

\$20 million park proposed

Proposals for a \$20,000,000 park that could attract over 16,000 visitors a day and would employ 1,200 to 1,500 people were presented to Nassagaweya Council at the meeting Monday night.

Steven Staples from the firm of Craig, Zeldner and Strong, architects, told the council his firm had been engaged by Canadian investors to develop an Ontario Historic Theme Park. The firm of architects is the same firm that developed Ontario Place.

He said a 400-acre site near Highway 401 south of Kelso had been selected. The site chosen is bordered by Bell School Line on the east, Steeles Ave. to the south, Appleby Line on the west and the Niagara Escarpment on the north.

Three themes Staples showed slides of actual theme parks in Ohio and showed what themes would be implemented in the park. The Mining Town, Caravan

and a County Fair Town were the three theme areas the local plan calls for.

The mining town illustrates that period of Ontario's history when industrialization was being introduced. A frontier town, mine and blacksmith shop were among those items featured from that era.

Caravan is modelled after the Toronto Caravan, Staples said. Caravan would feature folk art and displays of folk art, handicrafts, dances and some rides.

The County Fair would portray a county town at about the change of the century.

Walk in woods Each of the three theme areas would be arranged in the wooded area so that visitors could walk through the woods from one area to the next.

Staples told council only 85 of the 400 acres would ultimately be used for the theme areas. Forty-five acres would be used in the first phase of

development. The remaining land would be maintained in its natural state.

He emphasized the development would be very compatible with the escarpment. He said no rides would be higher than the trees and showed slides to illustrate how buildings could be tucked among the trees without detriment of the wooded area.

A railway station with operating trains connects the three theme areas. He said the park would be open five and a half months of the year and predicted an average daily number of visitors to be 9,000 with peak days hitting 16,800.

Handle traffic Most of those visitors would come from the Toronto region and approach the park from Highway 401. Staples said the existing road system would handle the traffic attracted to the area. He indicated the road improvements were

estimated to cost a quarter of a million dollars.

Stressing that all plans are still in the preliminary stages, Staples indicated his team was considering either having wells or having water piped from Milton's water system.

He indicated the sewer system would be a self-contained system with secondary treatment. An engineer, financier, public relations man and a partner in the architectural firm accompanied Staples to the meeting.

Staples said an ecologist had been hired and development plans were geared to blend with ecological characteristics of the area.

Talk to commission He said the park wouldn't be visible from highways or from areas outside the park. Staples said his team had been in contact with a number of government departments and the Niagara

Escarpment Commission.

On the advice of council the representatives agreed to show slide presentations at a public meeting and answer questions from the public. Council advised the team to contact neighbors and make sure they knew what was proposed.

Name Oakville chief as fire co-ordinator

Doug Wilson has been named by Halton Regional Council as Halton Region Fire Co-ordinator. The announcement was made at a meeting of the regional council last week. Wilson now holds that part time position with Halton County's Mutual Aid. He is a full time fire chief with Oakville.

Milton Chief A. E. Clement has been deputy co-ordinator under the county system. He will retain that title under regional government.

Arrange aid The purpose of a co-ordinator is basically to arrange aid

if a fire department becomes involved with a fire too big for the one department, and to supervise standard training for all county firefighters.

An arrangement exists between Halton fire departments now known as mutual aid. Oakville's loan of a fire truck and aerial ladder during the Milton Inn fire was one example of the mutual aid arrangement.

The mutual aid agreement as it is known and other agreements will be revamped under regional government.

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A \$20 MILLION PARK was proposed for 400 acres of Nassagaweya farmlands on the escarpment west of Milton this week. Ontario Historic Theme Park hopes to develop a recreational area on lands just south of Kelso Conservation Area. The lake at Kelso is pictured at the top of the photo, with Steeles Ave. at the bottom. The parksite is bounded by Appleby Line on the left and Bell School Line and Milton Quarries on the right. Area to be covered by the park is shown in the dark marks.

