

Jury recommends legislation for swim areas that charge

A coroner's jury found that Slavko Vuletic, 26 of Weston, died by accidental drowning Sunday July 20 in a quarry at Waterfalls Playground, on the sixth line of Esqueping, near Limehouse.

The jury recommended that there should be some legislation governing all areas that charge money for their recreational facilities however, and that recommendations of the water safety committee of the Red Cross be implemented at Waterfalls Playground by owner Joe Prucyk.

The recommendations which were made following the death of Teresa Van Zutven in another swimming area in the playground in 1967 were never implemented in the quarry area by Mr. Prucyk who testified he had never received a copy of them.

Mr. Prucyk told the inquest at Esqueping township council chambers last Wednesday that he did not encourage people to use the quarry for swimming because it was deep and dangerous. He said he wanted to put the quarry out of bounds when he first bought the property in 1954 but found it impossible to exercise any control over boza parties and orgies which often required chasing people out of the property at 1 or 2 in the morning.

Mira Vatica testified through an interpreter that she had been swimming ahead of Slavko Vuletic on Sunday, July 20 when Vuletic called her. When she turned around to look he had disappeared. She called to friends for help.

Libby Rajic and Slavko's brother, Ivan Vuletic, responded. They took from three to five minutes to find the body around the spot where Mira indicated he disappeared. The body was in about five feet of water.

Rajic testified he gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the spot and later another unknown "Canadian" who was experienced at the method took over. They took Vuletic ashore and called a doctor, police and ambulance, continuing efforts to revive him. The ambulance arrived about 4.15 or 4.20 and they took the deceased to Georgetown hospital where he was pronounced dead, after further efforts to save him were futile.

Dr. G. K. Phillips of Milton, who presided at the inquest, commended Mr. Rajic and the other unknown person who administered resuscitation. Rajic said his knowledge of life saving was picked up from TV.

Ivan Vuletic testified his brother had accompanied him and his wife and child to the playground and had been in and out of the water several times. He classified his brother as a fair swimmer who could tread water. The party had consumed steak at a barbecue and it was about an hour before Slavko Vuletic went in the water again. He and Rajic located the body where they could have stood with their head above water.

Constable Gary Corman of the Milton Detachment of the OPP testified that water at the quarry ranged from very shallow to approximately 30 feet in depth. There were signs posted warning against swimming in the quarry, he said. High banks made it impossible to move drowning victims from the water at most areas.

The constable testified there was no life saving equipment or lifeguards in the area.

Brian Patterson, director of water safety for the Ontario Red Cross, testified he had investigated the property on

