

OUR READERS WRITE:

Charges by-laws are ignored . . .

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have a few queries on the township by-laws for Rockwood. One of the by-laws say that you must have two full lots with a total of 15,000 sq. ft. and a 100 foot frontage to build a house in Rockwood. The lots are supposed to be side by side.

I know because we went to get a building permit last year and again this spring. We wanted to build on the side that we had 73 foot frontage and they told us no way we could build there. It was facing the wrong way. Everything was wrong so we went along with them and built our house with 132' frontage and used two complete lots to build the house and put in a septic system which the health department wouldn't let us put in front of our house.

We didn't have enough room at the front, so the health department said. We had to use property which we wanted to use for a garden but now can't.

The health department is screaming to high heavens about pollution control in Rockwood and then the next person comes along and they let him put a three bedroom house on a piece of a lot 49 1/2 x 132. It is all squeezed in on 6,600 sq. feet. This is not even half of the required 15,000 sq. ft. and the frontage on this property is only 49 1/2 ft. not 100 as it is supposed to be by the by-law.

I have gone to town council, Eramosa Council, Board of Adjustment, had the health department out and still they permit it. The building inspector doesn't even take the advice of the Eramosa lawyer. I have been talking to him, too and it was advised not to build there.

Another by-law is "A house must have 750 sq. ft. of floor space on main floor. The house that he built is only 24.8 ft. x 30 ft. with a six foot open porch. This leaves only 24 x 24 which is only 576 sq. ft. of floor space not 750 ft. Now what do you think of our by-laws? Our council? Our building inspector? Worst of all this house is a two-storey one

on a one storey street. All the houses are one-storey bungalow type and it sticks out like a sore thumb.

This house is also built two feet down in a hole compared to the other houses and yet sticks out above them too.

He has only 64 feet of drain pipe around it and no where for it to drain. The building inspector said he was going to sump pump the water out to the ditch. It so happens, there was no sump pump outlet put in when the cement floor was put in. So where is the water going to go? That house is going to have a wet basement.

The building inspector says he has 18 months to close in the six foot porch so it will have enough floor space. Within 18 months that house will be sold to someone else and again our by-laws will be broken.

Myself and two other neighbours on this street have been doing everything to make the town council, Eramosa council and the health department do something about this house and we just get a deaf ear from them all. I guess its not what you know but who you know, and bluffing your way through it all. I say by-laws are for everyone to follow and abide by.

Another point I'd like to make at this time is that there is no well on this property. The water is piped from another property. I can't understand why the health department says we need water in Rockwood. Just drill one well and run three houses from the one.

I would like to know what other people in Rockwood think of our by laws, our building inspector and our town and Eramosa councils for not clamping down on the nonsense that is going on in this town.

Thank you Mr. Editor for letting me put my points of view in your paper.

I just want justice for all.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Audrey Bilton,
118 Frederick St.
Rockwood, Ontario,
And Neighbours.

Stop decimation

26 Westfield Rd.,
Hull, England.
Dec. 15, 1971.

Dear Sir:

I have just received (via Air Mail) the notice circulated throughout Nassagaweya in protest of the proposed Hydro Transit line and I wish those people organizing the protest every success. My only immediate reaction is why object just to stop the Hydro line?

Nassagaweya is being decimated by quarries, Hydro, and even the Conservation people. Our Council seems powerless, even the lovely game warden can circumvent those elected to represent us.

I would like to see an organization formed to stop this slow decimation. For

instance "Conservation". It's a wonderful word and means much but it can have an adverse effect for where once properties that paid taxes flourished, conservation has taken over and these properties are not taxable and, of course, the less people to pay taxes, the higher the taxation levied on those who do pay.

There is an unexplainable side to this Hydro issue. When I campaigned door-to-door for the candidate of my choice prior to the last Provincial election, I stressed the issue of the proposed Hydro line all to no avail. Now I find those who are protesting the loudest actively supported the very government that has brought that devastation upon the people of Nassagaweya.

