



TOP LEFT: New Georgetown Christian School on 7th Line, Esqueting is dedicated in ceremony. CENTRE LEFT: Work starts on long awaited Glen Williams bridge in conjunction with project to rechannel troublesome Credit River branch. BOTTOM LEFT: Georgetown Lions make final payment completing pledge of \$12,500 to hospital building fund. TOP RIGHT: New features are added but midway still most popular spot at Georgetown's fair. BOTTOM RIGHT: Georgetown figure skating club hires new professional in Ross Garner.

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Gibbons, Peters Air Objections To Water Tower, OMB Hearing

At the conclusion of a hearing which lasted an hour, judgment was reserved on Georgetown's request to the Municipal Board to proceed with an elevated storage tank for the town's water department.

The hearing, on Tuesday afternoon, December 21st, was conducted by H. E. Roberts, vice chairman of the board.

Town solicitor F. A. Nelson was delegated by town council to act for the town. Mayor Joseph Gibbons and Ed Peters, who had entered objections to the proposal, were not represented by counsel.

The 500,000 gallon overhead tank would be built on Todd Road in the eastern industrial part of town. A tender has already been accepted for its construction, subject to the board's approval.

Mr. Nelson called four witnesses for the town's case, Gordon Proctor of the engineering firm of Proctor and Redfern; Donald Powers, water chairman of the 1965 town council; Erasmee Goebelle of the Pope and Goebelle firm which audits the town's books; and George Twewen, of the Division of Sanitary Engineering, Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Mr. Proctor outlined the main points of a report ordered from his firm in 1963 to survey the water system and make recommendations.

He said he had found the water supply adequate from 3 deep wells with a total capacity of three million gallons daily, but there is difficulty in supplying water at peak demand periods with only a ground reservoir of 800,000 gallons for reserve supply.

An additional pumping unit has been installed to implement one recommendation, he said, and the elevated tank, which would add another 500,000 gallons of storage would complete this.

He pointed out that not only will this add storage, but it will reduce existing pressure by 2 1/2 lb. which will increase present pumping capacity by 25 per cent, as well as lessen

ing strain and wear and tear on plumbing systems caused by excessive pressure in the system.

Present wells are adequate, he said, but he forecast an additional deep well will be needed in the next five to ten years.

Queried by Mr. Nelson, he said it would cost twice as much to add ground storage north-west of town, as this would mean new feeder mains in that part of town.

Next witness, Mr. Powers, said his study of the situation shows that the water tower will be self liquidating, will result in no rate increase, and once the debentures are retired in 20 years, Georgetown will actually have a substantial saving in yearly costs.

Mr. Goebelle confirmed the opinion in a report which council had asked him to prepare recently, that there would be only a slight cost if the tower is built, though he said a higher interest rate since his report was made would be an extra charge on the town budget.

Mr. Twewen said the OWRC is in general agreement with the Proctor and Redfern report and has given its approval to the project.

Mayor Gibbons said he is opposing the tower in the dual capacity of mayor and ratepayer.

He cited his opposition as "lack of emergency" to go ahead with it at the present time and the substantial debenture debt which the town already has, and which will be augmented by school debentures again next year.

He pointed out that the auditor's estimate of issuing debentures at 5 1/2% should today be 6 1/2%.

And he queried whether the present 4-man waterworks staff could be reduced by three, as the auditor's report says.

The mayor maintains that it will cost Georgetown \$17,512 yearly for twenty years, and that the savings of \$17,477

yearly mentioned in the auditor's report are not possible.

Mr. Roberts interrupted the mayor as he began to argue that erection of the tower will put the town in a bad financial state in view of other future debentures.

He said the town operates on a capital budget endorsed by the Municipal Board, and that future expenditures will be reviewed in the normal course of business next year.

"We work under the democratic process," he told the mayor "and a majority of your council favours it."

"But some of them have been defeated (in the Dec. '63 election)" was the mayor's answer.

He asked Mr. Roberts if the ratepayers could be asked for an opinion on the tower, and was told that he would have to consult the town solicitor on this.

Mr. Gibbons called Duncan MacMillan, an operator at the pumping station, to support his stand, but when he asked Mr. McMillan's opinion whether the town is in greater need of more water supply rather than a storage tank, the chairman ruled this question was not relevant as the witness is not a professional engineer.

"I am not questioning his abilities or qualifications for the job," he said, but he is not qualified to comment on this. Apparently a majority of council is satisfied with the engineer's report."

When Mayor Gibbons reiterated that he is concerned about the town's future capital spending and its effect on the tax rate, the chairman repeated his statement about an approved capital budget and said the time to discuss this is when next year's quota is being considered.

The other opponent, Ed Peters reminded the board of a \$700,000 high school addition, plus the extra cost of staffing and equipping, as a consideration in vetoing the tower at present.

A brochure, just released by

the industrial commission, he said, indicates the town has an adequate water supply.

He said Georgetown had a 50% tax rise during a period of "unbridled spending" from 1956 to 1963.

"A pay as you go policy is long overdue here," he concluded.

After a brief summation by Mr. Nelson, in which he noted the urgency in completing the tower by April to take advantage of a government municipal assistance grant, Mr. Roberts adjourned the hearing, reserving his decision to a later date.

Hilltop Apts. Sold Brampton Man Owner

G. W. Harley of E. A. Mitchell Limited Realtor of Brampton announces that negotiations have been completed for sale of Hilltop Apartments, 52 Queen Street Georgetown. The new owner Mr. F. E. Kruger of Brampton plans to operate the building similar to the present owner W. H. B. Holdings Ltd.

Subsidize Job Hunters Moving Out of Area

Two officers of the National Employment Service have been designated by the Manager, Mr. C. B. Fraser to handle the Manpower Mobility Program in the area served by the Brampton Local Office which includes the town of Georgetown and surrounding area.

Mr. R. E. Kenzie and Mrs. C. S. Richardson are the named officers and have undergone intensive training in this new phase of N.E.S. work which is a major part of the federal government's over-all manpower planning program.

The Manpower Mobility Plan which took effect on December 28 provides financial assistance to unemployed workers who wish to move to other areas where employment is available and when it is clear that such a move is in both their and the public interest.

Priests and witch doctors of many primitive people burned sulphur as a sort of reverse incense to drive away evil spirits.

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