



REGIONAL CHAIRMAN Allan Masson brought greetings to the Halton Board of Education at its inaugural meeting Thursday in Burlington. He is shown with assistant director Em Lavender and Halton Hills trustee Tom Watson.

No Centennial present

Watson defeated by incumbent

The Town of Acton was denied a Centennial year present by members of The Halton Board of Education Thursday night. Tom Watson of Acton, a veteran trustee was defeated by Bill Priestner of Burlington in the race for chairman of the board.

In nominating Watson for the post trustee Noel Cooper explained the Town of Acton was celebrating its 100th birthday this year and he said people in that area would be pleased to have a representative of the area as chairman of the board.

Cooper reviewed Watson's 25 years as a trustee, first with the Acton public school

board, then the Acton high school board and later with The Halton Board of Education.

Watson opposed the usual two year term for chairman, noting more members should get a chance to serve as chairman. Watson said he'd work towards strengthening the trustees' association so that there was never another situation like there is now. He was referring to the problems that currently exist with teacher walkouts.

Priestner, who served as chairman last year, defended the two year term and pointed out the benefit of continuity. He noted not all trustees were good chairman material.

After being elected, Priestner reviewed his first year in the chair. He recalled a rocky start but noted that overall, the year was a smooth one.

He noted that being a separate school representative on the board had never hampered his judgement as chairman. Priestner said he recognized Bill 275 as the greatest threat boards in the province would have to deal with during the year.

The bill would commit both teachers and boards to compulsory arbitration. In other words if teachers and boards did not settle contracts by a certain time, a provincial arbitrator would settle the matter.

Priestner said the move would be a serious threat to the authority of boards across the province. He urged an attack on the provincial government and indicated people could say goodbye to boards of education if the bill passed.

Regional Chairman Allan Masson addressed the board. He noted the board was five years ahead of the municipal governments in regionalization.

Future Masson joked frequently during his speech about newspaper attacks on his purchase of \$75,000 worth of office furniture. He jokingly suggested that might have been one area he should have consulted the board about.

He promised to work towards closing the gap between regional council and the board. He suggested a gap had existed there for several years.

He also told the board he hoped that once a building for the new regional government was built, it would be big enough to include space for such groups as the board of education, Halton Region Conservation Authority and district offices of the federal and provincial governments. He said he envisioned one building for government services.

Three nominated Three people were nominated as vice-chairman of the board. Bill Lawson of Milton declined nomination to the position and Gary Norton of Burlington lost the election to Judy Alexander of Oakville.

Mrs. Alexander is the first woman to hold the position of vice-chairman or chairman on the county or regional board since its formation in 1969.

Judge A. B. Sprague conducted the oaths of office and allegiance for the members.

Bill Venus, Bill Herd and Edna Robinson are new members on the board this year. Venus served on the board two years ago and Miss Robinson is making her debut as a trustee. She is no stranger to the education scene however. She has spent a career in education working as a teacher and later in a supervisory capacity.

Miss Robinson's father M.M. Robinson and his father both served on boards of education. Both Venus and Robinson are from Burlington and Herd lives in Oakville.

Staff is late

Halton Hills staff members transferred from Acton to Georgetown are coming by bus and arriving 15 minutes late. Councillor Pat McKenzie, chairman of finance and personnel, told the committee Monday night.

He suggested they be allowed to take a short lunch hour to make up the time lost.

When asked what he would suggest, Treasurer Lloyd Peterson replied, "I suggest they form a car pool." He claimed if he had to take a job in Streetsville he would still be there on time.

"This is a little different", commented Councillor Harry Levy. "They didn't apply for a job here; they were switched to Georgetown."

"If the treasurer's department was moved to Acton, I'd be on time", said the treasurer.

Councillor Levy pointed out some people don't drive and have to rely on public transit. "We can live with it, after a while they will find other ways to get here", concluded the treasurer.

Halton Hills sets planning procedures

When the general administration committee of Halton Hills council met Monday, their new responsibility for planning filled the entire evening. All matters of recreation were postponed to Tuesday evening and recreation director W. D. Collison was told at 10:30 p.m. he might as well leave unheard.

Main matter for decision of the committee was the procedure to be taken with regard to applications requesting amendments to the official plans and zoning by-laws of the former Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing communities.

The procedure, outlined at the beginning of the meeting, was changed as members discussed the merits and disadvantages of different avenues of progress, from the application on through all steps before approval.

All members of the committee were at Esquesing hall for the first meeting; chairman Roy Booth, members Les Doby, Ric Morrow and Dick Howitt, deputy clerk Delmar French as secretary, with Mario Vinditti, the Halton Hills planner. Mayor Hill alternated between administration and works.

Advisory Members of the first Halton Hills planning advisory sub-committee were named; ward one Vic Bristow, Frank Simioni and H. Kruger; ward 2 George Maltby, D. B. Morrow, R. V. Gardhouse; wards 3 and 4 V. A. Montgomery, E. G. Gorth and Roy Baillentine.

It had been decided to have three representatives from each former planning area, Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing. Applications were reviewed Monday night and the nine men named. Several are former planning board members.

Whether this advisory sub-committee should have a chairman from council or not was discussed. It was finally decided that since planner Mario Vinditti would meet with both the planning advisory sub-committee and the Halton Hills general administration committee, he would act as liaison.

Line of progress Planning applications will be received by the clerk of Halton Hills and will be placed on the agenda of the general administration committee.

