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Quarry, truckers state case trucks back on 17 Sideroad

Pressured by a large delegation of drivers, company executives and driver-owners which spilled over into the hallway, Esqueuing council changed its mind Monday night and agreed to allow quarry trucks the use of 17 Sideroad and the 4th Line.

Reeve George Currie broke a deadlock on council by casting the deciding vote in favor of allowing trucks back on the route. Voting for the resolution were the reeve and Councillors Marshall and Leslie. Opposed were Deputy Reeve Hill and Councillor Miller.

Council barred trucks from 17 Sideroad and the 4th line at a meeting October 19 when faced with a large delegation of ratepayers from that area and Limehouse. They stood firm on the decision on a recorded vote last week when the subject was reintroduced. Councillor Marshall raised the lone objection but he had the reeve and Councillor Leslie with him at this Monday's meeting after listening to George Armstrong, general manager of Indusmin and several others speak on the subject.

Emotion, not facts
Mr. Armstrong said council had been listening to a great deal of emotion rather than facts when

they closed the route to trucks from the quarry. He told council the quarry operation had been continual since 1963 and the company had worked with the community well over that period. Many employees of the company were residents of the township, paying taxes and were concerned with activities in Esqueuing.

Council had disregarded economic facts in barring trucks from the 17 route, Mr. Armstrong asserted. Rerouting of truck traffic to 25 Highway added 6.78 miles to the distance travelled which was an unfair handicap to the company in a business which was highly competitive. The extra distance would cost 40¢ per ton to deliver which figured on the basis of 300,000 tons of stone shipped in a year would increase costs approximately \$7,000 per home on 17 Sideroad.

Trucks use urban routes
Mr. Armstrong also contended that if council's concern was safety they were disregarding the fact that trucks would be forced to go through densely populated areas such as Acton if they were denied 17 Sideroad as an access road.

He also branded the allegation that a truck had "brushed" a school bus as a "fabrication" and talks with police failed to turn up

any evidence of such an incident. Also false, he charged was the figure of 90 trucks an hour using the sideroad. The facts prove the maximum number of trucks in a 12 hour day was 224, he told council.

Cost is a total concern to all taxpayers and they would have to pay more for building material if the trucks were forced to use the other route, Mr. Armstrong said, as well as the fact that the company could not hire as many truckers to carry loads if costs rose. Many affected would be from the township, he added.

When a licence was issued to Indusmin it was suggested the company put material on the road and "we provided 400 truckloads of material at a cost of \$2 per ton, or \$8,000" he said.

"We have kept our part of the bargain and feel there is some moral obligation on the part of the township to live up to their part of the bargain," Mr. Armstrong asserted.

Safety conscious
He also stressed that his company was safety conscious and that in the period of one year there had been only one truck involved in an accident on the 4th Line and 17 Sideroad. The truck went off the road due to a soft shoulder, he said.

We employ people who live in the community as taxpayers and their livelihood should not be jeopardized by people who want a private driveway of their own, Mr. Armstrong concluded.

First to question Mr. Armstrong was the deputy-reeve who said any deal the company made over material on 22 Sideroad and the 4th Line was strictly between the road superintendent and them. Council had made no deals, he said.

Councillor Marshall contended that if the company was forced to use 40 to 50 per cent more trucks to move their material, the unloaded trucks could use 17 Sideroad and go through Limehouse if they wished and council's hands would be tied. He also felt empty trucks would be going a lot faster.

Where can we go?
Truck owner Jack Ridley told the crowded council chambers that he wondered why he paid \$15,000 in licence fees after receiving orders to go this way or that way.

"I'd like to know where we can go," he said. "If the roads are not good enough let's make them so they will be."

Mr. Ridley told the meeting the closest route for quarry trucks

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FOUR ACTON District High school graduates received Ontario scholarships at the high school commencement exercises, Friday night. Ontario scholars are l. to r. Marie Timbers, Cheryl Lee, Nancy Morris and Mark Hurst. Ontario Scholarships are awarded to students obtaining 80 per cent in Grade 13. . . . For story and more pictures see inside.—(Staff Photo)

Owner eager to build on Seynuck farm

Another in the series of proposals for the development of the Seynuck and Vyse farms was put before planning board at their meeting last Thursday.

