

Survey underway annexation land

Annexation was again the main topic when planning board met last Thursday evening in the council chambers.

Secretary Grant Usher unrolled a big map which showed the ownership of land to the east comprising over 600 acres. Surveying is not yet completed. Is this getting the engineers' priority? Dave Muckle asked. He mused the application would likely "sit in Queens Park for a year anyway".

Done soon
Mr. Usher said he hopes the surveying would be complete before the next meeting. The feasibility study is next.

The survey includes whole properties, rather than straight lines, so whole farms will be included in the application.

Some of the land is above No. 7 highway, some below, extending out between the third and fourth lines.

Frank Simoni suggested development might be better kept north in this area. The disposal plant is adjacent to the lower part. "The area will be stinky. No getting out of it."

Do you suggest the smell will continue, Mr. Muckle asked.

No commitment
Mr. Simoni replied he was not speaking for Beardmore, but from what he had read in the paper he didn't think there had been any commitment that there would be no more smell.

Chairman Sid Saitz recalled the general hope once the old filter beds were cleared up, the smell would abate.
Mr. Usher pointed out there is no smell from the town disposal plant, also in that area.

Annex all
Vic Bristow concluded the whole 600 acres should be annexed at once, avoiding double charges. You can stand disposal plant odors better than tannery filter beds, he said.

We can't stop development, Mr. Saitz said. He pointed out complaints about the smell have ceased in the past few weeks.

He also mentioned the southern part of the property, owned by Rubin Corporation (the former Sprowl farm) is hilly and near the railroad, so not so suitable for homes anyway.

Outside concern
Acton is located just outside the zone of concern of the Niagara Escarpment task force, the board

learned by letter. The secretary had been asked to write inquiring about the scope of the study, now underway.

Apparently Acton is within the zone, but a mile and a half outside the limit of the boundary actually affected.

That's the answer we wanted, said councillor Norm Elliott. We know the escarpment doesn't particularly affect our annexation.

Road allowance
A letter was received from the committee of adjustment outlining their recommended changes in an application from William Anderson, Main Street, for the addition of a front porch and carport. The committee felt allowance should be made for future road widening and the setback was inadequate.

Only account paid was for 72c for paper.

Present were chairman Sid Saitz, members Vic Bristow, Dave Muckle, Frank Simoni and Lou Bonnette, with council representatives arriving late after another meeting, Mayor Les Duby, Norm Elliott and Bill Coats.



CORPORAL J. E. ALLAN of the Stayner Detachment was one of eight officers receiving recognition for 20 years of service in the O.P.P. at Barrie recently. A member of the Force since January, 1952, Corporal Allan has been stationed at Port Credit and Stayner Detachments. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 1969 and posted to the Stayner

Detachment. He was born in Acton and attended schools in Acton. He is married with three children. His mother, Agnes resides at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton. Assistant Commissioner H. H. Graham, General Headquarters, Toronto, presents the medal to Corporal Allan, right.

Esquering plans private meet

Esquering Council will hold a private meeting, before sitting down with councils from Acton and Georgetown to further discuss regional government

proposals contained in the TECO report.

Reeve Tom Hill said Monday night he had read reports on the implementation of regional

government in Sudbury and Waterloo and has noted things he does not want to see happen in Halton.

According to the reeve, the town of Milton is interested in sitting down to talk with all the municipalities in North Halton.

1500 students take nature study tours

More than 1,500 students from the Credit River watershed and surrounding areas, including Toronto, have taken advantage of the nature study tours conducted by staff of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

They inspected baby mallards on the pond, took a peek in the robin's nest at four hungry little ones with beaks wide open, compared the robin's nest with that of the eastern Phoebe nearby, found out just how you tell the difference between Poison Ivy and Virginia Creeper, learned how Catnip and Yarrow were used as medicines and generally had a "whale" of a time while learning all these

things. Indoors the students had a chance to examine closely a giant Canada Goose, Owl, Beaver, Muskrat and several varieties of migratory birds. They also checked various types of fungi, rocks and an 18-inch paper wasp nest (minus the wasps). Authority ground staff keep their eyes open for interesting items which can be added to the display.

This indoor display is a direct result of a teachers' workshop held recently at Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Suggestions from the teachers are gradually being incorporated into the educational display as budget permits.

Obituary

Mrs. Gordon funeral Tuesday afternoon

A resident of Acton for 40 years, Edith Hanson Gordon of 37 Main St. N. died in Kelly's Nursing Home on June 25. Mrs. Gordon had had a lengthy illness.