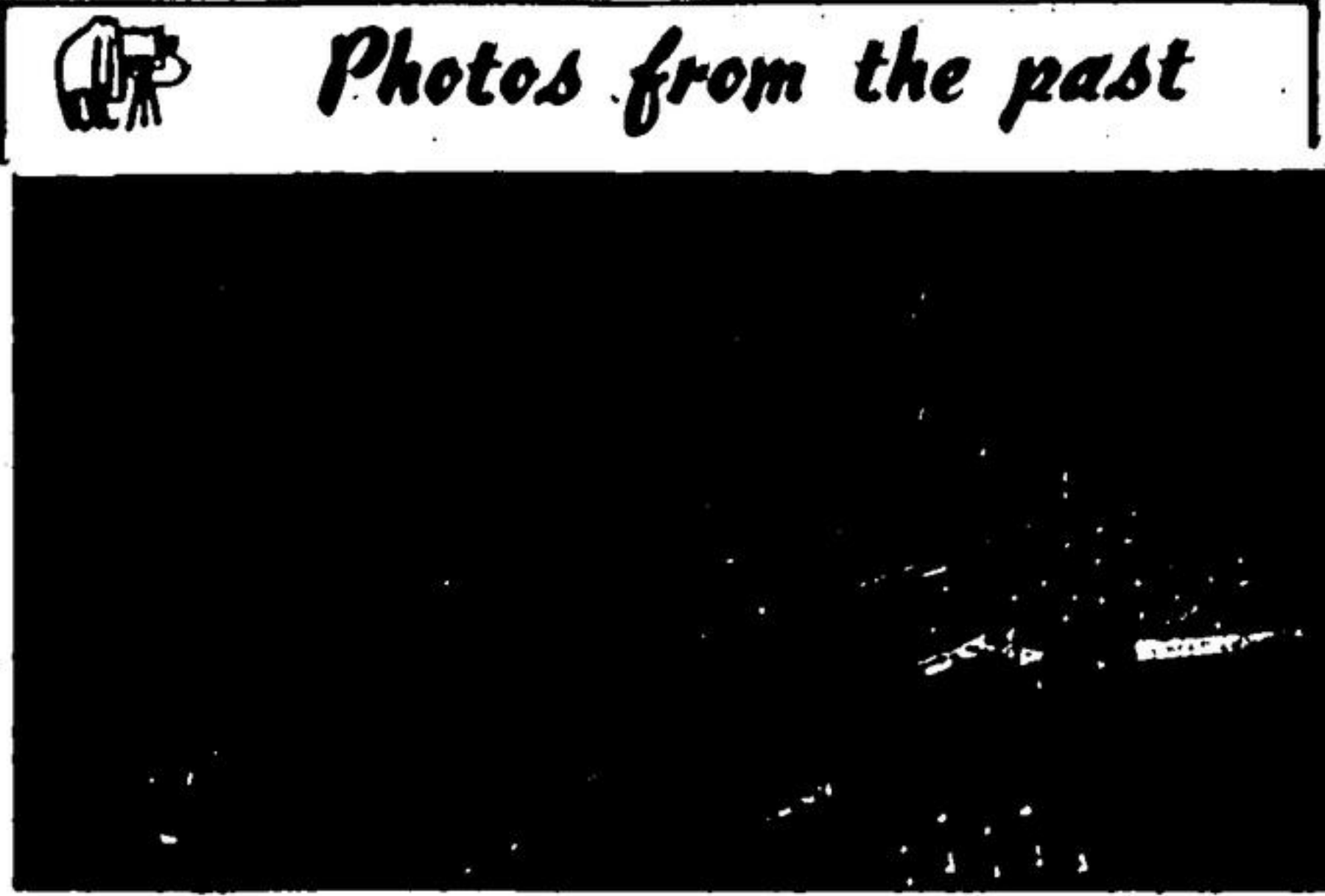
August 11 and classified the quarry as an unsafe area to swim. He said no changes had been made since the last inquest into the death of Teresa Van Zutven although recommendations had been made.

Mr. Patterson said the parking lot for the quarry had been expanded which encouraged people to use the area for swimming. He said the water looked very clean, which made it attractive to youth and he found it dangerous for diving. Mr. Prucyk disputed Mr. Patterson's allegation that the water was murky.

Questioned by assistant crown Attorney M. Roulston of Milton, Mr. Patterson said it would not be an expensive proposition to carry out the recommendations.

Recommendations included selecting an area in the quarry for swimming that has a gradually sloping bottom and that the selected area be cleared of boulders on the bottom, marked for depth, buoyed around the periphery, a fence be erected to inhibit access of the public to areas other than that selected and that signs be erected in the out-of-bounds area indicating it was unsafe to dive.

Dr. G. W. Thompson, pathologist, testified there were no marks of violence on Vuletic and an autopsy at Georgetown hospital indicated death by drowning. A blood sample taken from the deceased and analyzed in Toronto indicated an alcoholic content equivalent to three or four ounces of liquor, two or three pints of beer or eight to ten ounces of wine.



