

# Protest Flying School, But Rosslake Plans Already Dropped

Unaware that Rosslake operator Joe Ross had already dropped plans for a flying school on his RR 3, Georgetown layout, some 20 area residents packed Esquesing council chamber Monday night to protest council's "token approval" of the school — and more — in the absence of zoning, a by-law banning airstrips in the township.

Lawyer Colin Mason of Cooksville, who said he represented 140 petitioners, 95 per cent of the residents of the area within an eight mile radius of the proposed light plane airport, told Esquesing council petitioners objected to the Ross

scheme on the grounds that it would depreciate properties and create a nuisance and noise.

He said the Department of Transport has not yet granted Mr. Ross a license, only permission for a feasibility study, and that council still has the authority to stop the airport by by-law.

"These people are concerned about an increase in road traffic and a decrease in land value, restrictions on buildings near the approaches, and limited land use in the vicinity," said Mr. Mason. "An airport here is not compatible with the use of adjoining land and I ask council

to consider a by-law to prevent the airstrip which is only legal because there is no zoning by-law."

Mr. Mason claimed that their issuing of a permit to Mr. Ross to build a hangar was taken approval of the airstrip.

"We didn't give Mr. Ross permission for an airport, only to build a building," said Deputy Reeve Tom Hill. "Permission to operate an airport can come from the Department of Transport only."

"He can build a dozen hangars, but he still needs to get the D.O.T. okay," Reeve George Currie stated.

Esquesing Township clerk K. C. Lindsay told the delegation he contacted Guelph Township to find out what was done there when Guelph airport was proposed and was informed by his counterpart there that the township had no say in the matter, and that it was entirely up to the Department of Transport.

Mr. Mason maintained D.O.T. is interested solely in the safety aspect of a new airport application and that it is up to the local council to consider the feelings of the residents.

He suggested air traffic would be heavy because of the reputation of Helmut Scheidbauer, the chief aeronautical engineer

now with Central Airways who would create a light plane servicing area at the Rosslake airstrip and because of the closing of Toronto Island airport.

"The airstrip would only be used by planes of about 2500 pounds or less and their engines are not very large, about 120-130 h.p.," assured Cr. Ken Marshall. "You'd scarcely know it was there."

When Mr. Mason added the petitioners are worried about the future growth of the airport, Cr. Marshall countered "in arguing why the location isn't suitable for an airport you just outlined yourself why there isn't room for expansion."

"If a man can make a dollar why not?" said Reeve Currie. "You say your concerned about the traffic but if it was to be a golf course you'd be all for it even though it would create more traffic."

Dr. E.W. Brown of RR 3, Georgetown, a member of the delegation took up their case from there. "There is a dual authority involved here," he said. "The Dept. of Transport re the licensing of the airport, and the township re zoning. We feel council was too hasty in issuing the permit for a hangar. You're making a radical change in land use which could be embarrassing to your planning board. You are our elected officials and we

hope you represent us as well as you represented Mr. Ross."

Norman Bird, a long time resident of the area was another member of the delegation to speak. "I've been there as long as any person. There are a lot of new people in the area now and we get along well. I would like to think I can put my confidence more in Esquesing council than the Dept. of Transport."

"We'll be governed by the Department of Transport decision," reiterated the reeve. "We have no authority to stop Joe Ross."

The debate ended with council and the delegation agreeing to discuss the proposal further

at a planning board meeting March 19 to which Halton MP Rud Whiting may be invited.

At an Esquesing council meeting two weeks ago, council assured Mr. Ross they would not delay issuing of a building permit for a hangar on his property. At that time he explained his plan for the airport in full and introduced council to Mr. Scheidbauer, an aircraft maintenance engineer Juergen Mit-Jeberg, and flying instructor Chris Samson who was to operate the school.

In a letter elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Ross says he has since decided to abandon the school end of it because of neighbours' objections.

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**SNOW QUEEN'S COURT** — Kim Fisher is surrounded by finalists at the Georgetown District High School's Snow Queen Pageant where she was crowned Snow Queen, Friday night. The selecting of Snow Queen was a highlight of the school's first annual Winterfest Carnival.

## TOWN'S INDUSTRIAL LAND ALMOST GONE

### Endorse Aler Plan, Allow Industrial Commission Presses For Action In Letter To Council

Council on Monday approved the application of Aler Investments to build a forty-six suite apartment building on land behind the Rest Home at 104 Main Street North. The building will front on Caruthers Road, but under the present plan the new extension of Ewing St.

The motion authorized the solicitor to rezone the property to allow the apartments.

Cr. Wm. Smith challenged the wording of the motion, although agreeing with the intent. He wanted only the plan shown by Aler Investment approved, and wondered if by rezoning it could fall into other hands already rezoned for apartments, with no way of controlling the type of apartment.

Georgetown is almost fresh out of town-owned industrial land to offer prospective industries and the need for acquiring more is becoming more acute every month according to the Georgetown Industrial Commission.