The next stage in line was the one that caused considerable discussion. Should the application then go to the full council, or would notification through committee minutes be sufficient? Members agreed to by-pass putting each application on the agenda of the full council.

From the committee each application will be forwarded to the planner Mr. Vinditti who will get reports from department heads. The application will also, if applicable, be forwarded to the new citizen planning advisory sub-committee.

Then the application comes back to the general administration committee for a recommendation to council.

Fees Mr. Vinditti is to investigate the system of charges and fees to be recommended.

Eventually, the region will have responsibility for planning and Halton Hills recommendations will go there. However, Mr. Vinditti explained, the machinery isn't in operation yet so applications will still be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board as they have been in the past. Public meetings will be called, as usual, when required.

The regional planner is working on a comprehensive document to cover all the county, he said. He estimated the region will not be ready to function as intended for two or three years. Amendments will then go to the region instead of the Ministry. Certain applications will also

be sent to the land division committee of Halton which is comparable to a committee of adjustment.

Streamlining Council's hopes of "streamlining" the system were expressed by councillor Dick Howitt as committee men talked over which ways would just cause more delays.

The planning advisory sub-committee is to give applications "a sense of feeling," councillor Ric Morrow felt.

Councillor Howitt agreed, and said they should have "autonomy as far as ideas are concerned."

The recommended remuneration is \$25 a meeting.

Needs help Planner Mario Vinditti, feeling his way in a new area, advised the committee there's no way he can handle all the work himself. He has investigated the status of the three planning consultant firms which did work for Acton, Esquesing and Georgetown. Acton's Project Planning Associates, are phasing themselves out of this kind of work. He has advised the others there may be work required on a contract basis, these are Municipal Planning which assisted Georgetown and M. R. Dillon which worked with Esquesing township.

He hopes to come up with a firm budget figure, he said, as committee members threw him estimated what their own communities had spent last year.

He will hire a secretary; night meetings have proven a "hangup". There is no salary schedule to go by yet but it was agreed consideration for night meetings should be given.

Mr. Vinditti is obtaining copies of maps and all relevant documents and setting up a comprehensive filing system. Like a lucky fisherman, he held up his hands to indicate the width of the file on the McNally apartment project alone.

Applications Several planning applications forwarded to the new council were listed on the agenda Monday night and were sent on their route through the new procedure. All had previously been before boards in their home municipalities and representatives explained the situation to their colleagues.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheldon appeared at the meeting in opposition to quarry designation for 600 acres of land owned by Consolidated Sand and Gravel, off highway 25 in the vicinity of St. Helena Rd. Twenty families had previously attended a meeting supporting the Esquesing's official plan and opposing the quarry application.

Mayor Tom Hill told the Sheldons a recommendation would go from the committee to the full council of Halton Hills to support the official plan and the former request of the Speyside ratepayers' association.

Policy Policy statement for the installation of septic tanks and tile fields, as a proposed amendment to the Georgetown official plan, were reported. "We'll have to have a report on this and get back to it later on," said chairman Roy Booth.

Already three years on the road, an application for apartments on Water St. in Georgetown by McNally Construction was reviewed again. Problem is the Credit flood plain level. The application will proceed through the new channels including the citizens advisory sub-committee.

An application from Janil Mash for a tannery in the former auto body property on Main St., Acton, at Agnes St. was disapproved by the Medical Officer of Health Dr. Chamberlain and Acton planning board so was recommended turned down.

An application for a Mini-Mart on Mountainview Rd., Georgetown, next the bowling alley, was referred forward. Concern over density of shops and resulting traffic problem were reported by Georgetown members.

Application of Clarence Rognavaldson, Main N., Acton, for rezoning of his property from industrial to residential will go through the normal channels.

Board studies The Acton East study was received and filed. However, Georgetown planning board's study will not be considered further. It had already been turned down by Georgetown council, Mr. Booth explained. He felt it was undertaken with "too much haste." "It looks like arbitrary freezing," Les Doby observed.

Application of Angelo Papastramos for a shopping centre on Main N. Acton was forwarded to the planner and sub-committee.

Ice, snow get blame Saturday there was a collision at 11:25 a.m. at Becker's parking lot. Johannes Ulkes, Brampton, had estimated \$10 damage to his car and Marion Nurse, Maria St., \$100 to hers.

Later Saturday at 4:50 p.m. on Longfield Rd. the car driven by Faron McGruthers, R.R. 1, Acton, had \$150 damage and the car driven by Douglas Heath, Guelph, \$50 in a collision.

Friday at 5:05 p.m. on Mill W. there was another collision. William Kent, R.R. 1, Georgetown, was one driver with estimated \$50 to the car and Margaret Laird, R.R. 2, Norval, the other driver with no damage recorded to the pick-up truck.

Last Tuesday a parked car owned by Aluminum Industries, Scarborough, was struck. Driver of a car with \$5 damage in the incident was Brent Winston, Wellington St. The collision occurred on Mill W. at 6:15 p.m.

Slippery roads and snow were to blame for at least some of the collisions in town the past week.

Sunday two cars were in collision on Cobblehill Rd. Driver John McNabb, Bower Ave., had \$250 damage to his car and Wayne Bestward, Rockwood, \$300 to his. The cousins met accidentally about 3 p.m.

Noel Bates of Barrie was hired as Halton Region solicitor at a meeting of regional council Wednesday.

A graduate of the University of Toronto, Bates now works in a private practice in Barrie. He will be paid \$27,500 per year plus a \$500 moving allowance.

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