Neighbors protest new camp ground

Neighbors of a proposed 500-site campground and recreation area on Five Side-road in Nassagaweya are protesting the establishment of the project and a 28-acre petition has not only been presented to the township council, it has been forwarded to the provincial and federal governments and their agencies.

Pat Straw of R.R. 3, Milton is heading the battle against Shasta Wells Inc. which plans a Crazy Horse Campground on the former Ralph Anderson farm in lot 6, concession 7. The project calls for a 200 to 300-site camping ground, eventually to be expanded to 500 sites, plus a swimming pool and mini-golf course. Recreational uses are

permitted in land zoned for agriculture but the neighbors claim this type of use should be called "commercial" and not recreational. Objectors also strongly urged the project be held in abeyance until the Niagara Escarpment Commission has defined areas suitable for such development.

Copies of the neighbors' petition have been forwarded to Ontario treasurer John White, Niagara Escarpment Commission, Ontario Municipal Board, local MPPs George Kerr and Jim Snow, NDP leader Stephen Lewis and Halton and Halton-Wentworth MPPs Terry O'Connor and Bill Kemping.

Neighbors of the Shasta Wells project fear visual and noise pollution, odors, contamination of their supply, increased traffic, property devaluation and loss of privacy if the campground project goes ahead. They also worry about increased costs to the municipality for roads, use of schools, libraries, fire, medical and police protection.

Limehouse school permit in twp. report

Building permits issued in Esqueping township from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 represent a value of \$444,540. Tom McLean presented the list to Esqueping Council Monday night.

It includes the addition to Limehouse public school valued at \$158,900, with a fee to the township of \$321. Deputy-revee Cox expressed surprise the board of education

paid a fee at all. Mr. Cox also commented, "It's dumb to close up one school (Norval) and put an addition on another not 10 miles away."

Mr. McLean explained the Limehouse addition includes a gym and other auxiliary rooms. Reeve Hill also disapproved of the closing of Norval school by the board of

education. "We used to have control when we had our own board," he mused.

More permits Flamboro Centre Properties obtained six permits for residences with garages for the former Bob Lawson property in the township, lot 16, con. 7, estimated at \$30,000 each.

A barn permit was issued to Shangriha Farms, R.R. 3, Milton, storage shed permits to Antonia Mola, Toronto and F. M. French, R.R. 5, Milton, garage permits to John Larocque, R.R. 3, Milton; Edward Chudleigh, R.R. 5, Milton; D. C. Mounsey, R.R. 2, Georgetown; H. Taylor, R.R. 4, Acton.

A residence and garage permit was given to R. Johnston, Hornby; and additions to residences to Elizabeth Rogers, Ballinacred and Donald Burns, R.R. 1, Limehouse.

John Howard, Norval, got a permit for a storage shed and addition to garage.



New books for library

NEW BOOKS for Acton library were presented last Wednesday by L'Arche Auxiliary members Mrs. Ruby Lautsen, left, and Mrs. Pat Garton, right, to chief librarian Mrs. Isobel Watson. The books are on mental retardation.

Milton Fire

A raging night fire completely destroyed the plant of Beacon Chemicals in Milton, causing estimated \$70,000 to \$100,000 loss. The firm employed nine people. The fire claimed all the records of the business but the formulas for the chemicals were not lost.

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Obituary

Campbell Agnew retired farmer

A retired farmer, George Campbell Agnew died in Guelph General Hospital on Nov. 18. He had been in failing health for three weeks and was 75 years of age. He lived for 43 years at R.R. 3, Campbellville and then moved to 81 Roseford Terrace, Acton.

Mr. Agnew had also been employed as a security guard. He was born in 1898, son of Elizabeth and George Agnew, and served in the first world war. He and Ethel May Allan were married in Boston Presbyterian church in 1922.

Agnew, Campbellville; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service was Wednesday, Nov. 21 at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were grandson Norman Patterson; neighbors Joe Depieri, Acton; former neighbor Art Cooper; former Campbellville neighbors Bill Howard, Smitten Currie and Jim McLaren.

School for firefighters

A regional school for Halton firefighters will be held in Milton next April, the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office announced this week.

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