the present system one municipal government could put a ban on housing and thereby putting a tax squeeze on the surrounding municipalities.

He felt it was unfair that municipalities had to compete for industry, and benefits of industrial assessment should be spread over a large area, not just "the preferred few."

"The only thing I like about the Plunkett report is this rural county — it is only perfectly natural that those areas should unite — and I am glad to see Milton should be allowed to expand — you reach the point of stagnation and you can do no more."

Planner Chisholm from Oakville disagreed with the way Plunkett sliced up Halton and Peel. "I believe a region is important, and I like the one-tier form of government, or you will still have the junior level of a two-tier government competing for assessment," he said.

Mr. Chisholm felt a watershed of drainage area should be the boundaries for a regional government — "you will have better control of your waterways and you'll know what is coming down your streams."

He also felt the new regional areas of Halton and Peel should both have a frontage on the lake.

Mr. Pearen said everyone agreed larger municipal areas are in the best interests of the province, but reminded the meeting the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs has sanctioned four different studies of parts of Ontario, and not one of the planners doing the studies had agreed on the form of regional government that should be implemented.

"How is the Minister going to make up his mind what is best."

if the so-called planners cannot tell him," he wanted to know.

He felt it was time the government set down a policy of limiting municipal development to a certain area. Planning "should have been compulsory and not permissive 10 years ago, and we wouldn't have needed the Plunkett report," he concluded.

Requesting planning board member Edwin Harrop praised the association for the benefits it has given those men not working full time at planning. "We have no planning in Esqueving, and it's time we did something. We are getting to be the dormitory of the district and the school costs are getting out of hand. We have got to get doing something," he admitted.

Halton Warden William Coulter, Reeve of Nassagaweya, urged the group to seek broader powers by becoming a

county "planning" board. He said it was wonderful that the experienced planners from Halton's southern municipalities could be so helpful to the less experienced men from the northern rural municipalities.

Acton clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie reported the association has done a good job in the past, and agreed it should become an authorized planning board. "I feel we have merely scratched the surface here to date." He also spoke in favor of a regional government for Halton rather than having the north halves of Halton and Peel lumped together.

Others who spoke during the meeting included Reeve George Leslie of Esqueving, Reeve Herb Merry of Oakville, Deputy-Reeve Allan Day of Oakville, chairman Reg Monaghan of Oakville Planning Board, Maurice Newton and Fred Near of Nassagaweya Planning Board, assistant clerk Delmer

French of Esqueving, councillor-planning board member Robert Drinkwater of Acton, G. C. Gowlan of Milton Planning Board, and Richard Moskwa of the Burlington Planning Department.

The meeting approved an honorarium for its secretary Jim Andrews who is leaving Halton County later this month to work as deputy city clerk of Guelph.

Mr. Andrews presented an annual report on the group's past year, noting the group held 11 meetings. Delegates attended both the spring and fall conferences of the Community Planning Association of Canada and are considering forming a C.P.A. branch in Halton. Members are also considering inviting Thomas Plunkett or his research assistant Lionel Feldman to a future meeting to discuss the reasons behind his Halton-Peel Needs Study.

Technologist Mrs. Griefeneder given medical research project

A medical science researcher at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, Mrs. C. D. L. Griefeneder of Acton has been asked to embark on a new research project by a United States scientific company.

Dr. Sidney Soloway, director of research for the Fisher Scientific Company of Pittsburgh, in a recent letter asked Mrs. Griefeneder to continue to probe the world of blood cells, this time working in standardization of blood cells.

The company will lend the hospital necessary equipment for the research work for a six month period beginning February 1.

Mrs. Griefeneder was recently invited by the International Committee for Standardization in Haematology to be a part of an Expert Panel on Cell counting which would be made up of 12 experts in the field from all over the globe. Others invited to compose the panel are from England, the Netherlands, Germany, U.S.A., Israel, Denmark, Hungary and Italy.

Mrs. Griefeneder's findings resulting from research work in blood cell counting at the Georgetown hospital a year ago were recently published as part of a three part book on Standardization in Haematology, 111 copies of which have been requested by hospitals

and research centres all over the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Griefeneder and their daughter live on Pearl St. They have been in Acton for the past 10 years.

Mrs. Griefeneder received training in Europe as a medical technologist. Last year she worked full-time at Georgetown hospital. Now she works as a research technician at McMaster University, going from there, when her work is done in the afternoon to Georgetown. Her project there keeps her the rest of the afternoon and early evening.

Her daughter attends the M. Z. Bennett school and Mr. Griefeneder is chief chemist at Beardmore and Co.

Personals

Mrs. Howard Coles has returned from Guelph General Hospital where she was a patient last week.

Mrs. Norman Small of Niagara Falls, spent a couple of days recently with her mother, Mrs. R. M. McDonald.

Several new families have moved to Acton recently and four of them are employees of Douglas Aircraft.

