



(Wendy Thomson photo)
HOSES just dribble in Hillsburgh.

Jeering ratepayers complain about chronic Hillsburgh water shortage

Thirty-six angry Hillsburgh subdivision residents crowded Erin Township municipal building, August 1, to bring their problems of a water shortage before council. Their concern was that the third phase of the subdivision, due to start soon, would compound the problem.

Reeve Lloyd Lang outlined the present water supply system, figured to be sufficient for all three phases of the subdivision, adding, "Although the tank holds 18,000 gallons, it seems the pump (which handles 75 gallons per minute) is not up to putting water into it and keeping it there."

After Michael Brodigan, engineer of the third phase, said the hydrology expert must know the exact problems in order to solve them, residents said that water was limited for lawns, and pressure was not there when needed.

Others added that while only 43 houses were built, there were no problems other than mechanical failures. When the next 47 houses were built and occupied, more water was being used than was pumped in. There was complete stoppage at times, and the back-drawing created a health hazard. The shortage was from May to October, every day.

Dave Turnbull of the International Water Company, joined the discussion saying he had monitored the system in the spring and found it should be adequate. However, due to a

malfunction, water was going back down the line and being recirculated. He added the problem might be partly solved by stopping the recirculation and jacking up the capacity of the well pump.

An irate resident pointed out that there was a fringe problem with 43 homes, a real problem with 100, and asked if the steps to be taken would quadruple the water production for 185 homes.

Reeve Lang informed the delegation that new equipment was ordered and would be in operation before the third phase houses were occupied. Mr. Turnbull added that he would monitor the peaks, and the equipment's ability to handle the peaks.

Residents said that the town's restriction for watering lawns only meant that everyone rushed out to water at the same time, creating another peak.

Several people added their own personal experiences of brushing teeth in the toilet tank, of putting children to bed dirty, getting them up dirty and sending them to school dirty; of trying to shower at midnight and having no water.

Mr. Turnbull, in answer to the last statement, commented that the situation was indeed unreasonable, and maybe no-one was on hand to prime the pump again.

After a few interruptions, Reeve Lang pointed out that

neither the International Water Company nor Woodland Associates were involved in the subdivision to begin with, adding, "It's not fair to light into them for something they're here to try to solve."

More questions: Questions Continued: Resident: When fixed will the system be adequate?

Turnbull: It should be, but before final statement, we must get data on water usage. There's a lot of water available in the ground.

Resident: I was told that the pressure was turned down.

Lang: No way.

Resident: What assurance have we of adequate water with the third phase in?

Brodigan: We have provided a bond to assure installation of equipment if water supply is insufficient within 13 months after last house of phase three is completed.

Resident: Is first phase included in the agreement?

Brodigan: All water in all phases is included in the agreement.

Resident: What if a phase four comes along?

Turnbull: The Water Resources people would be concerned.

Resident: If all this fails, do we have recourse to a supplier?

Lang: This is the first water system of this size in Hillsburgh. Mistakes have been made, but will soon be rectified.

Anniversary of Battle of Amiens

LEST WE REMEMBER

Today (Wednesday) is the 65th Anniversary of the "Battle of Amiens", the only time the four Canadian Divisions plus the Fifth Canadian Division Artillery took part in France as one army. This was a first for the cavalry and tanks to be used in battle in World War I.

The Canadians had over 10,000 casualties, but took twice that number of prisoners. Many from this district took part.

This was the first great battle of the Allies to end World War I, and around a half-million troops took part in capturing Amiens which culminated in the Armistice on the 11th of November, 1918.

—LEST WE FORGET—

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"THE WATSON FAMILY"



IN THE BACK kitchen of his burned out home, Matt McDonough inspects damage in the area of the gas utilities. Though the area surrounding the utilities is charred and partially burnt, a Fire Marshal's report indicated the fire originated in the area of the kitchen stove. Beams above where the fire is supposed to have originated are barely scorched.

(D. Pink photo)

McDonough's rebuilding home grateful for many kindnesses

"I'm grateful we live in a small town", said Matt McDonough following the fire which burned out his 20 McDonald Blvd. home, last week, and left he and his family homeless. Neighbors, friends and organizations have done many things to aid the family.