William A. Johnson

Hinton is re-appointed at Sheridan

Former Acton Reeve and Warden of Halton H. H. "Bert" Hinton was re-appointed as Halton County's representative to the Board of Governors for Sheridan College. The appointment was confirmed Tuesday at the December meeting of Halton County Council.

Oakville Reeve Allan Masson tried to get Jim Peat of Oakville appointed but was unsuccessful. Only he and his second Dave Coons of Burlington opposed Hinton's re-appointment.

Milton Reeve Ron Harris urged Hinton be re-elected. Georgetown Reeve Art Speight recalled Hinton's service to the county and indicated he should be re-appointed.

Rearrange holidays

Town workmen will have a full day holiday, Monday, January 3, in lieu of half-days previous to Christmas and New Year's as stipulated in their contract. Council approved the switch last night (Tuesday).

Since Christmas and New Year's fall on Saturdays this year, town workmen will take the preceding Fridays in each case as their holidays. Boxing day is also a holiday in the agreement between the town and works employees.



SHARON AND PETER TURKOSZ were among the 150 children who received presents from Santa Claus at the annual Christmas party of the Acton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion Sunday afternoon. Santa was busy in Acton Sunday. —(Photo by Esther Taylor)

Second Class Mail Registration Number - 0515

Show some love

R.R. No. 4,
Acton, Ont.
December 17th, 1971.

The Editor,
Acton Free Press,

Dear Sir:

I wish to draw your attention to 'The Star Santa Claus Fund'. As a business employee

in this town, I feel that with your help, we could do the same for the underprivileged children of Acton. After all, the spirit of Christmas is love and giving, so next year why don't we show some love for our fellow citizens and give a little, that all may feel the joy and happiness of the festive season.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. June Warner

No junket for county councillor

No Halton County Councillors will go on a European study tour in 1972. Halton County Council agreed one staff member could attend but no councillors, at their meeting Tuesday.

The county will cover the entire cost of the tour plus \$400 to cover miscellaneous expenses. The purpose of the tour is to learn methods applied in local government in Europe and

perhaps improve local government here.

Councillors too. It had been suggested at the finance committee level that two councillors might attend as well. Burlington Deputy Reeve David Coons is the only councillor who did not support the amendment limiting the trip to staff members.

Georgetown Deputy Reeve Art Speight said the trip would be of little benefit to the county because the elected officials might not be on county council a year from now.

He agreed a staff member could be sent.

New night courses start in January

The very popular ten week short term night classes are starting again in early January. These classes are designed to be of interest to the hobbyist, the person who wishes to improve a skill, or one who is interested in "a night out".

Classes will begin the week of Monday, January 17. Registration nights for the northern attendance area are Acton and Georgetown, Monday, January 10; Milton, Tuesday,

January 11. In addition to repeating courses that ran in September, the northern area has added several new courses, foreign cuisine, physical fitness and English as a second language in Acton; practical motor mechanics for men and women, embroidery and crocheting, and psychology for everyday living in Milton; English as a Second language, keep fit and recreation, golf instruction in Georgetown.

Growth predicted

Based on Department of Treasury projections for population growth, it is expected Peel county will grow 17 per cent by 1976, 35 per cent by 2001; Halton will grow 20 per cent and 50 per cent respectively; and Ontario will grow 8 per cent and 54 per cent respectively.

Those figures, show that population growth in the area directly served by Sheridan College is two and a half times greater than the provincial rate, and Sheridan's growth is expected to reflect that difference. Manpower requirements were estimated also.

According to Frank LaFrance,

director of Sheridan's commerce and industry division, the number of jobs in Peel-Halton will grow at least 8,000 by 1976. There will be an increasing demand for technicians and technologists, and a decreasing demand for professional engineers. Demand for workers in the fields of appliances, plastics, electronics, and prefabricated materials is expected to rise significantly.

Meet changing needs. Predominant in the report was the consciousness of the speed of change, and its probable acceleration. The college's duty would be to anticipate and meet changing needs.

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