

Not Opposed But Wants To Be Sure Town Right

April 14th, 1958
40 Bairdrow Cres.

Dear Mr. Editor:
This is a letter which I read at the April 14th council meeting, and which I would appreciate your publishing in the Herald.

Regarding the proposed amendment to the Agreement of November 27th, 1954 between Municipality of Georgetown and Delrex, I would like the following points borne in mind and where applicable have replies to the questions asked. I trust that nothing I shall say will be construed that I oppose this move. Rather I would wish to give the impression that I want to be sure that this is the right thing to do at this time.

I take issue with the councillor who objects to what he terms "unfavourable impressions" created by the public interest shown at this time. I feel that the people of Georgetown have responded in an admirable fashion as is evident from their attendance at this meeting.

Having introduced myself, may I put the following points before you:

1. What is the present position with regard to the recommendations of our local Planning Bd. viz: the Zoning By-law and the Registered Plan.

At this time we should proceed with utmost caution in light of our experience with the Developers. I specifically refer to the flagrant manner in which the accepted zoning was ignored, especially with regard to the first offence in the construction of the semi-detached homes on McIntyre Crescent. It is my contention that before you authorize this new proposal (if in fact you have authority to do so) that the Zoning By-Law and Registered Plan be given substance so that future offences do not occur.

2. Is there a by-law prohibiting the septic tank. If so, (a) Has an exemption been applied for by Delrex and if so (b)

Was it granted? (c) Has the permission of the O.W.R.C. been sought and if so, (d) Was it granted, in written authority.

3. Is there a minimum standard for roads in the municipality and if so (a) Where may we get a copy. (b) Is this enforced. (c) Who is the enforcing officer.

4. With special reference to the amendment to the original agreement it would seem that you missed a golden opportunity to ask for the loss of industrial-commercial assessment promised by the other party to the agreement. It would seem that you propose to perpetuate the blunder (s) of 1954 as the taxpayer will continue to bear the heavier burden in respect of the original agreement. As at this moment (and according to the figures used by Delrex in their various presentations) the loss is some \$50,000.00 per annum (more or less) so that the offer of financial inducement in lieu of industrial and or commercial assessment is completely nullified and we're back where we started.

5. It would seem to me that with nine months in which to formulate some policy in this matter the Developer has every right to be concerned for the future. He is in business and that means making money. But no, instead of going to the Delrex people and making counter proposals, you wait till his situation calls for drastic action and then you rush this proposal through.

6. I will not pay lip service to the dire need for adequate education for the children. Enough to say that our Public School Bd. should be given every consideration so that they, together with the school staffs may be able to make full use of the proper facilities that we must provide them with.

Will you therefore gentlemen, take heed of the Public School Board's recent objection to this scheme.

7. Will you also take heed of the Hydro Commission's objection to the original request of the Developer of last July.

8. Will you give proper weight to our auditor's report wherein he warns that our borrowing capacity is dangerously near its limit.

Variety Night Highlight For 1st Scout Troopers

Empty chairs were a scarcity in St. John's Memorial Hall on Thursday, April 17th as the 1st Georgetown Cubs and Scouts and Rovers staged a successful Variety Night under the sponsorship of the Cub and Scout Ladies' Association.

Rev. Morgan McFarlane introduced the leaders and the M.C. for the evening Mayor Jack Armstrong after the Boys' Band had opened the program with O Canada. The band, under the direction of Bandmaster Alfred Perrott entertained with a number of other selections throughout the program including the very appropriate tune "The Patrol Leader."

The Monday night Cubs presented "A" Pack Antics, the Tuesday night Pack put on a skit entitled "Dr. Juniors Operation" and the Thursday night Cubs portrayed a typical meeting night. The respective leaders of these groups are Cec Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. McConkey and Dave Hastings.

"The Brave Patrol Leader" was a skit presented by the Scout Troop under leader Don Smith while the Rover Crew did a pantomime lampooning the rock and roll singers. The Rover skipper is Ed Hall.

All proceeds from the variety night go towards the Cub and Scout camp fund.

9. In light of three questions I have posed to the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs viz:

(a) Should this amendment be referred to them.

(b) Is it in order that money gifts should be had in lieu of taxes.

(c) Have the taxpayers any right to expect to be consulted in this. In view of the above questions and the apparent seriousness with which the people view this matter, I implore you to give this amending by-law three separate readings.

John A. Henley.

Suggests Larger Hall Next Council Meeting

Georgetown, Apr. 22, 1958

Dear Mr. Editor:
Would you be kind enough to give me a little space in your columns to suggest to the Mayor and Councillors, respectfully, of course, that next week's regular meeting (Monday, April 28th, at 8 p.m.) be held in a larger hall, say Wrigglesworth School or the Library.

I found, when taking a petition around, that never have the ratepayers been so definitely opposed to any council business before. In deed, Mr. Editor, you said that yourself.

It is assumed, that an amendment to By-law 54-32 will be up for third and final reading.

This amendment authorizes Delrex Developments Ltd., to proceed with the building of 582 additional units which would bring the total to 952 units.

The original By-law No. 54-32 was contingent on an assessment ratio of 40% industrial and 60% residential being maintained.

This, as we all know, has been a dismal failure. There is no reason under the sun why this second agreement will not be a dismal failure too, only more so.

So, I sincerely hope that a larger hall will be obtained and that the ratepayers will be able to attend in larger numbers to express their views and to hear the Mayor and Councillors express theirs. Thank you.

SID ORR,
4 Market Street.

Schooling Critical If More Building Allowed

April 14th, 1958
28 Bairdrow Cres.

Dear Mr. Editor:
I would appreciate publication in the Herald of this letter which I sent to council and which was read at the April 14th council meeting by my husband.

"I feel that Cr. Sykes' comments at last week's council meeting were very ill-chosen. Admittedly the school board is responsible for schooling, but surely it is the responsibility of all to see that adequate schooling is provided for our children.

I believe the school board warned the council regarding further building due to the critical position at this time. I'm sure council will agree that the present shift classes do not come under the category of "adequate."

According to a previous report given to the Harrison parent and teacher association, the number of children per new house averages 1 1/2. Anyone with a grain of sense can see that there are already sufficient children to fill the new addition to Harrison School and the proposed new school in the park area.

May I therefore ask council what provision is being made for the future children who will be occupying the proposed 582 houses? Will another school be ready



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