



MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER Darcy with one of his assistants, as Halton East MPP Jim McKeough met with Esqueving Council in a private session, Monday afternoon. Mr. McKeough speaks. — (Staff Photo)

McKeough meets Nassagaweya

Final decision by June 30 on regional government

A Halton-Peel form of regional government is almost inevitable and Darcy McKeough, Ontario's minister of municipal affairs, says he will have to make a final decision by April 1.

Mr. McKeough made this comment after a two-hour closed-door session with members of Nassagaweya Council Friday afternoon at Brookville. The meeting was held at the minister's request to enable him to hear from municipal governments in the area on their stands on regional government.

The minister said his discussion with the council was a great help to him in making the final decision and he claimed some of the things he learned

from the council could be included in the municipal government legislation.

He conceded there will have to be a two-tier form of government, similar to that in effect in Ottawa-Carleton, although he anticipates some trouble from Oakville council which is still calling for a one-tier form of government.

"I feel a lot better after today," he said, emerging from the session with the council. "I think the problems we've encountered before were not due to any misunderstanding but rather to a lack of communication."

Asked if some of the problems he has encountered before could have been alleviated by talking

to the people concerned the minister replied he wasn't sure, but it had been physically impossible for him to have had meetings with everyone concerned over the regional take over before this date.

Mr. McKeough explained briefs are still coming in from different sources and he has 17 meetings to attend similar to the one with Nassagaweya Council before any firm decision is made. He stressed that it will have to be made soon to allow the bill to be given three readings in the house and gain royal assent before the provincial legislature adjourns on June 30.

Before the meeting, Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur seemed anxious about the encounter but she appeared to be relieved after the meeting, as did other council members.

Also on hand for the meeting was George Kerr, Minister of Energy and Resources and Halton West's MPP. He left early, and on his way out told waiting members of the press that Nassagaweya Township probably will retain its own individuality, a factor which was a stumbling block between the municipal affairs department and Mrs. MacArthur.

Mr. McKeough met with Esqueving Council Monday and met with Milton Council this morning (Wednesday) in Toronto.

Residents will join council visit Sarnia disposal plant

A small group of residents from the area of Esqueving near Highway 25, just south of 22 Sideroad, will join members of Esqueving Council next Monday, visiting North America's first efficiently operating centralized waste disposal plant, near Sarnia.

About 25 residents of the area attended Monday's meeting on the invitation of council to hear Bill Lombard of Trecon Limited explain plans for the establishment of a similar waste disposal plant on the former Rognvaldson property, on the east side of Highway 25. Mr. Lombard had revealed plans to council at a meeting last week.

Wayne Moss, a resident of the west half of Lot 22, Concession 3, acted as spokesman for the deputation.

Mr. Moss made it clear his group had come to the meeting as listeners and could neither object to, nor condone, the proposed plant until they knew more about it. He asked residents be given copies of Mr. Lombard's written proposal to peruse.

Mr. Lombard explained the proposed plant would be able to dispose of a high quantity of liquid industrial wastes, some of which are now being dumped on open properties, and others that are being dumped illegally into Lake Ontario. Industrial wastes would be received from Hamilton and Metropolitan Toronto and the heat latent in them would be used to help burn municipal garbage from Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Esqueving and the northern part of Oakville.

The ash left over after burning would be buried on the property. Mr. Lombard told the group that the ash would be completely inert material and would not attract rats or flies.

Mr. Lombard said his company owns 98 acres of land in the area and would construct the plant approximately 1,200

feet back from the highway. He described the property as an ideal location for a centralized waste disposal plant.

The plant, Mr. Lombard explained, would not create an odor, smoke or noise and would be subject to strict pollution control laws laid down by the provincial government. He admitted truck traffic would increase but added that 90% of the traffic would be in daylight hours.

Mr. Lombard told the group a written proposal had not yet been made to council but that his company would submit one immediately.