And again, there were zoning snags that prevent the developer from beginning.

Joe Adanick, one of two partners who own the property, brought the latest proposal for the entire area of single family dwellings except for a few semi-detached homes south of Warren Grove.

Other plans
Planning board members recalled the last plan for the property they had seen included a shopping plaza, separate homes, semi-detached homes and town houses.

Then Monex Construction had taken another plan to a council committee meeting, for nothing but semi-detached homes, just a week ago.

The defunct Reisman plan was for all higher-priced homes.

Mr. Adanick assured planning

board he personally was making the arrangements now, and he needed a zoning change. He required a rezoning from R1 to R2, since it requires less area per lot for the Seynuck property.

On the Vyse property, which is already zoned R2, he would require a change to R3 to permit semi-detached homes.

Wants to start
"I want to get going," he assured planning board members, but failed to raise any enthusiasm. Chairman Sid Saitz warned him it could be nine months to a year and a half for a zoning change to come through. Mr. Adanick estimated the cost range from \$27,000 down to \$19,000 for the semi-detached houses.

He said the plan would take three or four years to complete. There was considerable discussion about the plan and its requirements.

Finally Mr. Adanick suggested he could begin about 40 houses in the spring under the R1 zoning, while the application on the rest of the property was finding its way through the proper channels.

He said he would return with a draft plan for the R1 section, and suggestions for the rest of the area. He would enter into a subdividers' agreement with council.

Applications returned
When members of the board all ominously assured Mr. Adanick of the inevitable delays in receiving decisions from the Ontario Municipal Board, the secretary reviewed a couple of examples of the least of the many things that can delay the town.

One application had been sent in by the town, with a few words neatly erased and retyped. It had come back with the request to have the change initialed.

Another application came back to have the letter "e" deleted in a word.

Another subdivision
Since the Campbell farm and the town-owned land beyond the cemetery are now both owned by Alteo Construction, planning board members agreed that the two areas should all be zoned residential. At present part of the Campbell farm is designated as conservation on the official plan.

The two purchases abut each other. The owner, engineer and planning consultant had toured the area, with future building of homes there in mind. Reaction of the planning consultant was termed "favorable".

Plans of the area have not yet been presented. Project Planning Associates were to be instructed to proceed with an amendment to the official plan re-designating some of the land from conservation to residential.

Copies will be ordered for all members of the new Planning Act and of a booklet on subdivision procedures.

A meeting will be held with council to completely review the zoning bylaw. There are several corrections to be made.

Forms drawn up by secretary Grant Usher for applications for zoning changes were approved. Present were chairman Sid Saitz, Frank Simoni, Vic Bristow, Meh Blow, mayor Doby sitting in for the two absent council representatives and secretary Grant Usher.

Bob Waller cops force foot title

Absorb rate increase

Fleet-footed Bob Waller, a cadet with the Oakville police force, is grabbing plenty of ink in the dailies these days with his running exploits.

An Acton boy, who really rounded into shape during the lacrosse season as a player with the Junior B Rams, Bob has run down an escaping golf cart and two runaway horses within a week.

Colleagues at Oakville have nicknamed Bob "Supercadet". Bob first received the label when he and his partner Constable Jeffries discovered two boys racing golf carts on a parking lot at an Oakville school. The carts were stolen from the Oakville Golf Club where the pair caddied during the summer.

Overtakes cart
The officers took off in pursuit of the one cart when the driver took off and within a quarter of a mile Bob overtook it and switched off the ignition.

Within a week Bob outran two horses which escaped from a pasture on Trafalgar Road and galloped away. He chased them



BOB WALLER

on foot, cut them off and herded them back to the pasture.

It is rumored the speedy Acton athlete will be equipped with track shoes rather than a cruiser when he joins the force as a full-fledged constable.

