

Nassagaweya by-laws draw mixed support

Three by-laws affecting lands formerly in Nassagaweya drew a mixture of support and opposition when the Planning and Development Committee of Milton Council met for five hours on Wednesday.

In the end the council confirmed a by-law that would correct title problems in the former township affecting separated lots between 1967 and May of this year. The by-law, with two objections, will go now for hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board.

A second and third by-law dealing with recreation uses and the location of houses not closer than 1,000 feet to an agricultural operation, were to be revised and reconsidered.

1,000 feet

The by-law restriction residential construction to not closer than 1,000 feet to any existing farm building, is complementary to one already in the by-law preventing a farmer from building an agricultural building closer than 1,000 feet to a house.

Several difficulties in the most recent proposal were discussed and the planner was asked to study alternatives. One such alternative suggested would allow residential construction closer than 1,000 feet to a farm building if the owner would agree not to object to the farm operation expanding. Such agreement would be registered on the title of the land.

John Kitchen and Gordon Agnew expressed opposition

to by-law 60-74 which deputy clerk Campbell Thompson suggested was "trying to make right what was thought an error in past amendments." This by-law, it was emphasized was not to change anything but to legalize what was done in good faith by the former Nassagaweya Council.

Ambiguity

Mr. Kitchen suggested that while going through the process other areas should be rectified in which there was some ambiguity.

Mr. Agnew similarly suggested "if we are to legalize mismanagement" it would be a good time to correct other clauses which had been apparently dropped in earlier amendments to the Nassagaweya by-law.

Council's solicitor Bud Nichols endorsed proceeding with the by-law in its present form, which was the method suggested in discussions with the Ontario Municipal Board.

It was agreed the by-law would go forward for hearing, with the two objectors continuing their objections.

A second by-law 46-74 which prohibited commercial recreation uses, tourist trailer parks and camp sites, driving tracks or ranges for motorized vehicles, drew support and opposition.

Piggeries banned

The drafting of the by-law included a section from the present by-law, prohibiting piggeries, drive-in theatres, or kennels closer than 1,000 feet to any existing dwelling except where the dwelling is necessary to the use.

A number of the objectors

protested this paragraph, suggesting it legislated against expansion of farm operations. Keith Anderson objected that he did not have the right to expand his farm operation without harassment.

Council agreed the by-law would be redrafted, as well as by-law 51-74, which would have prevented houses from being established within 1,000 feet of a farm building.

Representatives of Scotch Block Parks Inc. objected to the by-law provisions prohibiting their trailer park project from proceeding.

Ross Runnalls pointed out the by-law had received its three readings the night before they were scheduled to speak to the council on the project.

Timing off

Mr. Runnalls revealed that the project was approved in principle on November 6, 1973 by the former Township of Nassagaweya. In March 1974 formal application was made to the Ministry of Industry and Tourism and the Ministry circulated letters to various departments including the town.

No objection was received from the town by the Ministry and the permit was approved on April 22, 1974.

The evening prior to a May 7 meeting council approved the by-law "retroactively prohibiting our development."

Mr. Runnalls emphasized the group had no opposition to adequate planning.

"The OMB is not going to look favorably on our timing," Councillor Don Gordon suggested.

Got feedback

Councillor Jim Watson suggested the Nassagaweya Council approved the project in principle but had to get feedback from the residents affected, "and we got lots of feedback from the residents which we can't ignore," he declared.

Councillor Powaduk recalled it was passed in principle by Nassagaweya Council because council understood it was a permitted use under its zoning by-law.

Mr. Runnalls reminded council there was no objection filed by the town when the Ministry sought comments on the project in March. "The Ministry waited 45 days and issued its permit," he recalled.

"We're not objecting to planning, we are objecting to the effective blocking of our project by retroactive legislation," Mr. Runnalls said.

Do all possible

P. Straw, supporting the restriction of the by-law, declared he would do everything possible to stop the recreational development. He noted the residents group in the area affected by the Scotch Block proposal, was to present a report on the water which had not yet been received yet. "They have not come to us with any agreement yet and they have tried their best to split us."

A resolution to add the Scotch Block development to those already specifically exempt from the provisions of the by-law was defeated by a vote of the committee.

Prizes

Prizes are out to the winner of the contest on familiar Acton spots. In first place Paul Brunelle won Mustang drive-in tickets and a year's home delivery of the Free Press. In second place Kathleen Nolan won Mustang tickets; in third place Helen Jaque won a Legion centennial coin.

Quitters

Halton TB and Respiratory Disease Association has signed up close to 100 smokers who want to quit, for the group's smoking withdrawal clinic in Burlington this week.



FIRE IS speedily doused by extinguisher when firefighters held a special demonstration Monday night for the residents of the Church and Maria St.

News Digest

Chief gets red wagon

Fire Chief Mick Holmes of Fire Area I (Acton) will be sporting a brand new red 75 Fury station wagon soon. Last week council accepted the tender of Georgetown Chrysler at \$4,783.

This was the lowest of four tenders.

Town "brain" finally arrives

The \$100,000 "brain" Halton Hills purchased in April has arrived at the town offices in Georgetown and should be operational either this week or next, new town treasurer Harry Henderson told the finance committee of council Monday.

A Basic Four computer Mr. Henderson said it was superior to other models he had seen operating. He invited the committee to see how it operates.

"If your cheques are wrong now, blame the computer," he remarked facetiously.

The system replaces a bookkeeping machine which the treasurer's department said could not possibly keep up with the business created by the creation of Halton Hills.

Morette Falls bound

Works Superintendent for Halton Hills, Frank Morette, was authorized by the works committee Monday night to attend the Municipal Equipment and Operators meeting in Niagara Falls on October 17 and 18.