Funeral service was Tuesday, June 27 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home, conducted by the Rev. Frank Byrne. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Jack Gordon, Earl Hamilton, James Paynter, Henry Wedge, Allan Gordon and Fred Gordon.

Mrs. Gordon was born in New Brunswick in 1890.

She is survived by husband Harry Gordon, 37 Main N., sons Harold Gordon, Mill St. and Alvey Gordon 37 37 Main St., sister Mrs. Inez Estey, brothers Fred and Lee Hanson, all of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

DON'T miss the firefighters' garden party at the park Dominion Day.

Burlington man's idea

Use profit from development to finance escarpment parks

The provincial government should set up an Ontario Land Corporation, not only to buy escarpment land but to buy other lands that will eventually be used for development, Don Mathews, Burlington Planning Board chairman told the Niagara Escarpment Task Force at a meeting in Milton Wednesday.

He said the taxpayer would be a sucker if he allowed the province to buy parkland and take the loss and then allow developers to come along and make a profit on selling homes in new cities and subdivisions.

Using Cedarwood, the proposed new community at Pickering as

an example, Mathews said the province would make enough profit on the land to finance the acquisition of escarpment lands. By buying large sections of land and selling it to subdividers, the Ontario Land Corporation could finance more open space areas.

Cities need parks
Following the meeting Mr. Mathews elaborated on his scheme. He said the cities were the reasons for the parks and it was the cities that cause the demand for open space in the outlying areas but it is the cities where the money is generated.

"It would be advisable to allow developers to pick up the profits. The government creates land value when they build transportation corridors and the speculators pick up the capital gains," he charged.

He feared the nature lovers would apply political pressure and have nature trails purchased for public benefit. He said the nature trails don't make enough money to pay to have the litter stream there picked up. "We would be foolish to buy unusable land and let the other go."

Buy development rights
In other words he urged the areas required as green belt or open space be zoned parkland and the owner would be paid a certain amount to abandon the right of separation or development.

He said it was politically impossible to say one can't sell his farm to a quarry or housing concern. "The local authority would get the dirty end of the stick that way. It's all right to say we'll zone the parkway belt out, but after two or three public meetings you run into problems."

Shouldn't be
He said Burlington was permitting housing in some cases where they knew it shouldn't be, but couldn't avoid it. He said right to development in some lands was wrongly given and should be taken away, but not without compensation.

He advocated a system that would see rights to development bought either through tax rebate or outright payment. He said it was easier to control developers than retired farmers.

Administration briefs

No deer season in Halton

At a meeting of the Halton County Administration Committee Wednesday the committee:

—Received a delegation from county hospital boards and J. K. Jamieson, manager of hospital grants for the Ministry of Health. Discussion centred around the grant system for construction of hospitals.

—Learned the Ministry of Natural Resources is not recommending an open deer

season in Halton this fall. However John Halpeny, District Forester for the Lake Huron District indicated a controlled hunt would be held but would not affect Halton. If the project is successful Halton may be affected in future years.

—Recommended James F. MacLaren, consultants be hired to do a Halton County Solid Waste Management study at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. The hiring is subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment.

Welfare payments reach lowest ebb

General Welfare assistance paid out by the Halton County Social and Family Services Department reached the lowest ebb so far this year in May, apportioning \$46,830. March was the highest month with \$60,060 being appropriated, the county committee learned last week.

Very little fluctuation was shown in supplementary aid, special assistance, day nurseries and nurses' services. However, the department paid \$1,020 for homemakers' services during

May. The second highest month in that regard was April when \$532,50 was paid out.

Assistance given
Supplementary aid, special assistance, day nursery and nurses' services accounts totalled slightly over \$5,000 for last month.

During May 132 employable people and 197 unemployable received assistance. In all, 625 people received assistance during May for one reason or the other.

Board of Health future will be discussed here

A motion asking that Boards of Health not be abolished was passed at a meeting held recently in Toronto. Board chairmen, provincial appointees and medical officers of health attended the meeting.

They were acting in response to statements by the Ontario Minister of Health, Dr. Richard Potter that indicated the boards were no longer necessary and should be replaced with regional councils. Dr. Potter was unable to attend the meeting because of illness and decided against sending a delegate because he felt the matter was one he should deal with personally.

Halton County Board of Health will discuss the issue at their next meeting. The matter was

deferred at the June meeting of the board Wednesday.

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