



Booth's snowmobile plan snowed under by council

Councillor Roy Booth's suggestion that a special committee be set up to study the town's snowmobile by-law was snowed under by an avalanche of opposition from members of Halton Hills council Monday night.

Booth told the councillors and a packed audience of about 30 snowmobilers that a special committee should be set up to study the town's snowmobile by-law because there were too many discrepancies and inadequacies.

He called for the formation of a new committee consisting of two members of council, two representatives of the snowmobile clubs, and two members of the public, who are in opposition to snowmobiles.

Booth charged the new by-law didn't cover snowmobilers with rubber wheels on the front and didn't define a street so people could probably drive their snow machines on avenues and crescents. He said the ruling that an antenna was required on every snowmobile wasn't clear enough. Booth predicted anyone could erect a piece of wire with some fluorescent tape and it would qualify as an antenna.

He said Councillor Harry Levy's bid to have snowmobiles banned from the town's streets altogether wasn't fair. Booth stated if people weren't allowed to use their machines on the streets then they would have to buy expensive trailers.

Councillor Mike Armstrong noted the works committee had spent a lot of time on the by-law and had consulted the snowmobile clubs about their views. He predicted "if a meeting of snowmobilers and those against the activity was arranged I would be amazed if it lasted more than 15 minutes without someone being punched in the nose."

Armstrong pointed out the committee had asked for input from members of council and councillor Levy was the only one to offer any suggestions. He thought it was a bad time for councillors to finally be coming up with ideas. Armstrong concluded it would be futile to send the by-law to another committee.

Levy said the works committee had spent a lot of time on the by-law and they had done a good job of satisfying as many people as possible. He added he was opposed to sending it to another committee.

"This is a good by-law. Let's not procrastinate until the snow flies again," Councillor Les Duby urged.

Councillor Joe Hurst said Booth's complaint about snowmobiles not being allowed on the street went beyond the by-law. He noted snowmobilers still have ingress and egress in Halton Hills so they wouldn't need trailers.

Booth said the town needs a restrictive by-law to control "the nuts" but thought some parts of the by-law could be too restrictive and ruin the recreational enjoyment of snowmobiling for the many people who act responsibly with their machines. He said he thought there were enough responsible people that there was no danger of anyone being punched in the nose if a committee was set up.

When it came to the vote only Booth was in favor of having the by-law referred to a special committee.

Continuing the issue, Councillor Ite Morrow urged the council to quit "dilly-dallying" and enact the snowmobile by-law. He said he wanted the police to have the by-law for sufficient enough time that they would know all its facts and be able to enforce it next winter. Morrow suggested the town adopt a "wait and see" posture with the by-law and if it didn't work make necessary changes.

Councillor Ern Hyde suggested a small change be made to the by-law which would take care of the hoop hole for rubber wheels. His idea was accepted so now even if someone puts rubber wheels on the front of the snowmobile's skis it is still a machine subject to the by-law's regulations.

Levy said he thought the best plan for the town was to enact the by-law and he would cross his fingers that there weren't any accidents. He was concerned about the problem of making it clear that the mayor could shut aside the by-law in the case of an emergency, such as a huge snowfall when snowmobilers might be the only thing able to move about.

Both Mayor Hill and Duby pointed out the Mayor had the power to disregard the by-law in the case of a disaster or emergency. It was noted the mayor has special powers under the Municipal Act.

Booth urged the council to send the by-law to the solicitor for a legal opinion before enacting it. He said he thought there were a lot of inadequacies.

It was decided the by-law will get two readings at the next council meeting and then go to the solicitor. After the solicitor finishes with the by-law it will come back to council for a third reading and enactment.

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Painters' group seeks members

For the second year, Georgetown Palette and Pencil club held an exhibit in Acton. Almost all the members are from Georgetown, and they would like to encourage more from this district to join them.

Their paintings were hung in St. Alban's parish hall where visitors could see them and also chat with club members. Some of the paintings were for sale.

Laura Dittrich, one of the Acton members also had back dishes for sale.

Five years Ellen Melton is president of

the club. Its 20 members are people who are interested in painting. The club doesn't arrange lessons although they have workshops and visiting instructors. The association is so people of similar interests may meet together. "We all do our own thing," says Mrs. Melton.

The club has been organized for nine years. The same group will have a three-day exhibit this weekend in Georgetown. However many of the paintings will be different.

Any people interested in joining the group could contact Laura Dittrich.



PAINTING IS shown to Mrs. R. H. Elliott by Rosemary Dunning at the Palette and Pencil Club exhibition in St. Alban's hall Saturday. Trevor Hoy was another visitor.

Gray first Tory...

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sides", a Senior Ontario Men's Basketball team that advanced two years in a row to the Ontario Senior Finals.

Teammates on the Lakesides were Joe Krol, who was then quarterbacking Hamilton Wildcats and the late Cec Ward of Burlington, popular plant manager for the old Canadian Canner plant in Burlington.