Firefighters canvass

Acton firefighters were given permission by council, last week, to hold their annual canvass for muscular dystrophy in the area of the former town of Acton.

Off to the races

Mayor Tom Hill wants Halton Hills councillors to take their wives to Mohawk raceway for a night out at their own expense.

He said, "We're never home, and don't get to take our wives out very often."

"Maybe you should take it out of your public relations fund," joked Councillor Roy Booth.

"No way," replied the mayor, "we pay this ourselves."

\$6680 for road marking

Halton Hills engineer Peter Morris was authorized to enter into an agreement with Modern White Line Services for the marking of lanes on roads in the town.

The cost will be \$6,680 almost \$5,000 cheaper than the lowest tender received when the town advertised twice for the work to be done.

Hockey tag day

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group were given permission by council to hold tag days, Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19.

Trailer at Plowing Match

Halton Hills will have a trailer at the International Plowing Match. Last week council okayed the rental of trailer at the match by the town plowing match committee. The trailer will be used as a hospitality room for visitors.

apartments. Residents gathered in the parking lot or leaned from their balconies to watch and hear Chief Holmes' advice.

Demonstration for apartments

Acton Firefighters Monday held the first demonstration for residents of Church St. and Maria St. apartments. They sounded the siren to call out the residents, and gave a display of various types of extinguishers and types of fires.

Chief Mick Holmes gave advice to the residents, gathered around the equipment and leaning from their balconies. They expect to hold other demonstrations later.

Carlsberg hitch in local parade

The Carlsberg eight horse hitch and a steam calliope from Strathroy will head the list of floats in this year's fall parade. The Lions Club of Acton has arranged for these two well known exhibits to participate in and brighten the annual parade.

Entrants will line up at Acton District High School by 11:45 a.m. Sat., Sept. 21 where the parade will kick off at 12:15 sharp. It will follow Mill Street through town to Main Street and continue along Main to Knox Avenue and into the fairgrounds.

Acton Citizens' Band, the Guelph Royals, Georgetown Legion Pipe Band and the Burlington Teen Tour Band will add to the floats and marchers in the parade. Business and Organizations, Commercial and Novelty entries. Several riders and horses complete with western and English tack will also grace the parade.

Church exhibit at match

Hosts and hostesses from Georgetown and district churches will be on hand at the International Plowing Match to welcome visitors and interpret themes at a special church exhibit.

Churches have co-operated to provide an exhibit at the plowing match being held at the Craig Reid farm, a mile south of Georgetown. The exhibit is part of "Tent City" which consists of displays dealing with home, farming and community life.

A central theme "The Search for Meaning" is emphasized each day with information about family, community, church and international affairs. Attention will also be given to social justice as well as personal values in a changing world.

Buses back

Gray Coach Lines are back in business as of last week. The bus company was out on strike for several weeks as a branch of the Toronto Transit Commission, but differences have partially been settled and the buses and subways have come out of hibernation.

Mrs. Margaret Galanos, of Watson's Restaurant, the agent for Acton, said that a lot of people did not even know that the buses were running again. She also said that a lot of people who usually go to the C.N.E. via Gray Coach were discouraged this year because of lack of transportation.

Victim returned to hospital

The victim of a head-on collision which occurred on Highway 7 near Acton, Aug. 16, is reported as being out of intensive care and returned to Guelph General Hospital.

Jack Frost of R.R. 1, Guelph was the driver of one of the cars. His passenger Steven Jones of R.R. 1, Guelph was treated for minor injuries. Driver of the other vehicle, also escaped serious injury.

Mr. Frost was transferred from the Guelph hospital to St. Joseph's in Hamilton and later taken to Hamilton General for a unique radiological blood test. He was then returned to St. Joseph's where, for some time he was under intensive care.

Thursday afternoon Mr. Frost was transferred back to Guelph General Hospital where he is awaiting further operations.

A tax increase was no surprise to Davis

Premier William Davis says that it would be premature to make any judgment on the success of regional government but that just isn't the case. The Premier said. He said that there were other factors such as inflation which were responsible for higher taxes. "There would have been tax increases even without regional government," Davis added.

"It is our experience that these things take a few months to work out. Things should be alright. Look at Metro Toronto and how it works. It's our regional government model," Davis said.

Most people thought that regional government would make their taxes lower but in Halton Hills that wasn't the case. In escheating taxpayers face a whopping 8.11 mills rate increase, Acton 5.67, and Georgetown less than a mill.

"Everyone seems to relate a tax increase to regional government but that just isn't the case," the Premier said. He said that there were other factors such as inflation which were responsible for higher taxes. "There would have been tax increases even without regional government," Davis added.

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THE STREAM FLOW Recording Station resembles a doll house in size and shape. This device is being installed by the Ministry of Environment in co-operation with the University of Guelph, to measure the nitrogen processes in stream flow. It is due for completion in two to three weeks.

Recording station on Sixth Line

The Ministry of Environment in affiliation with the University of Guelph is in the process of installing a Stream Flow Recording Station on a small district stream.

The station is to be located on the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya, (Blue Springs Rd.) just up from Hwy. 7.

When completed, the station will keep a record of the amount of water coming off the watershed.

"The study is being undertaken by the University of Guelph to study the nitrogen processes in the streamflow," explained Jim Eddie of the Ministry of Environment who was helping install the structure. "The information gathered will be put together with the chemical analysis to determine the final results."

The Ministry is paying for the construction while the University is putting out the funds for the analysis.

Construction commenced on August 26, with completion due in two or three weeks. Electricity is yet to be hooked up and recording devices to be installed.

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