

# Hillsburgh subdivision agreement shapes up into verbal battle

At the December 3 meeting of Erin township council, Mr. Gould of Toronto, representing the third phase of the Hillsburgh subdivision construction, requested interpretation of the agreement between council and builder. The subdivision was recently sold and Mr. Gould was appearing as owner in trust.

The section under discussion was the clause concerning the building of 70 homes by 1974. The original agreement called for 10 houses built and occupied in 1973, 60 more for occupancy in 1974.

Because the 10 houses for 73 were not built then, Mr. Gould felt they could be added to the 60 houses for '74 allowing for total occupancy of 70 houses.

Reeve Lang exploded. "We've been fiddling with the subdivision for two years. We're not going to start all over again just because it's sold!"

He pointed out the agreement called for no more than 60 occupants in any one year.

"The original agreement was for 35 houses in '73 and 35 in '74," stated Deputy Reeve Matheson, "but we got talked into the other."

Services strained

Council felt 60 new residents a year was the most the community could absorb. Services and facilities were being strained as it was, they said.

Mr. Gould was not satisfied with the interpretation, explaining his client bought the property with the understanding 70 houses could be sold by the end of 1974.

Deputy Matheson said the buyer should have discussed this with council before purchasing.

"Who is the new owner, anyway?" queried Reeve Lang.

To which Mr. Gould hedged that his client wished to

remain anonymous at this time.

Lang exploded once more.

Who's the owner?

"Then we are not prepared to discuss this until the owner chooses to come to us. And we don't have to issue any building permits until we know who the owner is," Mr. Gould was clearly non-plussed and argued he was the owner in trust.

"We don't deal that way," declared the Reeve.

"But I'm not trying to hide anything from you," explained Gould, provoking laughter.

"That's a good one!" from Reeve Lang.

Gould asked if council would reconsider the agreement. "Yes we might," retorted Deputy Matheson, "back to the original 35 houses."

Mr. Gould left after unhappily stating he would place all this in front of his client.

# Obituary Sudden illness claims teacher

After a sudden illness of just three weeks and nine days, Shirley Anne Anderson died in Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, Nov. 29. Her illness and subsequent death shocked her family, many friends in her church and the community, and former students.

She taught two years at Alton, five years at Acton and five years at Oshpings. The last couple of years she had been a supply teacher. She was a realist and superintendent of the Sunday School at Churchhill Community church. She had been active in the church for many years.

The church was filled with mourners for the funeral there on Monday, Dec. 3 conducted by the Rev. Walter Fosbury. The choir led in the singing during the service. Her two young sons, Karl, 12 and Jim, 11 were choir members with their mother.

Emerson (Bud) Anderson also survives his wife at their home, R.R. 2, Acton, as well as her father, J. Alfred Thompson, sister Bernice (Mrs. Lory MacArthur), R. R. 2, Acton and Ruth (Mrs. Richard Shortill) Bullinard; brothers Ralph Thompson, Edith Mill and Bill Thompson, Hillsburgh.

Shirley was 41 years of age; she was born at Stewarton on Oct. 24, 1932. She attended school at Alton, Acton and Erin township.

Interment was in Huxley cemetery, Hillsburgh. Pallbearers were nephews Ronald MacArthur, Barry MacArthur, Tim MacArthur, Dan Shortill, Mark Shortill and John Thompson.

She and her husband were married at Churchhill church on Aug. 13, 1955.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved family.

# Road answer soon

Relocation of the Third Line by Indiana Quarries will go to Esqueusing committee meeting for further discussion. Don Murdy of the quarries attended Monday night's full council meeting in regard to the road closing. He said various meetings with local residents have been held, the latest last week. He requested council look favorably on the proposal so the quarry may proceed.

Reeve Tom Hill pointed out Department of Transportation and Communications approval is still awaited.

We should have an answer for you in two weeks, deputy-reeve Len Cox estimated.

# Citizens buck . . .

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\$8,500 price tag would attract good talent.

"As soon as you put the \$8,500 price tag on you attract worms from the woodwork that have never seen \$8,500 before."

Somerville said he had arranged to take Wednesday afternoons off from work to attend the meetings. He said the only way the people could get their message to the elected officials was by dogged bird-dogging and darn hard work.

He argued that local politicians become more sensitive when a strong active ratepayers' group is functioning. He used Oakville as an example and noted only one of the seven Oakville Councilors voted for the \$8,500.

Chairman Haber encouraged the people to write to John White, Jim Snow, George Kerr and Allan Masson as well as council members.

Katherine Fee of Speyside, said she received few services from local government and was upset by the idea that her taxes would go to support another layer of bureaucracy.

"We don't want any more services and we don't want to pay any more," she said.

