



HALTON COUNCILLORS, about 50 of them gathered at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton Saturday for an all-day debate on the TECO Report that was released last week. Everyone got a chance to give their opinions and the Report was referred to Halton's seven municipal councils for comments. (Photo by J. Dills)

Boundaries seen greatest concern

No consensus on internal or external make-up

If north wants to grow give it to Peel—Roberts

If Acton and Georgetown are to experience any great growth they should become a part of Peel County, planner Robbie Roberts of Burlington told a group of 48 municipal councillors from towns and townships Saturday at a meeting held to discuss regional government in Halton.

Based on the fact Georgetown and Acton and the north eastern part of Esqueving are situated in the Credit Valley watershed and that servicing could be a problem if the area was allowed to grow, Roberts indicated it would be better served from Peel.

lumped together, "We don't want them and they don't want us, and I fail to see a reason for the change. I'm still dissatisfied."

Roberts said his sub-committee on planning had recommended to TECO that Acton, Georgetown and the North East section of Esqueving should be included in a Halton region because no great growth was predicted for the area.

However he indicated the Toronto Centred Region plan called for limited growth in that area and he felt servicing for limited growth wouldn't be a problem.

Acton Mayor Les Doby said he and his council hadn't planned to appear parochial but Acton was the urban centre that was neglected. "Thank God we met today. There was no referendum when the province adopted the Toronto Centred Region Plan."

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Conflicting views expected

Sam Clasky, chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Task Force, said today that the Task Force expects to face conflicting viewpoints on how the escarpment should be used.

The Task Force is holding a public meeting next Wednesday, June 14 at 7.30 p.m. at the Milton District High School to get local advice on escarpment land use controls.

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Queen's Park will be asked to make a policy decision favoring a Halton only region of government this summer. A majority of the 48 councillors from Halton County endorsed a resolution to that effect Saturday at an all-day session in Milton, called to discuss a report drafted by the TECO (Technical Co-ordinating) Committee.

The resolution came after almost six hours of discussion on the TECO report on regional government. The meeting was held at the Halton Centennial Manor Saturday to discuss the report which was released last week. The report represents five months of work by clerks and treasurers in the county.

Aug. 31 deadline
The two part motion moved by Phil Siddall of Georgetown called for the report to be accepted and sent back to the municipalities for consideration at the local level. A period up until Aug. 31 would be allowed for comments and briefs on the report from the councils.

While the report did not receive unanimous approval, the document was regarded by many as a good place to start towards a blueprint for regional government.

Siddall's motion to have the report accepted and referred back was accepted only after a number of resolutions were defeated on the floor. A motion by north Oakville councillor Rick Day to have the report rejected, TECO disbanded and replaced by a committee of elected officials with three councillors from each council, was defeated.

Other motions suggested the report be referred back until June 30 and have TECO continue with a study on finances and in the meantime press the province for a policy decision on regional government for the area between Hamilton and Toronto.

Withdraw motion
Burlington Mayor George Harrington sponsored three motions and withdrew each in turn. One dealt with internal boundaries. His suggestion would have included East Flamborough and Waterdown with Halton only if those areas agreed. His internal boundary would have seen the communities reduced from five as shown by TECO to four with a proposed region on the west being divided between the Milton-Nassagaweya community and Burlington.

Under the TECO report Burlington would have been split, forming one community in the southern east section and the balance being lumped with East Flamborough and part of West Flamborough.

While the entire report was subjected to criticism by some and praise by others internal boundaries seemed to be one of the greatest concerns.

Oakville Deputy Reeve Harry Barrett suggested three, rather than five, regions be formed. He based his three regions on a north, east and west community within the region. That system of division is used by the Halton County Board of Education. He suggested each of the three communities would have seven representatives on regional council and a chairman would be



Councillor Bill Coats does some figuring of his own.

elected over and above the 21 members.

Several councillors questioned the validity of forming a new community on the west by expanding the external boundary on the basis of a watershed. Several argued no consideration had been given to community interests of the orientation of people.

Don't cut north off
Art Gibson of Nassagaweya said he lived in the northern part of Nassagaweya that would be lopped off and given to Wellington if the TECO plan was adopted. He opposed such action and outlined difficulties in such a move. He said 125 children in that area go to Acton schools, of which 65 attend secondary school. Because Acton High School is on a semester system it would make the switch a difficult one for those students, he said.



Marks meditates on TECO.

TECO report

He predicted Halton would be responsible for an additional 2,500 school children. He feared his area, if given to Wellington, would receive poor education service, poor roads, and high taxes. He said he would like to have a chance to consult the people concerned and to see if Wellington was even prepared to accept the additional area.

Each of the Georgetown representatives who spoke expressed a desire to withhold any approval of the report until that council had the opportunity to consider a consultant's report on boundaries in the Georgetown area, which the council had commissioned and received recently.

Objects to inclusion
Norm Elliott of Acton objected to the inclusion of East Flamborough and that land area not currently a part of Halton. He suggested the northern sector of Nassagaweya proposed to be given to Wellington should stay. "If Eden Mills wishes to secede, that's fine."