Vice chairman Alex Blackwell told The Herald this week that Inducon, an industrial development and building firm, which bought over 90 acres in the Industrial Park last year, has three large parcels left, but the town's own industrial land there has shrunk to approximately four acres.

He said a piece of the four acres near the Credit River is more suitable for parkland and the rest, all on Armstrong Ave., is split up.

"If an industry came to us looking for 10 acres we'd have to send them to Inducon, we have nothing of any size available," Mr. Blackwell said.

The Inducon land is choice industrial property on Guelph Street between General Fireproofing and Armstrong Ave.

In a letter sent to council over a week ago the Industrial Commission stresses the urgency of the situation in the underlined final paragraph: "As pointed out in the past, the need for more industrial land is becoming more acute each month, especially for industries which

require 10 or more acres." The letter, which summarizes the Industrial Commission's operation during 1968, lists six firms, Baltimore Aircoil, Park Chemical, Clay Equipment, T. D. Williamson, Goldup Plastics and Beaumont Knitting as having started production or decided to locate in Georgetown during the past 12 months.

It also reports "Boehmer Ready-Mix Company are building a new plant on Armstrong Avenue, and Mino Millwork are building a new building on Mountainview Road."

It also asks for allowance in 1969 budget for improvement of roads in the Industrial Park, and better weed control.

"The Commission spent a good portion of this year getting re-organized. The town brochure was brought up to date and distributed to a various number of departments which are in a position to help interested parties, settle in Georgetown, i.e., Trade and Industry Branch of the Ontario Government, Toronto Real Estate Board, and the Canadian National Railway" the report states.

P. Siddall is chairman of the Industrial Commission, Mr. Blackwell vice chairman, D. Cole secretary, H. Douglas treasurer and the other members are past president Wm. McNally, H. Herder and Cr. Ric Morrow.

### Side With Humane Society Council Wants Pets Saved

With only Reeve Wm. Hunter's dissenting vote in opposition, council, Monday night, passed a motion petitioning the provincial government to withdraw Bill 73 as requested by the Ontario Humane Society.

Bill 73 is the controversial bill, which would compel Humane Societies to hand over animals impounded more than forty-eight hours, not only to research institutions, "but also to animal dealers operating for a profit" to quote the Humane Society letter.

The letter from the Humane Society termed the bill in its present form an invasion of civil rights, and a retrograde piece of legislation.

Both Cr. Ric Morrow and deputy reeve Art Speight thought the forty-eight hour time limit was too short, and should be extended.

Reeve Wm. Hunter disagreed. He contended all dogs with tags on would present no problem, since their owners could be contacted right away. He also pointed out that longer stays would involve more money.

"If they want animals for research, let them raise rabbits," commented Cr. Ern Hyde.

Ver Island against Victoria, Kimberley and a team from Melville, Saskatchewan plus two games on the mainland against Vancouver and Burnaby.

### Tries Again, Hyde Plan For Detour is Vetoed

A suggestion by Cr. Ern Hyde that Maple Avenue be used as an alternative route, to the Main Street bridge detour, was voted down by council Monday night.

He wanted the Department of Highways to erect signs at Maple Avenue and Guelph St., and at the 7th Line and Highway 7, with directional arrows showing an alternative route through town and drawing attention to the construction ahead on the highway.

Again he berated the Main Street bridge detour, blaming "the human element" to a large extent. He claimed slow moving trucks were one of the main causes of trouble, and urged these be rerouted on to Maple Avenue.

"As I pointed out last week, and the week before, and the week before that" began Cr. Smith "the recommendation from both the Dept. of Highways, and Damas & Smith, is that we do not do this," said the road chairman. He claimed the town could be liable in case of accident by diverting traffic from a town road to a county road. "I plan to take direction from the engineers we hired," maintained Cr. Smith. "This is getting to be a political football," he added.

Deputy Reeve Art Speight opposed the Maple Avenue route claiming it would be dangerous for children since there is no sidewalk on part of it, and many children walk to school along it.

"They're walking on the road north and south of Main Street bridge," retorted Cr. Hyde, "and where there is a sidewalk you can't find it for mud."

"We're building a bridge, not baking a cake," replied Cr. Smith. "If they clean up all the time, they'll never get anything done."

Only Cr. Hyde, Mayor Emmerson and Reeve Hunter voted for the alternative route.

### Lucky Baby, \$341 Richer After Draw

A two months old baby boy is \$341 richer this week because his dad bought a ticket on the Georgetown Juvenile Hockey Club's weekly 50-50 draw.

Donald J. Prentice, of Brampton, an employee of the Toronto-Dominion bank there said the money will go into a bank account for his son Blaine.

The infant was the second winner in the draw which is one of several juvenile club projects to raise money to send the team to a hockey jamboree on the west coast in April.

Proceeds from the ticket sales are split, half going to the draw winner and half toward the trip.

Most recent businesses to give the project a helping hand financially are Armstrong Insurance, McNally Construction, Rexway BP and Wigo TV.

