

Recommend Improved Borrowing For Municipal Sewage Projects

Special to the Herald
by Guya Kinsey

In its report of a three-year study of water pollution, the Conservation Council of Canada has a solid body of advice for the Ontario government. Much of it is controversial. Some of it, in the opinion of government officials, is unrealistic. And some of it gets wholehearted support.

It is agreed, for example, that more money should be spent on Great Lakes research which would mean a larger budget for the Great Lakes Research Institute.

The Council recommends that legislative amendments be made to improve borrowing terms for municipal sewage projects. That boils down to one word — subsidy.

FINANCIAL HELP

Here is the present arrangement:

The Ontario Water Resources Commission offers financial help as well as technical guidance in the planning, construction and operation of water and sewage works. A municipality is free to elect to do the work itself or to place it under the Commission. If the latter course is adopted, an agreement is made between the municipality and the Commission under which the Commission undertakes to design, build, finance and operate the project, relieving the municipality from the need to sell bonds or debentures.

The money is supplied by the Commission. The debt is paid over a long period, 30

years in most instances, and the interest rate is the actual cost of money borrowed by the province.

The municipality makes no payment to the Commission until the work is put into operation. Principal payments may be deferred at the outset up to a period of five years. At the termination of the debt, there is a provision in the agreement whereby at the request of either party the works may be returned to the municipality.

In 1961, federal legislation made it possible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to lend municipalities two-thirds of the cost of their sewage treatment projects and to forgive 25 per cent of these loans on work completed by a certain date. The OWRC part in such projects was to act as agent for the municipalities if so requested and to finance the remaining one-third of the cost.

It is clear, then, that any substantial improvement in borrowing terms would involve a provincial subsidy, in one form or another. Government sources are silent on that possibility at the moment.

The Conservation Council also wants the OWRC to be given authority over the location and operation of refuse disposal areas.

It is pointed out that when these disposal areas affect water supplies, the OWRC already has authority to act. But when no water is involved, the matter is wholly outside the Commission's terms of reference — and probably should stay outside. In any case, municipal medical health officers have authority over sanitary conditions at dumps.

COMPULSION URGED

One of the more controversial recommendations by the Conservation Council is that "compulsory cooperation" be imposed as "contiguous municipalities" in the construction and operation of waste treatment facilities where economic.

OWRC officials admit that getting adjoining municipalities to agree on water or sewage works can be a problem. "But by and large we get along very well," says Mr. Vance. "It's just a question of getting the people together and explaining the problem to them."

John Root, Commission vice-chairman and Progressive Conservative MPP for Wellington-Dufferin, is more blunt: "You can't compel co-operation."

Other government officials shie away from the question — "Compulsion" is a dirty word at Queen's Park. But it is pointed out that Premier Robarts, in a recent speech at London, urged municipalities to work more closely together in their planning. Some observers have read into that speech a veiled warning: Get together, or else.



This is the Credit Valley. Many of its streams have a high pollution rate.

Singing, Dancing Program Presented by Acton Ladies

Several men and women residents were the guests of the Milton Rotary Club at their moving picture travelogue on Tuesday night, October 20. They enjoyed the interesting picture and humorous commentary very much and are grateful to the Rotarians for making the evening possible.

A group of old friends came to the Manor to put on a variety program and social hour for the residents on Thursday night, October 22nd. This group was a group of members of the Acton Women's Institute, and their friendship with the residents goes back a long way. The president, Mrs. Donald Lindsay and the two conveners, Mrs. G. Hargreave and Mrs. G. Fryer were all present. Mrs. Lindsay announced the program.

The entertainment was presented by talented dancers and musicians.

Rev. J. L. Graham conducted the church services on Sunday afternoon, October 25th, and Mrs. Magee was the organist. Mr. Graham began his sermon by saying that he looks and longs for the day when all the Christian churches will be united in one church, although he knows that this cannot come for many years. He quoted statistics to show that there are 443 churches, sects and cults in the United States and Canada.

A choir that has sung loving music for the residents on many previous occasions, particularly at the Holy-Rosary Christmas parties for the residents, came to the auditorium on Monday night, Oct. 26th. This choir was the Burnhamthorpe Ladies Home and School choir. The ladies sang three groups of songs, each group containing

Fireman Thinks Quick Saves Runaway Truck

A quick-thinking fireman saved his runaway pumper from a plunge into the Credit River in Huttonville last Saturday.

Snellgrove Platoon Chief Lorne Wilson was fighting a fire at 32 River Road from the back of Chinguacousy's new pumper when the truck's vacuum operated brakes gave out with a loud pop.

As the truck started rolling backward down a steep hill towards the Credit, Mr. Wilson jumped to the ground, ran alongside and climbed into the cab.

