

Zoning By-Law Receives Initial Council Approval

Map, Regulations Will be Published in the Herald

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dwyer, Ewing Street, are on a motor trip thru the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewardson and their son Michael are motoring to California for a three week holiday.

Mrs. Walter Gray, Church Street, is spending a few days in Toronto with her sister, Mrs. Florence Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Presswood, Paul, Rodney and Wayne, McNab Street, are holidaying at Brock's Beach, Georgian Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. James Yates, Limehouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson of Byron Street are on a motor trip for their holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barber, and their daughters Heather and Phyllis, King Street, are on a motor trip to the Bruce Peninsula.

Mrs. Maurice Goudekettling and children, Mrs. Edward Weiner and children are spending the summer at their cottage at Caledon Lake, near Orangeville.

Mrs. Leslie M. Clark, and children Pamela and David are holidaying for the next two weeks at Princess Lodge, Port Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Simson, Ontario Street, are holidaying at Elmhurst Beach, Lake Simcoe. Mrs. Edwards of Beamsville is holidaying with them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, Norval, and their son Gerry are motoring to Unity, Sask., for two weeks. They will be visiting Mr. Anderson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Crabtree, of Parkview Blvd., have just returned from motoring to Bellmore, Long Island, New York, where they visited with Mrs. Larry Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wilson and their son, Billy, Valleyview Road, and Mrs. Wilson's sister, Miss Helen Harrison of Woodstock are motoring to Montreal and eastern points.

Mr. and Mrs. Merv Cook, Normandy Blvd., and Eleanor Spitzer, Byron Street are holidaying this week at the Britannia Hotel, near Huntsville.

General agreement with Georgetown's proposed zoning by-law was expressed by council on Thursday, when a special meeting was held with the planning board to review the lengthy document designed to make Georgetown's future expansion orderly and in the best interests of a majority of citizens.

The by-law, prepared for the town by Dr. E. G. Faludi, has been extensively reviewed by members of the planning board since their appointment a few months ago, and a number of revisions were made before the board presented it to council.

It was decided that the next stage would be to publish the by-law in the Herald, probably in four instalments, beginning in mid-August, prior to a public meeting at which ratepayers would have an opportunity to express their views.

Should further revisions be made in the by-law after the public meeting, another such meeting may be called prior to council meeting with the final passing which must also have Municipal Board approval.

At Thursday's meeting, chairman Edwin Wilson of the planning board, read the most important parts of the by-law, and council members commented on them as each excerpt was read.

There was some discussion about a clause barring "obnoxious" industries from locating in any of the industrial areas. Cr. Garfield McGilvray questioned advisability of restricting any industry from locating here, but was told that in the M3 areas, there are places where practically anything would be allowed, barring an industry which has a highly offensive odour. Restrictions in industrial areas closer to residences are necessary, however, it was pointed out.

It was explained that residential districts have been classified in three groups, depending on density of population. A great proportion of the older parts of Georgetown are in a medium R2 group.

There was some discussion on what could be allowed in certain residential areas. One problem is that of the man who builds a basement, or part of a house, and lives in it for a protracted time until he can finance more of the dwelling. Councilors felt there should be some time limit on this, but that each case should be judged on its merits.

Problems which might arise in connection with zoning came to the fore when attendants at the meeting began studying a zoning map, which will also be published in the Herald later this month.

The planning board kept reminding council that zoning is not a thing of the moment, but looks ahead to see what a district might be in ten or twenty years time. Several areas were questioned by council. For instance, a street of residences zoned as an industrial area, another such street zoned as commercial, led to discussion.

Planning board members said that a zoning by-law which looks to the future must make assumptions based on a study of conditions. The fact that a store or factory might presently be in the middle of a residential district does not mean that the land it occupies will be zoned as industrial or commercial. Rather, it would be zoned residential with the thought that eventually the store would be closed or the factory closed down, no such business would then be allowed. Similarly, houses in industrial or commercial areas might also eventually disappear, and be replaced by industrial building.

It was stressed that there can be nothing absolute, and that exceptions will have to be made as the need arises.

For instance, if a street of houses is industrially zoned and there is one vacant lot on the street, it would not be sensible to deny the owner permission to build a house, as his land could not be used for any other purpose. However, if there was a large tract of vacant land, permission would have to be denied to build several houses, and such a tract would have to be reserved for industry.

"Council has certainly picked a planning board which couldn't be beat," said Mayor Armstrong. "They have worked hard, discussing the by-law clause by clause, to produce the best possible results for the greatest number of people."

The mayor said his statement was not flattery, but was sincerely meant.

Cr. Alfred Sykes mentioned the possibility of changing some of Georgetown's confusing street names as part of the zoning plan.

Young Street, on which he lives, is an example, he said, as it changes names to Mill, then to Water and then to John, within a few blocks.

The mayor explained that changing is not easy, because it interferes with all registered deeds.

Cr. Irwin Noble said it is time the town erects street signs. Georgetown is one of the few towns which do not have them, he said.

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TWO NEPHEWS GRADUATE FROM OSGOODE HALL
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Lyons, 51 Edith Street, were doubly interested in the graduation ceremonies at Osgoode Hall this year.
H. Reed Hunter, who is Mrs. Lyons' nephew, and David Lyons, a nephew of Mr. Lyons were both called to the Law Society of Upper Canada.
Mr. Hunter is the son of Mrs. R. H. Hunter, Norval and the late Mr. Hunter. Mr. Lyons is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Weir Lyons of Toronto. Both lawyers were graduates of the University of Toronto.

CHILDREN BLAMED FOR DAMAGE TO BOATS
The local police received a report from Gilmore Boats last week of property damage to several large boats on display in front of the factory on John Street.
The boats, because of their size, have to be left on the lot overnight and despite periodical police checks, the boats were badly defaced by children playing in the area.
Numerous large scratches were inflicted on the varnished sides of five boats, including the two most expensive boats on display.
All the boats will have to be completely refinished.

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