Mr. Bill McPhedran, R.R. 1, Acton, is a patient in Toronto General Hospital and expected to have an operation this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bridgen have moved to 118 Longfield Rd. from Georgetown with their three children. He is a mechanic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McGraw and young baby have come here from Rexdale and he is a buyer for Douglas. They are living at 108 Elmore Dr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarke and three children have moved from Bristol, England, to 219 Elmore Dr. and Mr. Clarke is an aircraft fitter at Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Strange have moved from Brampton to 34 Mill W. with their five children. Mrs. Strange is employed at Douglas Aircraft but Mr. Strange is a tool designer at Weston.

Another new family here is Mr. and Mrs. D. Dupuis and two young children who have come from Toronto to 231 Elmore Dr. He is branch manager of Lindsay Division Procor Ltd., Oakville.

Alan Leishman, who was 90 years old Jan. 12, visited in Acton with his brother, Cam Leishman and Mrs. Leishman, on his birthday. He is in Halton Manor now.

Mr. Donald W. Pringle of Richmond, B.C., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pringle, most of this week. Mrs. F. E. Parsons was down from Beeton, too, and Alex Jr. from Toronto.

Tennis Association prexy known here

A former Actonian still known by many middle-aged residents, Pete Reid, was elected president of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association Saturday in Toronto.

At the age of 59, Mr. Reid, who claims he hasn't gained seven pounds since his childhood, still plays a "mean" game of tennis and in 1965 he was ranked sixth nationally in the 45-and-over age bracket. He is vice-chairman of an advertising agency and has a brother, Mervin Reid, living in Acton.

An article by Paul Dulmage in Monday's Toronto Telegram explains Mr. Reid's interest in developing the game of tennis and supplying players for the Davis Cup team.

Joint meeting.

Anglicans and United church members met Tuesday evening at the parish hall for discussions on church unity.

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(Continued from Page One) and learned from the clerk it was not mandatory to do so. Mr. McGeachie was of the opinion the application had been turned down by the OMB because professional planners felt the change would be poor planning for the town.

Mr. Tyler was of the opinion the OMB would not make any decision because the clerk neglected to submit a sketch plan of the area. Councillor Drinkwater noted the board would be guided by the sketch plan as they wouldn't visit town to view the area.

Councillor G. W. McKenzie remarked "If I remember correctly, didn't the town change its mind on the Brankiewicz application last year?" This was acknowledged. It was learned a public hearing on the application had been held last year which adjoining neighbors had attended and had not objected to the zone change.

"If this is the case, why not get busy and change the whole street?" suggested the reeve, to which the mayor replied "I would support this application but not a wholesale master change."

During the No. 1 committee report, it was learned the public school board had requested a meeting with council to discuss an addition to the M. Z. Bennett school. It was agreed the board should meet with No. 1 committee first.

It was also learned the Y.M.C.A. Board approved proposed office renovation to include the present library room and a rental of \$175 per month had been suggested by the board.

Councillor Tyler suggested the committee consider renovations to the town hall to include a possible addition on the south side which would make it possible to have police and town office areas in the downstairs area and meeting rooms upstairs. Mayor Dube frowned on this suggestion as he reminded council the building was condemned.

It was learned county council did not recommend incorporating the third line at the easterly outskirts of town into the county road system. Application had been made to make this area a county connecting link. Reeve Hinton advised making a request to incorporate Mill St. W. to No. 25 Sideroad as a county connecting link. This will be studied by committee. The mayor

Costs concern planning board Aldo Braida is chairman again

Aldo Braida was again named chairman of the planning board at its initial meeting of

last Thursday evening of last week. Vice-chairman is Bill Williams and other members of this year's board are Ed Footitt, Neil Miller, Mayor Les Dube, Bob Drinkwater and Thom DeVries. The only new member is Mr. DeVries who replaces Bill Penkton. Mr. Dube and Mr. Drinkwater are council's representatives.

Members of the board are all appointed. Acting as secretary-treasurer for the first time was Iain Williams. (He is also new secretary-treasurer of the committee of adjustment, replacing Jack McGeachie in both posts.) A bill from Project Planning Associates for \$278 for amendments to the zoning by-law was discussed before being authorized for payment. It was felt the cost was high, and the matter was to be considered again.

Approval from the Department of Municipal Affairs for rezoning the lawn bowling and

Beverly house properties was read. Members concurred with making a further application for the rezoning of the Van der Kooy property from residential to commercial.

Recommendations regarding costs of applications are to be considered again. All costs are presently born by the town, rather than the applicant. A letter was received from the Planning Association regarding apartment recommendations, and after discussion these recommendations were accepted.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Footitt were appointed representatives to the Halton County Planning Association and will attend the meetings of this group.

All members but Mayor Dube were present at the first meeting, which adjourned at 10.15 p.m. Regular meetings are on the third Thursday of the month.

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