Reeve George Currie assured Mr. Moss copies of the proposal would be made available to residents.

"Anything that's made available to this council will be made available to you", the reeve promised.

"This garbage disposal is getting to be a must", he added.

Mrs. E. Leyland wanted to know how deep the ash would be buried. As a resident of the adjacent property, she warned that a layer of rock lay only three feet below the surface.

Mr. Lombard hoped the ash would be buried at a depth of about six to eight feet, but admitted his company had not yet tested the soil.

Another resident Dennis Kelly was concerned about the possibility of ash seeping into underground streams.

Mr. Lombard said that underground streams, to the best of his knowledge, were at a depth of about 75 to 100 feet. Gordon Rognvaldson reminded Mr. Lombard that there have been power interruptions in the area lately.

In the event of a power failure, Mr. Lombard admitted that a temporary odor could result but assured residents that machinery would be shut down in a matter of minutes. The

plant would be equipped with standby generating capacity, he promised.

Mr. Lombard said the Sarnia plant is watched constantly by inspectors of the Department of Energy and Resources Management and invited a delegation to visit the plant.

"This plant operates every day and there's nothing to hide", he said.

Letters from the Waste Management Branch of the Department of Energy and Resources Management, Department Minister George Kerr and the clerk of Moore township, in which the Sarnia plant is located, supported Mr. Lombard's statement.

If approved, construction on the plant will begin this summer. It would be ready for operation by September or October. Esqueving would first have to amend its agricultural holding by-law.

After inspecting the Sarnia plant residents are to give their impressions at a future meeting of council.

MZB students win shield

The safety shield will be presented Wednesday (today) to the M.Z. Bennett school, for the best school safety record for the month of January. Police officers are very particular to spend equal time in each school area, but during the month they recorded seven infractions against Robert Little students, and not a single error spotted among the MZB pupils.

Four R. L. students were seen one day crossing the street down from the crossing guard, and were reported to the principal. The M.Z.B. students had vowed they'd win the shield this time.



TED HANSEN

Ted Hansen resigns will resume teaching

Principal Ted Hansen has resigned after 16 years as head of Acton District High School. A letter of resignation was read at a meeting of the Halton Board of Education last Thursday in which Mr. Hansen said he had been considering the matter for some time before deciding to retire from administration and return to classroom teaching.

He has served in the Acton school system for 23 years under

four boards. He joined the staff in September, 1947, hired by the Acton public school board, which in turn gave way to the North Halton board.

The North Halton board split up into three separate bodies and the Acton school came under the jurisdiction of the Acton District High School Board, which in its turn was dissolved to make way for the Halton County Board of Education in 1969.

There were five teachers when Mr. Hansen first joined the Acton staff at the old stone school and he has seen a new school and student enrolment swell to a record 26 teachers and almost 500 students. He headed the high school through some of the most difficult and changeable years in the history of education in the province.

A successor will probably be picked very soon with the first opportunities available to teachers presently in the Halton system.

Mr. Hansen emphasized that he will be teaching with the Halton board but possibly in another school when the next school year begins. His resignation is effective June 30.

McKeough meeting "very good" - Hill

Esqueving deputy-reeve Tom Hill described Monday afternoon's meeting of Esqueving Council and Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough as a "very good meeting."

The deputy-reeve would not elaborate on the events of the 90 minute private meeting, but did say "We know a lot more now, than we did before". Halton East MPP Jim Snow also attended the meeting.

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Dragway could be great thing avid Georgetown racer says

"This drag strip could be a great thing for the municipality," G. K. Thompson a Brampton secondary school teacher who resides in Georgetown told Esqueving council Monday night.

Reeve George Currie allowed Mr. Thompson, an avid drag racer himself, to speak on the effects the proposed Golden Horseshoe Dragway could have on Esqueving.