The truck was moving at about 15 miles per hour at the time, Fire Chief William Martin reports.

Once in the cab, Mr. Wilson hit the brakes. There were none. He took the transmission out of pumping gear and tried to force it into reverse. It wouldn't budge.

As the truck was steadily gaining speed, the road was lined with houses and small children. Mr. Wilson finally swerved into the ditch.

Damage to the truck and the fence that stopped it was minor. Meanwhile, the recently formed Huttonville brigade had doused the fire.

Damage to the house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tin Buisman, was \$500. The fire started when a pot boiled over on the kitchen stove.

To avoid further runaways, said Chief Martin, the truck's brakes will be equipped with a special safety valve.

Boy 7, Struck Near School Bus

A seven-year-old Georgetown boy is doing well at Milton Hospital after being hit by a car as he was getting off a school bus Friday.

Steven Boermeach of R.R. 4, Georgetown, was taken unconscious to hospital. The accident occurred on 22 Sideroad west of the Chinguacousy-Esquating town line.

The hospital says Steven has bruises and lacerations to his face but no serious injuries.

The accident was investigated by OPP Constable, Carman Wright.

Two astronauts in the same capsule were 160 miles up in the stratosphere on their sixth day of circling the earth. One turned to the other and asked: "What do you mean, it won't flush?"

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATES

The handling of misfit hands has caused many partnerships difficulty. When you and your partner cannot agree on a suit, the best bet is to drop the bidding. Partners who persist in bidding their own suits over and over again usually end up in trouble.

Board No. 4 gave several partnerships trouble at last week's duplicate game at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer — West.

East — West vulnerable.

North

S-5
H-A 10 9
D-A 9 7 6 3
C-Q 10 9 4

West

S-A Q 10 8 2
H-Q 7 2
D-8 5
C-J 5 2

East

S-8 8
H-8 5 4 3
D-J 4 3
C-A K 8 7

South

S-K J 7 5 4
H-K J 8
D-K Q 10
C-8 3

Suggested bidding:

West North East South
Pass 1D Pass 1S
Pass 2C Pass 2NT
All Pass.

I think that North's hand is worth an opening bid. His side is not vulnerable and his hand is worth 13 points plus two defensive tricks. If he doesn't bid at the first opportunity, then the opponents may bid spades and shut him out.

Unfortunately, it was South who bid spades. This makes North's hand worthless and he must soft pedal from there on. When South does not support either minor, North must pass at the first opportunity. Two no trump is not forcing and North passes.

One pair reached four hearts on the North-South hands. I have promised not to tell how it was done since South was my wife. Two other pairs reached 3NT. One of these made their contract. One pair stopped at two spades, but this went down. The 3NT should make.

There are seven tricks in diamonds and hearts without the heart finesse. The opponents are likely to give you a trick in whichever black suit they open. A good rule to remember, then, when you and your partner have a misfit, get out of the bidding as soon as you can.

BRIDGE RESULTS

1st Pair — Mrs. Kay Campbell, Bill Hamilton, 2nd Pair — Mrs. Y. McQuat, Gloria Coats, 3rd Pair — Gary Ellis, Lou Bertinson.

Presbyterian Ladies Have Thankoffering in Church

Mrs. John McFarlane of Morningdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, past president of Toronto Presbyterian, was the guest speaker at Norval Presbyterian Fall Thankoffering meeting held in the Church on Tuesday afternoon, October 27.

She gave an address on the many little everyday things we take for granted that we should be thankful for.

Unit One of Norval United Church U.C.W. were in charge of the devotional using thanksgiving as their theme. It consisted of the Scripture Lesson and the explanation of the scripture followed by prayer. Those taking part were Mrs. Norman Laidlaw, Mrs. Willbert Cleave and Mrs. Murray Laird.

Mrs. Andrew McClure, president, was in the chair for the meeting and Mrs. John McClure, secretary, called the roll which was answered by ladies from Brampton Presbyterian W.M.S., Streetsville Presbyterian W.M.S., Georgetown Presbyterian W.M.S. and Norval United Church U.C.W.

Mrs. W. Little was soloist accompanied by Mrs. O. Hunter. The collection was taken up by Mrs. N. Robinson and Mrs. C. Archdekin and the dedicatory prayer was given by Mrs. A. Clark. Mrs. Tom McGee introduced the speaker and Mrs. John McClure gave the courtesies.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Hyatt McClure followed by lunch. The lunch committee were Mrs. Harold McClure, Mrs. Percy Leslie and Mrs. Albert Hunter.

The Guild of St. Paul's Anglican Church held a successful Euchre and Bake Sale in the Parish Hall on Thursday, October 29th with Mrs. Al Norton

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