BEARDMORE AND CO. property filled over half of the land in this aerial photograph, taken in 1910. Agnes St. is seen on the left, running from the bottom of the picture toward the top. It is bisected by the old radial line. There was no main entrance off Agnes St. then, as there is now. Fred Wright lent this picture.

Urban board hopes to continue with fewer meetings, townships

North Halton urban board will make another effort to keep in existence, although most Milton and Georgetown council members have declared they think the group might as well fold up.

For 16 years, councils of Acton, Milton and Georgetown have been asked to attend the monthly meeting of the urban board, and for all of the 16 years, Esqueping and Nassagaweya councils have been asked in vain to join the group. The aim was to discuss mutual problems and co-operate on solutions.

Attendance has always been the main problem, reviewed the representatives in attendance last Wednesday in Acton's council chamber - chairman Sandy Mackenzie of Georgetown; Acton mayor Les Doby; Acton councillors Earl Masales, Bill Coats, Orval Chapman and Peter Marks; Milton deputy-reeve Ron Harris, councillors Gord Krantz and Percy Barr, and secretary Jack McGeachie.

Milton councillors and the chairman from Georgetown both reported the feeling of their own councils that the usefulness of the board had dwindled and it might as well fold. Acton council had not yet discussed the problem.

However, after briefly reviewing the benefits over the years, all agreed to a motion to recommend to their respective councils that consideration be given to continuing with the

urban board, possibly under a new name. The group would meet four times a year rather than monthly to discuss mutual problems. Esqueping and Nassagaweya will again be invited to join and send representatives.

Secretary Jack McGeachie recalled the board's formation in June, 1954. At first, an engineer had been employed between the three towns. Subsequent plans (such as the recent thought of a joint plumbing inspector) had fallen through.

With regional government, need for joint action seems less vital. "We're being legislated out of business," Mayor Doby thought. "The urban board has been a useful tool of government. Esqueping and Nassagaweya have missed the boat by not participating."

"If we can't co-operate on a simple thing like plumbing inspection what can we do?" mused Mr. Mackenzie.

Mr. Doby countered that even discussions are worth while.

The value of the annual meeting - a dinner and dance with guests - was reviewed by Mayor Doby and initial plans were made to hold it next month at Georgetown. Mayor Doby pointed out Acton council had not recently had a social night of its own, because of the success of the urban board affair. Members of parliament were guests, there was always a good turnout of councillors and wives, and much was gained

despite the informality.

With the meeting beginning at eight and regular curfew set for 10 p.m., councillors first exchanged opinions on green belt planning for half an hour, the plumbing inspections for 20 minutes or so, then open Sundays and loitering bylaws.

Last discussion, running to over curfew time, was on their own existence. Although one of the items was the difficulty of assembling an agenda, just before the meeting adjourned Mayor Doby asked what other towns were going to do about burning leaves, and Mr. Harris mentioned a county incinerator. Neither of these was discussed.

The question of green belt legislation was introduced by Acton councillor Coats, who particularly had in mind the subdivision planned for the east of Acton which will encircle the creek bed. He wondered if the contractors could be required to do remedial work there, in cleaning up the land around the creek. The land, unusable for the builder, covers about 11 per cent, rather than the required 5 per cent.

Chairman Mackenzie reported Georgetown's "sad experience" in their eastern end, and recommended Acton "demand they do something." Mayor Doby countered that the town has a degree of responsibility; "maybe we should subsidize some of it ourselves." An open water course would mean maintenance.

Mr. Krantz explained Milton hasn't had new subdivisions lately, but in most cases they took cash in lieu of land.

Mr. McGeachie suggested the town should have its plans for the creek bed all ready before building starts.

Latest official recommendations, he added, are that allocated parkland should be beside schools, to add to the area there for the use of the general public.

Despite the board's previous discussions on joint plumbing inspections, all three towns are left with their own arrangements, each reported in turn. Georgetown has a retired plumber, Acton the works superintendent, and Milton a new inspector on the works staff.