Red Cross services have provided the family with clothing. Acton Lions Club has embarked upon a program to replace Mr. McDonough's and his son Tommy's glasses that were lost in the blaze. Mr. McDonough, a member of the Georgetown Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, has also received financial assistance from the Acton Legion.

The family also appreciates the concern and assistance expressed by neighbors and local businesses.

An employee of Abitibi paper mills in Georgetown, Mr. McDonough has been granted several days off while the family plans reconstruction.

A report issued by the Fire Marshall after investigating the cause of the blaze indicated the fire started in the area of the stove, presumably after grease in the area of the stove ignited. Beams in the area of the stove were barely scorched, however, while beams and frame surrounding the natural gas utilities in a small room behind the kitchen are charred and partially burned.

The United Gas Company has inspected the fire area and has indicated they were not at fault. No one in house.

No one was in the house when the fire broke out. Mr. McDonough was in the back yard while his wife, Marj, had just left the house and was standing on the sidewalk near the home.

People in the area of the building said there was no indication of fire until all the windows in the structure were blown out of their frames.

They lost all their possessions in the fire.

The McDonoughs are planning to rebuild the home from the original frame and are hoping to install electric heating. The family had recently completed renovations in the house a few weeks before the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonough, sons Tommy and Scott, are presently living beside the home in a house trailer. They were the guests of Mrs. McDonough's sister near Limehouse until Friday.

Mrs. McDonough's son Gary Masters will be living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Loutlet, Peel St., until the family moves back into the house.

Erin township council briefs

At the regular meeting, August 1, Erin Township Council: Was informed that all necessary papers concerning the third phase of Hillsburgh subdivision were signed.

Discussed the request of Mr. Silverstein of Toronto, to build a house on his recently acquired property. D. Lawrence, the manager of the standard farm is in the existing house. Council decided not to grant permission if Mr. Silverstein is planning on living in Erin but working in Toronto.

Passed a motion increasing the maximum Workmen's Compensation for firemen from \$9,000 to \$10,000.

Passed a motion approving the request of Anthony Zdrill to put Hydro into his trailer, at the foot of the Eighth Line Hill.

Received a \$25.00 subsidy cheque from the department of Transport and Communication.

Received a letter from the Ministry of the Environment informing council that open burning at the sanitary landfill site must be stopped by June, 1974.

Learned from Carmen Parkinson that logs from dead elms taken into the dump were filling it up. Reeve Lloyd Lang advised only domestic waste should be accepted. The logs could be burned away.

Read a letter from Alan Rimmer, concerning the notice claiming he owed over \$700 business tax. Mr. Rimmer stated he had never had a business, that the now-defunct Everdale College was not a business, and that he was only founder and a member of the board of directors. Mr. Rimmer protested that the tax was levied against him personally and not against the college. Reeve Lang stated the matter did not involve council, and Mr. Rimmer must contact the assessment board to appeal, if he wants to.

Instructed building inspector Jim Delaney to check on trailers in the township without permits.

Presented road superintendent Ed Bardon with a certificate on completion of a course on road improvement.

Read a letter from Judy Leeder who is planning a 2,267 marathon ride across Canada by horse, in April 1974. The ride will be in aid of crippled children, research and expenses, and Miss Leeder asked for support in the venture. Reeve Lang instructed that the letter be filed for a month, after clerk Elmer McKinnon pointed out that council couldn't legally give to her directly.

Decided to take legal action against people not paying their dog tax, in the township. A registered letter will be sent first.

Water unreachable cancel contract

Erin township council was advised by Clerk Elmer McKinnon that, on checking the Orton fire pump last spring, he found it fenced off and unreachable.

Mr. McKinnon stated he had complained to Marathon Realty, who takes care of the property for the CPR, but nothing was done. Later, he walked to the reservoir along the railway tracks, and found the whole site in bad repair.

He added, "A fire truck couldn't get to it if it needed it, and even if they could they

probably couldn't get any water!"

Councillor John Reid commented that there was no point paying rent for a pump and reservoir they couldn't use and suggested looking for other sources of water. Reeve Lang agreed it was costing more than it was worth.

A motion was passed cancelling the agreement with Marathon Realty for the pumping station at Orton, as of August 1.

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