

Town pays \$1,000 to correct goof

The town will pay up to \$1,000 to rectify a town "goof", Halton Hills council decided Monday night.

The money will be allowed Spencer Wilson R.R.1 Norval to move a new equipment shed from its present location to one conforming with the building bylaw.

The error was allegedly made by the building inspector, new to Esquesing's regulations, quoting a distance of 50 feet back from the property line, when the required distance under Esquesing's rules is 100 feet.

Spencer Wilson said he was told 50 feet but he extended to 75 feet back from the line to give him turning distance for big farm machinery.

The first solution to the dilemma was recommendation for a minor variance to the Committee of Adjustment.

Councillor Roy Booth said he knew of at least three urgent applications to the Committee of Adjustment and claimed it would set a precedent to interfere.

Assistant clerk administrator said it could not be dealt with by Committee of Adjustment until April, since everyone within 200 feet had to be notified.

"There's only one", interrupted Mr. Wilson.

Councillor Len Coxie emphasized the problem was not created by Mr. Wilson but by the town. "We should do something to alleviate the situation, since he went through all the proper channels and did everything he was told.

Councillor Hyde said he was sympathetic but it would only be compounding an error to recommend to the committee of adjustment. "Somebody's neck would be too far out", he remarked. "The building inspector would have his neck out", the mayor commented.

Hyde said they had no right to do this since council could be leading Mr. Wilson into something which could be upset by a complaint from a neighbor, the committee of adjustment, or the OMB.

Councillor Joe Hurst said the most council can do is advise the Committee of Adjustment they have no objection.

Mr. Wilson said a decision was urgent since he had sold the farm and there had to be a place to put the equipment. In reply to a question from Morrow, he said it would cost between \$800 and \$1,000 to move it.

Councillor Ric Morrow said he could see no way through the Committee of Adjustment in that time. He then came up with the proposal to pay Mr. Wilson up to \$1,000 for the moving of the equipment shed.

"It'll still cost less than going to the OMB", he added.

Hyde warned council they were making a mistake. "This time it is \$1,000, maybe next time it could be \$20,000".

On a seven to five recorded vote, council approved the \$1,000 payment. Five Georgetown councillors, Sykes, Hyde, Booth, Armstrong and Levy were the sole opposition.

Councillor Pat McKenzie was absent.



NO PROBLEMS at Watson's music store with license sticker deadline just half an hour away last Friday. Ed Watson was assisted by Mrs. Mary Anderson and newcomer to the licensing rush, her son Dale. They reported a busy day but no long lines.

Independent truckers boycott area quarries

The firing of 65 truck drivers at Dufferin Quarry last week has led independent truckers to boycott a number of quarry firms in the Halton-Peel area.

According to Angelo Natale the 65 truckers were fired because they joined the Ontario Haulers' Association. Natale is president of the group.

About 70 truckers parked their trucks at the Chateau Restaurant on Highway 25. They set up headquarters there and proceeded to extend boycotts to about one new quarry each day all last week.

First Dufferin

Dufferin was the first to be hit. While the independent truckers no longer haul anything from the quarry, tractor trailer rigs operated by trucking firms continue to haul out of Dufferin.

Truckers have withdrawn services from Dufferin, Indusmin Quarries, Franceschini Brothers (Brampton), Milton Quarries and Nelson Crushed Stone.

Hans Saller, President of Salco Sand and Gravel in North Burlington said his truckers had gone home because they were afraid of the possibility of violence or having their tires slashed.

According to Natale, 900 truckers had joined the protest and were boycotting pits in quarries in Halton and Peel.

Independent truckers who haul for local quarries are paid on a per ton mile basis and are arguing that the rate will have to be doubled just to cover costs of operation and living expenses.

A meeting was being arranged yesterday (Tuesday) with the president of Dufferin Quarries in Toronto to discuss the status of the 65 fired drivers.

Company president Frank Dewitt said the meeting had been arranged but would only go ahead as long as no threats or acts of violence were evident.

Town office also has dog tags

"I can see you've never been a salesman", replied Councillor Ernie Sykes, "If the officer goes to the door, and is told the owner has no money right now, shouldn't he get the fee, when the person goes to buy the tag?"

The dog control officer should have the list of dog tag numbers and owners so he can contact the owners.

Council reversed a committee recommendation when they approved a refund to dog owners who bought their tags at a higher cost than is now in operation.

This would only apply in Georgetown where the fee for a male dog was lowered from ten to eight dollars.

Transit study

A bus transit study conducted in 1972 for the town of Georgetown will not be allowed to die, if Councillor Harry Levy has his way.

He has repeatedly brought it up at Halton Hills council and committee meetings.

He brought it up again this week, and was told by Councillor Roy Booth, chairman of the general administration committee that they had no intention of shelving the matter, but had to take time to acquaint or re-acquaint themselves with the facts of the study.

Councillor Ernie Hyde warned that all public transit runs at a deficit. "Just because public transit is a regional responsibility doesn't mean we don't pay for it."

Councillor Ric Morrow backed his statement saying only Oakville pays for their own public transportation.

"Okay, just so everyone knows if there's public transportation in Halton Hills, only Halton Hills ratepayers pay the shot," replied Hyde.



MONDAY WAS SPECIAL for one 88-year-old Acton lady and, enjoying a surprise birthday cake with all the trimmings is Margaret McEnery, a former Ballinacree correspondent of the Acton Free Press. Mrs. McEnery is seen with her husband, Robert, cutting the cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Jack Hargrave.

Watson warns

Halton faces increases in education costs

Municipal councils in Halton Region should not expect to benefit from a decrease in the mill rate for education taxes this year. That was the message from Tom Watson, Chairman of the Halton Board of Education's Finance Committee.

Mrs. Gamble will retire

Long-time staff member at the Robert Little school, Mrs. Jane Gamble is retiring at the end of June. Mrs. Gamble taught in England before beginning her career here. She will be remembered by hundreds of children who learned to read in her classes.

Another staff member who is leaving is Mrs. Sandress, whose husband is with the O.P.P. and is transferred to Waterloo regional police. She will be teaching with the Waterloo board of education.

In a prepared statement, the Acton trustee indicated inflationary trends, adjustments of salaries and increments would result in an increase of the per pupil per year cost. He suggested the increase would be about 10 per cent.

Watson noted mill rates in Halton had reduced steadily since 1969, allowing municipalities to either pass on the tax cut or direct the money towards other expenditures.

Province pays share He said the cuts had been possible because the provincial government picked up a greater share of costs than before. He noted instead of paying 43 per cent of education costs, the province now pays 60 per cent.

Watson noted, however, that it wasn't likely that the

province would exceed the 60 per cent reached in 1973. In Halton the cost per pupil has jumped from \$585 to \$768 since 1969 for the elementary students and from \$1,027 to \$1,261 for those in secondary schools.

Noting a small increase in the mill rate will be passed from the board to the municipalities, he suggested the board would continue to provide high levels of education at the most reasonable cost.

New prices for dog tags

Last week's Free Press didn't tell the whole story about the new prices for Halton Hills dog tags.

The charge is \$8 for a male or female and \$5 for a spayed female or neutered male.

Guelph Royalaires drum and bugle corps is having a serious financial problem. This popular band, which has played at the fair here, needs \$25,000 to continue in 1974.

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ANNUAL MEETING
The Halton County Rural Minor Softball Annual Meeting and Election of officers will take place Sunday, March 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Boyne Community Hall. Everyone welcome.

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