

Blow Out Huttonville Dam Is Councillor's Opinion

A serious hazard to life exists at Huttonville dam where it partially gave way during recent heavy storms.

Chingacousy Township engineer Ken Comyns told council last week that there could be a serious accident, anyone walking on the dam could easily be seriously injured. There is absolutely no protection.

Mr. Comyns recommended that the owner be required to either remove or protect the dam.

Fenced in

"It should be fenced in completely so the public is protected."

He added: "It should be clearly understood that any attempt to patch the existing dam would be entirely contrary to the public interest and safety."

Mr. Comyns was reporting to council following a resolution of August 19 which asked that he study the situation in Huttonville and present the findings to open council.

In his report Mr. Comyns said that although the dam break occurred during a period when the main channel of the Credit River was diverted through the old mill race to facilitate bridge construction, there is little evidence of any connection between the two operations.

No Plans

He said the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has no plans for development in the Huttonville area with respect to conservation, flood control or recreation.

"Therefore it can be assumed that the authority does not intend to acquire the Huttonville dam and flood plain from its present owner, and studies have revealed that there is little justification for such an acquisition."

Mr. Comyns completed his report by saying: "In my opinion, the dam is doing absolutely nothing. It should be destroyed."

Nurses Discuss Plans For New Contract Demand

The Nurses' Association will meet this week to complete proposed changes in its proposed new contract with the Halton County Health Unit, treasurer Mrs. Macy Anne Bulmer said.

Their present contract, in effect since October, 1967, expires in December.

The unit is currently operating with only 14 nurses—about 19 less than the number recommended for a county the size of Halton.

Dr. L. M. Stuart, newly-appointed Medical Officer of Health, said that five nurses recently resigned and only four more have been hired so far.

"The health unit has been operating in a state of deepening crises for the past two years."

In 1966 the nurses walked off the job, and returned only after "greystriping" the health unit, thus preventing it from hiring any more nurses until a new contract was settled.

The contract talks dragged on until last September, and in that time, many of the nurses had quit or moved away, leaving the health unit shorthanded. The greystriping was lifted after their present contract was ratified last October.

Faced with a consistently dwindling staff and lack of supervisors the health unit has found it impossible to carry out its regular health program.

Nursing director Grace Levey last July presented the county board of health with a three point priority program, which was accepted by the board, to deal with the situation:

- Requests by school boards and referrals by teachers;
- Closer communication with families regarding mental health referrals;
- Maternal and pre-school programs.

The board of health subsequently reported to county council that it knows the difficulties Miss Levey is working under—"too few nurses and lack of supervisory staff."

During 1967 it was suggested the Halton and Peel county health units be merged into one regional unit. Talks to achieve this merger started, but since have broken off because Peel has said it is no longer interested "in any attempt to marry us with the Halton unit."

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The Rain's a Pain Mainly in the Grain

A large amount of summer rain is blamed for slowing the grain harvest this year but corn is coming along very well and pastures are excellent, reports Henry Stanley, agricultural representative for Halton County.

The remaining quarter to a third of the grain to be harvested is badly lodged and kernels near the ground have started to sprout, Mr. Stanley blamed this on the rain and the fact that the grain should have been harvested two weeks ago.

However, he said he still expects a good yield and does not think there will be any reduction from last year.

The corn crop is coming along very well and if the frost holds for another three weeks to a month, the county will have a very good crop, he said.

Pastures are excellent. The first crop produced a very good yield and not much of the second crop has been harvested yet because many farmers still have their barns full from the first crop.

Mr. Stanley said seeding of winter wheat will begin in the next two weeks.

All vegetable crops are in production, and are producing excellent yields, although cucumbers and tomatoes were a bit behind normal earlier in the season.

The agricultural representative said he expects the season for vegetables to drag on for a while, and prices on all vegetables are lower than normal because of the abundance of the crops this year.

He described the apple crop about average for this time of the year.

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