Acton Hydro Chairman Will McEachern told The Free Press this week that new rates announced by Ontario Hydro this week for supplying electricity to municipal utility systems will likely be absorbed by the local commission—for some time, anyway.

Recent rate increases in Acton for hydro would likely be sufficient for the commission to hold the line in spite of the increase, he said. A further study would be necessary before the Commission could decide definitely, however.

Ontario Hydro chairman George Gathercole this week announced interim wholesale rates to municipal commissions will be increased by an average of seven per cent for 1971. He forecast some would be able to absorb all or part of the increase but said in the long run higher costs would affect municipal rate structures.

The Hydro chairman blamed the hike on escalating costs for equipment and supplies, wages and salaries, fuel and interest rates.

Charges follow Hallowe'en vandalism

Seek barn arsonist

An outbreak of senseless vandalism kept Milton OPP officers busy on Hallowe'en night as gangs of youths lit fires, broke mailboxes, wrecked signs and tossed a variety of eggs, apples and other vegetables around the North Halton countryside.

One OPP spokesman said it was a pretty hectic night, although he had seen worse.

Most serious incident of the night was the burning of a large barn on a farm near Moffat, owned by Ontario Minister of Social and Family Services, the Hon. John Yaremko. Arson was suspected and an Ontario Fire Marshal's office investigator who sifted through the remains confirmed that the fire had been deliberately set. OPP are still conducting an intensive investigation into the fire. Spokesmen said they have some good leads and they feel confident the arsonists will be rounded up and charged with the offence.

Seek man who reported fire

Police are attempting to contact one unidentified witness who may have some further information to help them—a man driving a pickup truck who first spotted the fire and stopped at a nearby home to turn in the alarm. Milton OPP would like that man to contact them as soon as possible.

The barn was situated on a farm on the Second Line of Nassagaweya just north of 15 Sideroad. Mr. Yaremko has been repairing the old stone house on the property and the barn was rented to neighbor Bob Brown who stored hay and straw in the building. Milton Fire Department was called but the blaze was well underway when they arrived and the building was demolished.

Eight being charged

Police have charged two persons with arson and one with dangerous driving following investigations into other Hallowe'en night incidents. Three more persons are to be charged with intimidation as a result of fires on roads and bridges in the Norval and Glen Williams area, and two more charges of public mischief are pending. Most of those being charged are teenagers and young adults.

Several piles of gas-soaked tires were set on fire on roads in the Norval area, blocking traffic and causing damage to the floor of one wooden bridge. At Glen Williams gangs of youths wandered the streets of the village pelting homes, cars and people with a variety of vegetables. A few signs and dozens of mailboxes fell prey to the roving gangs who had their Hallowe'en "fun" destroying private and public property.

Offer \$1,000 reward

Shocked by vandalism in a cemetery in the north section of the township, Councillor Alan Ackman won Nassagaweya Township Council's support Monday for a resolution that would post a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the conviction of vandals.

In addition if the reward is not claimed by April 1, 1971, the money is to be added to a fund for restoration of the cemetery. Council is also to seek assistance from the government's historic sites authority and arrange a suitable plaque on the cairn.

Founders' Day
The restoration is to be completed by May of next year and a service held on a holiday to be proclaimed as Nassagaweya Founders' Day. A committee to organize the event is to be established annually to make plans.

Councillor Ackman said he foresaw Founders' Day as an attempt to keep alive the history of the township. "We can't neglect our past and expect our children to have respect for it," he stressed.

The councillor suggested the \$1,000 reward was about 30 cents from each township resident. "I doubt if there will be any objection to the amount," he commented.

"I doubt if we will end up paying the reward but it might deter others", Councillor Art Gibson suggested.

"I would rather see the \$1,000 spent on restoration", Councillor Jim Watson maintained. The cemetery is the Cove Chapel Cemetery on 28 Sideroad.



WANTON DESECRATION of a pioneer cemetery along 28 Sideroad in Nassagaweya township has shocked township council. Stones were toppled

from their bases and smashed by vandals. A \$1,000 reward has been posted to aid in apprehending those responsible.—(Staff Photo)