

# Planners envisage area

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 conference after the presentation that the term "transportation study" was a misnomer. The report was a study of the complete development of the area with transportation as the vital link.

Study officials recommended the Ontario government be responsible for planning major transportation facilities within a regional plan. The study also said there is a need to stress the role of public transportation as a prime carrier of people in the 5,200 square mile area.

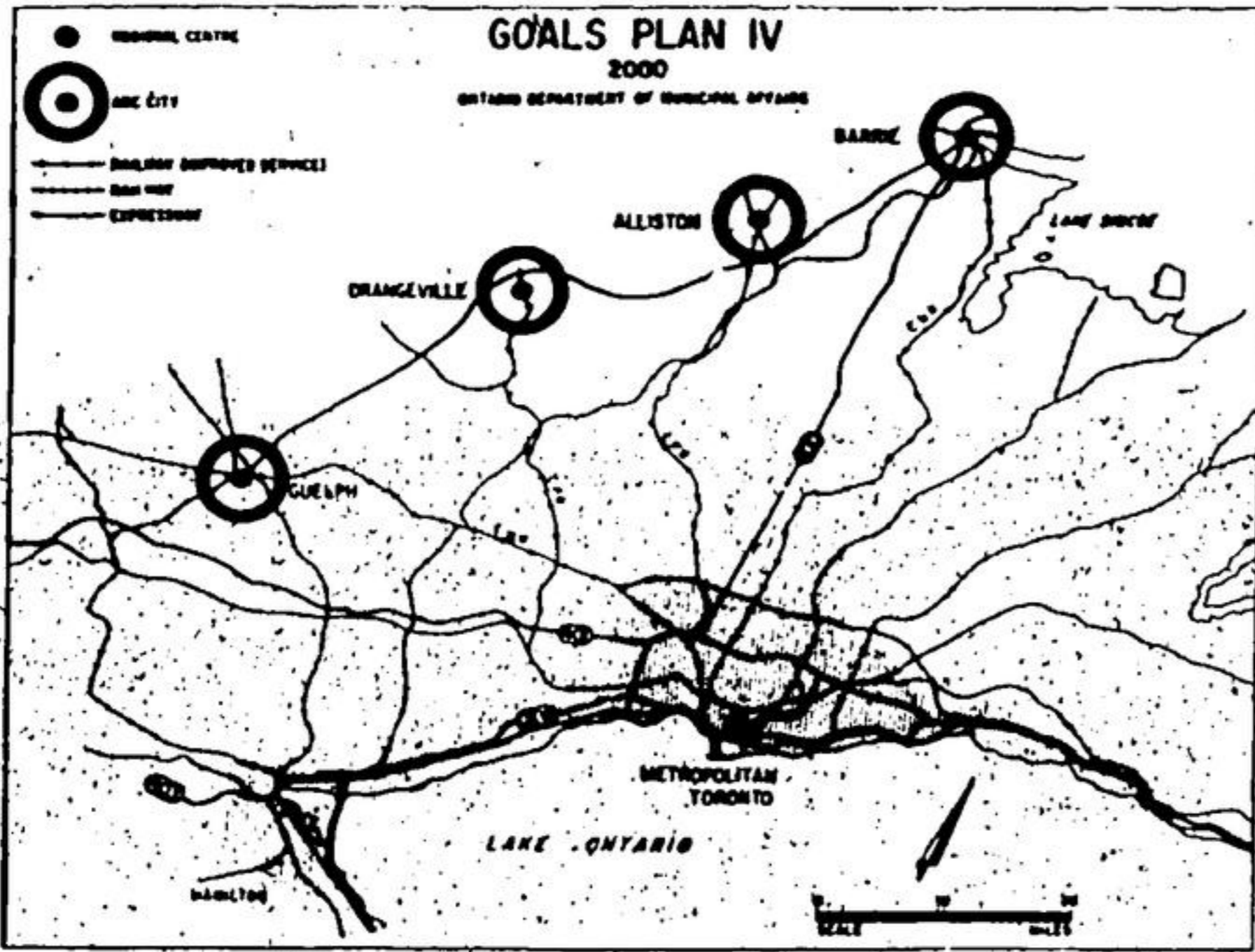
Most municipal officials from North Halton generated little enthusiasm for the study although they felt it would take some examination before they could be fully acquainted with recommendations.

Outside of Plan Three which would boost Milton's population to 50,000 people, there were few changes in store for the North Halton area. Plunkett Report recommendations that this area remain largely a rural area seemed to have influenced the study some.

The south part of the county can count on being included in any one of the four plans bounded by the Parkway Belt on the north and Lake Ontario on the south. The growth of Oakville for instance, is almost assured although the extent of growth would depend on the goals plan implemented. The built-up area will stretch as far north as the projected Highway 403 site.

One facet of the study which drew attention at the later press conference was the projected movement of a million people in the south part of the region to the less densely populated section in the north. Some newspapermen envisaged a peoples' movement like the trek to Siberia apparently but the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. D. Arty McKeough, said they would be attracted to the north by opportunities of work and recreation facilities.

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## NDP candidate in Rockwood

Phil Lanthier, NDP candidate in Wellington, told supporters in Rockwood Saturday afternoon that Alf Hales' and Ralph Dent's criticisms of the Carter Report seem to be based on an inadequate understanding of what the Carter Commission proposed.

Mr. Hales told the All-Candidates meeting at Ross Hall on Thursday night that the Carter Report discouraged farmers and homeowners from making improvements to their property. He suggested that the profit a homeowner or farmer might make in selling his property would be subject to a capital gains tax.