Sixth Line resident Peter Bowman, one of the chief opponents of the Dragway questioned reeve Currie's action in allowing Mr. Thompson to speak. He reminded the reeve that only residents of Esqueving were allowed to speak at a special meeting about the dragway January 23.

However, reeve Currie informed Mr. Bowman Mr. Thompson had arranged with councillor Ken Marshall to

appear before council and that he would be given 10 minutes to speak.

Mr. Thompson told council drag racing competitors are of the highest calibre.

"They're not the grubby grease monkey types", he said. He went on to say he had never seen any drinking or drugs being used at any of the strips he had visited.

"They get their kicks from the cars", Mr. Thompson contended. "May I ask Mr. Thompson why he hasn't moved out closer to it", Mr. Bowman interrupted.

Mr. Thompson said he already had a house in Georgetown.

He said he could understand persons living close to the drag strip complaining, but not others living further away.

"The sport is perfectly safe," Mr. Thompson continued. "Teenagers don't compete against 30 and 40 thousand

dollar cars."

He explained that there are different classes of racing for modified cars and street driven cars with no modifications.

When Reeve Currie asked him if there were any buildings near the Cayuga Drag strip, Mr. Thompson mentioned there was a church a half mile up the road.

"I know the church people don't bother", the reeve mused. "They're at church. They're

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Pilots, you are aware of the closure to be imposed on our airport, and its implications. Our opponents, who are invisible, have scored a direct hit, and our ship is floundering. Though we face defeat by powerful forces, we must not give up.

My orders are: full steam ahead and find our adversary. This is no time for retreat. Let it not be said that our ship went down without fighting. Let us be proud of our airport, and in a united attack, face our opponents for a second time and silence them. Let us be aware of our position.

We have been dealt a fatal blow but we are still afloat. Man your stations. This is our last stand and my final message. Prepare yourselves for action. Our mission is victory.

This is a direct appeal to the citizens of Georgetown and Acton, and surrounding vicinity, to join with our pilots and those associated with me in our airport activities, to unite in an effort to obtain a reverse decision from the D.O.T. allowing our airport to continue in operation.

In our first years' operation we have proved, to the neighbouring community that the anticipated noise, pollution, nuisance and land value depreciation has not taken place, although we have almost reached the desired proportion of air activity, with the exception of more tie downs.

Let me point out that, because of your towns' rapid growth, an airport can be a great asset. We are in the age of executive aircraft. Industrial magnates will consider locating near an airport. I like to think of Georgetown as my home town, and that you would not stand idly by and let our airport disappear, for this is your airways too. Guelph is proud of its airport which is owned and operated by Mr. Len Ariss, whose efforts I admire.

The towns of Georgetown and Acton have nothing to lose and so much to gain in an airport of this nature. What can you do? Time is running out, by Mar. 1 our operations will cease permanently. Every person who can sacrifice a little time to write a personal letter to the D.O.T. The Hon. Don Jamieson, Minister of Transport, The Parliament Buildings, Ottawa or the Dept. of Transport Civil Aviation Branch, Toronto Dominion Centre, P.O. Box 7, King St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario, appealing to them, giving your reasons why you favor the continued operation of our airport. We are not asking for financial support. Public moral support and interest will save our airport. There is no other way. You can save our ship from sinking.

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Toleware was usually made by the village tinsmith who was in the business of making stovepipes, eavestroughs, drainpipes, basins, and roof flashings etc. but would fashion the tinware household commodities in his spare time.

It is interesting to note that the box with the key hole is duplicated in many museums as an early Canadian poison box to be locked to prevent children from getting into them.

Winter evenings were the times when toleware experts would create replicas of the pedestal jewel box as shown which were often hand painted and beautifully sophisticated. Gallon

pitchers, milk pitchers, measuring cups, muffin tins, pie plates and cookie cutters, etc. were also made by hand in this fashion.

This type of pioneering industry should not be underestimated because such hand creations gave birth to the final manufacture of household items in mass production.