He queried lumping Milton and Nassagaweya in one unit. "Milton is at the southern extremity and would administer the community from there." He pointed out 90 per cent of the community would be in zone two with Milton in zone one under the Toronto Centred Region concept. Basically zone one is considered an area expected to grow, while limited growth is anticipated for the area in zone two.

Opposes regional gov't.
Oakville councillor Bob Hooper opposed regional government in any form. He said the problem that was forcing regional government was growth. He suggested the formation of a city between Toronto and Kingston to spread out the population and free this area of growth problems.

He called on councillors present to join with him and



Esqueving councillor Len Cox listens to comment.

defeat what he termed a "cancerous" growth on the communities. He said people elected to regional council become so unparochial, they also become unreachable.

Nassagaweya Reeve Anne MacArthur opposed the northern portion of Nassagaweya being dropped from Halton. She said she felt the committee had been misinformed by a delegation representing a minority in the area.

Two different cats

Reputed as one of the county's most outspoken political officials, Mrs. MacArthur referred to Mayor Harrington's speech earlier and said she was pleased to see that he realized there was a difference between "the rural cat and urban cat."

"If Mayor Harrington really meant what he said, this is one



Hill listens to debate.

Best opposes adoption any way, shape or form

"I don't want this report adopted at Queen's Park in any way, shape or form," Milton Mayor Brian Best said immediately after an all-day meeting discussing the TECO (Technical Co-ordinating) Committee report on proposed regional government for Halton.

Mayor Best voted in favor of a recommendation to reject the report when he and others were unable to get a clear commitment from Warden Jim Swanborough that the report would not be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

While the Milton Mayor was not as outspoken as some against the report, he feared the report would reach Queen's Park and unless a second report was sent, officials there might feel the report is as close as Halton politicians can come to a

consensus and might implement regional government with the report as a guideline.

Not best interest
"It doesn't represent the best interests of Milton and isn't even indicative of the feeling expressed here today," stormed the mayor.

Asked to comment after the meeting, Warden Swanborough said the report had been released to the press and was public knowledge. "Why can't the DMA (Department of Municipal Affairs) have it?"

He acknowledged Best's concern but felt the provincial government wouldn't implement the report.

Swanborough told reporters he was pleased with the meeting but had hoped some parts of the report could have been adopted. He said he was pleased the

assembly had agreed to ask for a policy decision from the provincial government.

North Oakville Councillor Rick Day said he was disappointed the group hadn't rejected the report. "It can still be accepted now. If it is, I can see the rural area just disappearing."

Each of the 48 speakers had an opportunity to speak on the staff report. Speakers were taken in alphabetical order. Councillor Peter Watters of Oakville left before the meeting was over. He would have been the last speaker of day, and when he stomped out at noon hour he said it would take "another 12 1/2 hours" before he would be able to speak. His turn, although he wasn't there to take it, came up shortly after 3 p.m.

rural cat that agrees with him." At that the Burlington Mayor rose from his seat nearby to give the madame reeve a kiss on the cheek.

The reeve warned fellow politicians that anyone reaching out to grab the honey from Nassagaweya might get stung. Nassagaweya deputy reeve Don McMillan cautioned the meeting about dropping the top portion of Nassagaweya. He said the area had one of the purest water supplies in the country and a large source of gravel.

Halton should retain that area to control roads in and out of the quarries, if and when they become operative. He disagreed with internal boundaries outlined in the report and suggested that if it made sense to include Milton and Nassagaweya in one region, it made sense to include Georgetown, Acton and Esqueving in the same region.

Oppose boundaries
Acton Reeve Frank Oakes opposed internal boundaries and distributed county maps showing the county being carved into five communities as outlined by a reeve committee in 1969. At the time the report was opposed by Nassagaweya.

Under that scheme Acton would take in most of Nassagaweya and part of Esqueving, Georgetown would include the largest portion of Esqueving and the north east portion of Oakville.

Milton would be increased to include part of Nassagaweya and the adjacent areas now part of Burlington and Oakville.

While Oakville Mayor McLean Anderson was unable to attend the meeting, he gave personal endorsement of the concept outlined in the TECO report.

ESQUEVING Township Council BRIEFS

At a meeting Monday Esqueving council:

—Passed a resolution hiring Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith as caretakers for the township offices and keeping the grounds at a salary of \$195 per month.

—Decided to ask for more information about a tree planting program on township road allowances before making any decision to replace dead elms which dot the countryside. Council received a letter from Mrs. Fred Johnston suggesting the township make use of a provincially subsidized program.

—Decided to ask insurance company representatives for some explanation for a proposed 100 per cent hike in weekly indemnity premiums. Reeve Hill said the township had made only two claims under the scheme and he could not fathom why the company needed to raise rates.

—Heard a suggestion from Councillor Dick Howitt that rural polling subdivisions follow lot lines instead of roads so people on opposite sides of the road could vote in the same place. Council decided to leave polling boundaries alone, however, noting voters were just getting used to the present system.

—Authorized payment of \$30 to all members of council and the clerk for attending the all day TECO meeting in Milton Saturday. Esqueving was the only municipality with all members of council present.

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