

Environmental input sanctioned by region

It was a bad day for environmentalists Wednesday. In a prepared speech, Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur told Halton Regional Council she was fed up with inflated charges and countercharges from environmentalists.

She was commenting on a proposal from the region's planning committee to have a committee of environmentalists identify environmentally sensitive areas of Halton. The work is planned in order to have specialized

input into the regional official plan.

Mayor MacArthur argued that committee would be biased because of the makeup of the committee. She argued for and won the support of council to include sportsmen, industrialists and developers on the committee.

"If they (the environmentalists) are so concerned about the environment, let them argue with the people they say are messing it up," she said.

Amendment

Burlington Mayor George Harrington amended the original motion to delete references to social, cultural and recreation environment.

"We're all concerned about the things that croak in the night. I suppose this idea has some feasibility. I don't have time to count frogs and ponds, but I suppose someone should," he said.

Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson said he'd vote against both the amendments and the motion. "This will cause delays and then you'll have a study to see why there are delays," he chided.

Harrington couldn't resist one more quip. "Mr. Chairman, through you to my learned colleague, there is an adage in the political world that says you clean the body before you slit its throat."



Doctor in the House?

Is there a doctor in the House? Politicians and tourists alike, who make the rounds of Parliament Hill, need not fear for their health since Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook is on duty.

Dr. Philbrook hasn't forgotten how to practice medicine since Halton voters sent him to Ottawa in 1974 to practice politics.

In a recent interview Halton's MP revealed that while he has been busy the last 17 months being a politician he has had plenty of opportunities to keep his medical training and bedside manner finely honed.

suffers from high blood pressure collapsed and Dr. Philbrook helped him out by giving the victim oxygen until the ambulance arrived.

"We have several clinics and nurses on duty. I always try to help them in various situations, and I keep one of my medical bags in my office. Anyone who is up here can get emergency treatment but I don't try to become their doctor. I do it for free and always advise people to see their own doctor because I am giving only temporary treatment."

During the recent postal strike Bryce Mackasy was pretty busy and quite tired and one day collapsed on the Hill but Dr. Philbrook was on hand to give immediate aid.

"He had collapsed outside the House and I was called out to help him. You know he had a heart attack a few years ago and he still suffers from angina."

"I checked his pulse and suggested that while he was all right he should go and see his doctor. Being the kind of fellow he is he said he was all right and went back to work."

While the only politicians Dr. Philbrook has treated have been Liberal he claims no prejudice.

It is just coincidence, I will look at anyone and give my advice," he stated.

Agricultural Minister, Eugene Whelan, has been the recipient of Dr. Philbrook's medical advice twice, once for a foot infection and another time for an ear infection. In addition he has treated a number of MPs who were temporarily suffering from things like tooth aches and sore throats.

Two tourists have been very glad Dr. Philbrook was around Parliament Hill.

On one occasion a young boy from Quebec took an epileptic seizure while touring the Parliament Buildings and Dr. Philbrook's quick action helped save the lad's life.

Another time a tourist who



DOCTOR FRANK PHILBROOK

Arena costs up

Finance committee asked facilities superintendent Pat Sheehan Monday to prepare figures on operating Halton Hills arenas.

The committee examined the monthly account for November and found that hydro cost \$1,824 for the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena in Georgetown. For the same month \$600 supplied the Georgetown Arena.

Mr. Sheehan told the committee that the probable explanation was that the new arena was operating with ice since it opened in May, while the Acton and Georgetown arenas have had ice only since September.

Explanation

The committee asked for a detailed explanation on the costs of the arenas.

"Over three months, the costs of Gordon Alcott are consistently up," councillor Harry Levy said.

"I think we'd like to know why it (Gordon Alcott Arena) costs so much," councillor Levy said. "For the whole of Georgetown, the streetlights cost about \$1,400," he said.

Translated, that means Harrington wanted the amendment restricting the work of the committee passed—in case the main motion did pass.

Halton Hills Councillor Ric Morrow echoed sentiments of one segment of council when he said it would be folly not to accept expertise from the special interest group but that the committee's job should be kept simple.

Every phase of the official plan preparation has undergone close scrutiny and a lot of opposition from a strong element in the regional council.

Small demand for stickers

The Hamilton Automobile Club reported that the 1976 validation stickers went on sale to the motoring public Monday, December 1, but since then there has been very little interest in purchasing them.

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