As well as raising funds through the draw, dances and a euchre, the juveniles plan paper drives on successive Saturdays, March 8 and 15.

Their west coast junket will include three games on Vancouver and Burnaby.

### Sheridan Offering Government Course

Cr. Donna Denison informed council Monday night, that Sheridan College is offering a course in municipal government every Wednesday night for six weeks.

The course, presented in cooperation with the Ontario Conference on Local Government, and the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, hopes to inform the public about municipal government and particularly to inform newly elected officials, about problems they will face in the future.

Two topics are covered each night, including History of local Government, Forms and Structure of Local Government in Ontario, the role of the Province

in local government. How the Municipal Corporation operates, Functions and Special Services of the Municipality, Local Boards and Commissions, Municipal Assessment, and the future of local government.

Some of the councillors expressed interest in attending, but wondered if they could find the time. Mayor Emmerson quipped, "We sure could use some help."

### ABITIBI DOWN

Abitibi Paper Company Limited reports net earnings for 1978 of \$11,028,197, a decrease of 11.4 per cent.

### Apply to Bell For Dial 911

An emergency telephone number of three digits 911, should be in operation in town within two years. Council, upon the recommendation of the Municipal Safety Committee, took the first step toward that end Monday night, when they made application to the Bell Telephone for the emergency number.

Colin Blight, chairman of the Safety Committee told council fire, police and ambulance would be reached by the one number. The only cost to the town, said the chairman, would be an installation fee of \$55 and a monthly rental fee of \$50.

The committee also urged the hiring of a full time safety inspector to enforce the Construction Safety Act, the Trench Excavation Protection Act, and municipal bylaws governing public safety.

The committee also advised the speed limit on No. 7 Hwy. should be left as is, until traffic lights are installed at various intersections.

Later in the evening a letter from the Board of Police Commissioners confirmed the opinion of the Safety Committee. They, too, felt no change should be made until traffic lights are installed.

### Georgetown Couple On 'Newlywed Game'

Thursday morning (today) at 11:30 in the morning a young Delrex Boulevard couple Jim and Carol Thrower, appeared on Toronto television.

The show, the Canadian version of the "Newlywed Game" was taped two weeks ago, at Channel 9 studios, but was shown this morning.

The Throwers were the winners and ended up with a new sewing machine, and approximately three hundred dollars worth of linens, and bedding.

### Building Gutted, C&V Plans Garage Rebuilding

A request from C & V Motors for a building permit to rebuild the garage burned out in last week's fire, was turned over to the Planning Committee, at the suggestion of Cr. W. Smith, at Monday's council meeting.

Town engineer Gordon Fancy pointed out in a letter that the lot could not comply with the regulations as it was only 103 feet deep, and the regulations demand a 75 foot setback on the highway. The garage was there before any zoning regulations were enforced, and existed as a non-conforming lot.

The engineer recommended the issuing of a permit to allow the owner to rebuild as fast as possible.

Cr. Smith claimed it was more than an engineer's problem, and he wanted to make sure the issuing of a permit was legal in a situation like this. The Planning Committee will discuss it at their March 13th meeting.

### Raiders, Thistles Playing Friday

Georgetown Intermediate B Raiders set a best of seven playoff set with Fergus Thistles here tomorrow night fresh from a convincing victory over the powerful Lucan aggregation in the final game of the schedule.

Raiders play game two back in Fergus, Monday night, and game three goes here Wednesday. The balance of the series has yet to be drafted up.

Raiders finished the schedule with a 5-3 triumph over Lucan here Friday night after bowing 6-1 in Lucan Tuesday, February 25 with an 11 man team.



**MIDGET GROUP CHAMPS** — Georgetown Midgets who won the Tri-County Midget Hockey League championship are currently battling with Oshawa Midgets in OMHA playdowns. In the front row from left are J. Kudravsos, R. Fogal, H. Williams, J. Blair, D. Unsworth, J. McNally, D. Ward, G. Neil. Back row: Coach Ron Dixon, M. Fowler, R. Inglis, P. Fendley, G. Foster, B. Sargent, D. Guest, B. Davies, B. Heppes, G. Hefnessey, and Manager Barry Brown.

### FIVE YEAR CAPITAL FORECAST

Council on Monday approved a five year capital forecast totalling \$6,750,000, from 1969 till 1973. Mayor Emmerson pointed out, it was largely guesswork, with little chance of everything being approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The forecast was broken down this way:

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Water Comm.	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Hydro/Comm.	225,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	250,000
Hospital		350,000			
San. Sewers	245,000	100,000	850,000*	100,000	100,000
John St. Lift Station	70,000				
Roads	435,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Storm Sewers	30,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Fire Dept.	85,000**				
Police Comm.		100,000*			
Arena					
Comm. Centre		160,000			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,340,000</b>	<b>\$1,610,000</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>

\* extension to plant as per Brumac report  
\*\* new fire truck and addition to present building  
\*\*\* new police quarters  
Cr. W. Smith questioned the police quarters expenditure in light of forthcoming regional government which takes in policing.