After working several years in construction, and meat packing industry, he worked his way through Ontario Agricultural College from 1957 until 1961, when he graduated with an honors B.S.A., and picked up two major athletic letters for basketball and football. He also played end for the "Aggies" three times Canadian Intercollegiate Football champions during these years.

After graduation he worked in livestock feed sales, advancing to sales management and plant management positions.

In the mid 1950's he purchased a 200 acre farm at R.R. 1, Rockwood and another 200 acre farm in Orangeville, where he runs chicken broiler, turkey and beef operations.

In the 1960's, Mr. Gray entered the construction business as a partner with Fred Zorge of Georgetown.

Mr. Gray is married to the former Beverley Jeanne Pringle, who trained as a

nurse at Peterborough Civic Hospital. She had been active in Red Cross work in Georgetown as a volunteer driver, and with the Red Cross blood donor clinic.

The Gray's have two children, Cindy in Grade 13 and Douglas in Grade 12, at Georgetown high school. Mr. Gray's mother still lives in Burlington at 2695 Prospect.

Mr. Gray's association with the Progressive Conservative party goes back to student days with the Young P.C. organization. During the 1950's he served on the executive of the Wellington County P.C. Association, and after moving to Georgetown in 1959, he has taken part in federal and provincial campaigns as a poll and area captain.

He is 47 years of age. George Gray's many activities include the following:

Vice president and director of Chamber of Commerce, member Halton Region Board of Health, chairman and director since 1966 of the

Ontario Turkey Producer's Marketing Board, member and past president Ontario Poultry Council, member and past director Ontario Federation of Agriculture, past director Poultry Products Institute of Canada, past president Ontario Poultry Processors Association, member Toronto Construction Association, and service in the Canadian militia with the Prince of Wales Rangers.

Create Halton...

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candidates in the north," he added.

"Mixed feelings" Fran Baines, a P.C. worker from Georgetown, indicated "our obvious disappointment. We wish you well in the south but accept your decision with mixed feelings," she told Snow.

One northern party worker indicated Snow would have to see to it that the premier made room for the new MPP on the cabinet, or "we'll feel short changed." Halton voters have been represented by a cabinet minister for several years.

A meeting has been slated for tonight to organize a P.C. riding executive for the Halton-Burlington riding. Mr. Snow urged those who will be involved in the new riding organization to hold a nomination meeting as soon as possible.

May be early During the press conference Snow was asked if that advice could be interpreted as a warning of a spring or summer election. Snow admitted there was a lot of talk and certainly a possibility of a spring or summer election, but qualified that by saying he felt the nomination should be held early, even in the event of a fall election.

During the riding executive meeting Snow received some good natured heckling about the name of the new riding being called Halton-Burlington rather than Halton North or just Halton.

He said he leaned towards a Halton or Halton North name but the recommendation was made by an independent commission and both caucus and cabinet agreed to pass

the recommendation without changes. According to the minister, no formal petition has been forwarded asking for a name change.

Liberals too

Liberals in the Halton-Burlington riding are also gearing up for an election. The present executive has announced two founding meetings will be held—one for Halton-Burlington on May 12 at 7 p.m. at Ernest C. Drury School in Milton, and one for the Oakville riding at Holiday Inn May 20.

Frank Allen, executive vice-president of the Halton East Liberal Association, stated "Logic would indicate Thursday Oct. 16 as election day but you can never be sure whether logic or emotion

decides the day. We will be more than ready for a June election."

Organizers have proposed no out-of-town memberships will be accepted in the northern riding, but will allow up to 25 per cent of the total membership in the Oakville riding association to be non-residents. The candidate to be named for Halton-Burlington would have to live in the riding but the Oakville riding candidate could be a non-resident, Allen explained.

Anyone who held a 1975 membership in either Halton East or Halton West riding association will automatically become a member of the association in the riding in which they live, Allen said.

Receives letter 10 years too soon

Plenty of people complain about getting letters delivered late.

But Jim Jennings has a new complaint. He got a letter 10 years too soon!

Wednesday, April 30 he received a letter notifying him of a photographic event in Toronto that was scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 - the day before.

He was slightly annoyed so he looked at the postmark on the letter. It had gone through a cancelling machine which read 28 VI 85 - translating into June 28, 1965.

Cancer drive again success

This year's canvass by the Acton branch of the Cancer Society is again proving most successful. About \$4,000 has been turned in so far, with much more expected to come as canvassers complete all their calls.

Of particular help to the campaign are the members of Dublin, Nassagaweya and Bannockburn Institutes, who arrange their own districts each year.

Office Campaign chairman Arlie White and the canvassers worked out of a donated temporary office all April, which they found very worthwhile. Much literature was given out and the people who manned the office chatted with quite a few visitors.

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