The consensus was that a plumbing inspection fee should be \$20 to cover costs. The present county fee is \$10 plus 50 cents a fixture. "A ridiculous price," commented Mr. McGeachie.

Open Sunday discussion brought out the fact more places are open in Milton than in Georgetown or Acton. Milton has an open theatre and bowling alley, but council had just rejected open billiard parlors despite a petition.

Milton councillors reviewed their position and the feeling open billiard parlors would increase the loitering problem. Two representatives admitted

they were not in agreement with the Milton council decision.

Topic changed to the loitering bylaw and in what cases it's used.

"There's no justification for saying these young people have nothing to do," felt Mayor Doby.

Snapped Mr. Krantz: "There should be more of the woodshed, not more for the children."

Liquor charge

A local youth was arrested early Saturday morning and charged with being in possession of liquor under the age of 21.

Council wrestles problem of curtailing dump smoke

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill and councillor Russell Miller both expressed opinions that covering garbage with land fill would be much better than burning it, as Esqueping council wrestled with the problem of curtailing excess amounts of smoke rising from the township dump at their regular meeting Monday night.

The township received a notice at their September 15 meeting from the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management, stating that between the hours of 4 and 4.15 on Thursday September 11, burning at the dump was causing smoke greater than the regulations on the number one smoke chart. Later a letter was received from the Department asking the township to submit plans for the discontinuation of open air burning at the dump by December 1, 1969. Council consequently invited dump supervisor Jack Harris to their meeting Monday night.

When asked by Council about the September 11 incident, Mr. Harris told council that garbage in the dump was not burning when he left the area shortly before four and claimed that the fire was started after he left.

Mr. Harris also told council that pranksters ruined the motor of the machine he uses to dump fill on the garbage by putting sand in it. As a result he has not been able to use the machine for two months, while it is being repaired.

Referring to the Department's letter, deputy-reeve Hill commented, "Apparently they're going to be on our tail

until we do something about this burning". He added that he didn't blame people in the township for complaining about the smoke.

"This burning's going to cause us a lot of trouble and a lot of money", Mr. Miller contended.

Councillor Ken Marshall wondered if Council shouldn't consider placing a sign on the dump gate asking people not to start fires.

Councillor Miller said he thought people should not be allowed to dump loose paper and should be compelled to tie papers in bundles.

Mr. Harris is to check on the progress of repairs to his machine and report to the clerk before council's next meeting.

Earlier in the evening council received a letter from the County of Halton requesting information about the township's method of garbage disposal and the cost of same. County council is looking into the possibility of regional garbage disposal and is asking municipalities for their costs so that they can compare them with the cost of the proposed regional disposal.

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employees with more than 30 years' service would be the first to know.

Question: How will the problem be solved?

Answer: A scientific solution is needed. Money is no problem. We hope next year we'll never hear about it again, but in the meantime, we are investigating a more sophisticated system of deodorizing as a precaution that there will be no recurrence.

Question: Do you expect any new break-through in connection with the treatment of industrial and municipal sewage in the near future?

Answer: A great deal of effort and money has been spent on research and I see that the Honorable George Kerr has announced some encouraging results using lime. Since our process uses substantial quantities of lime, perhaps we can work together with the town to mutual advantage.

Question: Does your staff feel any resentment towards the citizens who write to our paper or who otherwise are putting pressure on your company?

Answer: Not at all. While it is not pleasant to receive calls at all hours of the day or night, mostly they have been from people who are quite understanding. It has been stated that we are always threatening to close our plant but I have never heard of this, nor do we intend to make such a threat, which would be nonsensical. We have always supported the town 100 per cent and will continue to do so, as we feel that only in a friendly atmosphere can we achieve any results.

Question: Does the fact that people in town are discussing the odor business concern officials of the company?

Answer: People can say anything they want. The only time it bothers us is when they say we are doing nothing about it. We have spent much time and effort to come up with a solution.

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