Mr. Lanthier pointed out that the Carter Report is very specific on this matter. Everyone is given a lifetime exemption of \$25,000 in capital gains. "Such an exemption would enable the average farmer or homeowner to sell property several times during a lifetime without being subject to a capital gains tax," he said.

Mr. Dent has argued that a capital gains tax would not be advisable for us because of Canada's special conditions. "He fears," said Prof. Lanthier, "not unlike Mr. Hales, that incentive to invest in Canada would be lost

## OSPRINGE

### Ladies' Aid, Work bee visits in items of interest

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clarke attended the marriage of their youngest son, Robert to Judy Nodwell, at Guelph, on Saturday.

Mrs. K. Klooster and daughter Mrs. Paul Hurd, and granddaughter Betty-Jo of Orton returned home on Friday after a month's visit with the former's daughters and families at Huston and Smithers, E.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCutcheon, Guelph; Mrs. Harvey Justin, Everton; Mrs. Wm. Sanders, Erli, were recent visitors with Mrs. M. Jackson.

On Friday, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Howard visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howard at Clarkson; on Sunday they visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Craig in London.

The Ladies' Aid of the local Presbyterian Church met for the last meeting prior to summer holidays, at the home of Mrs. Byron Bruce. Plans were made for the 70th Anniversary service, on Sunday, June 23, when the guest speaker will be Rev. D. Gibson of Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, Orangeville.

Special music is being arranged by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Norman McKenzie. Several men from the community attended the work bee at Everton Cemetery on Monday, when the hedge was clipped.

Miss Nancy Grundy entertained several ladies on Tuesday evening at a jewellery demonstration held at the home of her mother Mrs. George Grundy.

Mr. F. Enns of Winnipeg is visiting with his daughter and son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pankratz, 1st Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson, Sharon, Murray and Darlene, Miss M. McIver, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Robertson and Donna, Oakville visited Saturday evening with D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

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## Church stands by decision

The Free Press received an official statement from the Halton Presbyterian Re-Alignment Commission of the United Church which will help clarify the situation at Churchill United Church. The statement is printed in full:

June 18, 1968.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate your printing the following statement re The Churchill United Church situation.

Churchill congregation has had a long history of effective service in God's kingdom. It was established by men of faith who met the conditions and social structure of their day with sacrifice and courage that their service might be effective not only for their local community but for the work of the total Church and society.

The rapidly increasing social changes in our day provide real challenge for the church to be as effective as possible both in society at large and in the local neighbourhood which, because of the automobile, radio, television, larger school areas and other social changes, takes in a larger area than ever before. The Church cannot be blind to this fact of today's society if it is to be true to her Lord.

Many rural and city churches, with fine traditions, located close together because of bygone travel and / or other changing conditions, are meeting the new frontiers of the church by re-aligning to be more effective in the church work in Sunday schools, young people's work, church worship, and outreach in the larger community and world. It is the same pioneer spirit directed to the new frontiers of society.

For many years now a great deal of discussion and consid-

ation has been given by Presbytery as to the future of Churchill congregation, and efforts made to serve it on a full-time ordained basis. For the last four years the area has been studied by a Re-Alignment Commission of Presbytery. The Commission met with Churchill Official Board on Wednesday, January 31, 1968, (with Trinity Acton Official Board on Wednesday, April 24,) to secure as much new information as possible about the whole area in question. Other Official Board meetings were held at the request of the Official Board.

The Commission gave due consideration to the present arrangements, proximity of preaching points, the number of families, number of members, attendance, growth, overlapping of areas, interests, facilities and the effectiveness of the total work in the total area in these changing times. We then recommended amalgamation of Churchill United Church and Trinity United Church Acton.

Halton Presbytery, consisting of an equal number of laymen and ministers, representing all pastoral charges both rural and urban is the court of the church that has immediate jurisdiction over the pastoral charges.

Presbytery took into consideration the unofficial notes, the unauthorized petitions, the explosive pressuring within a small congregation, and the considerations of the Commission as noted above and voted, as it has the authority to do, to amalgamate the two congregations as of June 30, 1968, continuing to perpetuate the excellent traditions of both, in the one new congregation.

Anyone desiring to transfer to another congregation would be free to do so.

The decision of Presbytery still stands, even though at a congregational meeting held for

explanation, after Presbytery's decision, the majority present indicated they disagreed with Presbytery's action.

A further congregational meeting will be held on June 26 to decide whether or not the property will be part of the amalgamation.

It is unfortunate that disunion has been increased by some who have not been too active in Churchill congregation, or are not members, or non-adherents. It is unfortunate that sentimentality and emotion have clouded the issue.

It was hoped, and still is, that the church building will not become an idol taking the place of greater service to our Lord who calls us as a church to new ways of service and witness. It is hoped that the same sacrificial spirit of the pioneers will guide the folk at Churchill to have done with a self-centred coyness, and dare to reach out in a new adventure for their Lord, their children, and the whole community and society.

It is not easy to advance beyond cherished traditions and hallowed places, but we trust that all there may rise to the present day challenge, as many of the faithful families of Churchill have indicated they intend to do.

We pray that the long history of Christian worship and witness at Churchill will bear the fruits, not the bitterness and death, but of Christian love and sacrificial living, as together the new congregation serves our Lord and his people in the whole Acton community.

Thank you for the privilege of writing to your people.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 George D. Watt,  
 Chairman, Halton Presbytery Re-Alignment Commission.



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