After the meeting Mrs. Fee said she felt more people from Halton Hills and Milton would have to get involved with a ratepayers' group on a regional level.

Haber said the decision to set salaries at \$8,500 was neither careful or sensible. He said that the cost would work out to \$1.03 per capita in Halton, 79 cents per capita in Peel-Durham and 59 cents per capita in Hamilton-Wentworth.

He pointed out only Peel set higher salaries than Halton.

Former Burlington Councilor Lloyd Dennis said that some Peel councilors were giving up their jobs and going into politics full time but he noted Halton chairman Allan Masson had said Halton councilors would be part time only.

# No welcome for region

Esqueusing council held its second last full public meeting Monday evening in the township hall. All members were present with Reeve Tom Hill in the chair, and almost all the seats for delegations filled. Most of those waiting on council were seeking building permits.

Comfortable big upholstered chairs, ordered for the new Halton Hills council, had arrived and were used temporarily by the delegations and the press. They match the gold chairs used regularly by the soon-defunct Esqueusing council.

Esqueusing township offices will be closed from Friday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. until Thursday, Dec. 27 at 9 a.m. The staff will have a holiday New Year's Day but will work Dec. 31, regulating their hours as required.

The staff has agreed to work Saturday mornings if necessary.

Clerk Delmar French explained the proposed holiday hours to township council Monday and they were approved.

"How come nobody will be here Jan. 1 to welcome in regional government?" asked councillor Dick Howitt wistfully. He got no volunteers.

The usual Christmas turkeys will be given to full-time staff.

Government approval was given for an addition for Albor Giarrande, Milton and for a sign for Alex Rawles, Country Peto's house on Highway 25.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority refused to approve a single family dwelling permit for M. Coe, R.R. 1, Georgetown, since the property is six to 10 feet below the calculated regional flood line. There will be a field study to see if there are any feasible alternatives. Council will deal with this matter when further information is available.

The Solandt commission thanked Esqueusing for their submission of Nov. 20 and reported a representative panel of the staff of ministries co-operating in the preparation of the Inter-Ministerial brief would appear before the commission Nov. 30.

A program of energy conservation was received from the Ministry of Industry and Tourism.

Acton's plans for road improvements at the corner of Mill and Cobblehill road were left for committee and discussion with the road superintendent.

Welch, R.R. 4, received injuries to the face and leg. She was taken to hospital for treatment. Driver of the other car involved was James Frizell, Kingham Rd. Damage to the Frizell car was estimated at \$500 and to the other car at \$100.

On Nov. 29 two cars were in collision on Mill and Wilbur. Driver Jacob Vandestouwe, Toronto, had estimated \$350 damage to his car and Diane Cooper, 24 Ransom, \$850 to hers.

# Quiet week

The theft of lumber from behind Ed's restaurant was reported to police Nov. 29 by George Strezon. Value of the lumber was estimated at \$35.

Police report a quiet week, although there were two impaired drivers and an out-of-town man was charged with causing a disturbance.

Accidents

There were two accidents during the week.

On Sat., Dec. 1 on Main St. at Kingham, driver Jacqueline

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# Neighbors aid pig farmer

About 30 people in Nassagaweya Township have gone to bat for a pig farmer who is threatened with going out of business.

Herbert Dehaan of the Fourth Line built a piggery within 1,000 feet of an existing house and by doing so, violated a township building by-law and zoning by-law. Township building inspector Terry Gallamore told council the building was erected without a building permit.

Mrs. Ray Skoropad and Duncan Moffat appeared at the township council meeting Monday to advise council they would appeal the committee of adjustment decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mrs. Skoropad said she realized Mr. Dehaan was in the wrong in erecting the building. She pointed out, however, that his operation was an excellent one and he had gone to the expense of engaging in a program that cost \$900 a year in order to improve the operation and make the operation more pleasing for neighbors.

Gallamore told council the building was up before he was aware of it even being started. He said Steve Woloshyn, a neighbor, complained.

The inspector said Woloshyn had applied earlier for a land severance to build a house but was refused permission. According to Gallamore, Woloshyn's lawyer had advised him to insist on the by-laws being adhered to in Dehaan's case or go ahead and build the house in contravention to the by-laws and without a permit.

The committee of adjustment had ruled against permitting the piggery to be in operation and said bad odor was the reason.

Mrs. Skoropad said there was no odor from the operation. She said she and 30 neighbors had gone to bat for Dehaan because they felt an injustice was being done.

The petition suggested the prime aim of the community is agriculture and the decision based on odor is unjust and contrary to the majority wishes of the members of the community. The petition suggests odors in a rural area should be considered disadvantages just as in the towns are considered disadvantages.

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