

# Want planners, councillors define areas of jurisdiction

A committee composed of planning directors from the area municipalities and the region will attempt to more clearly define the areas of jurisdiction involving the area and regional planners.

Halton Hills Councillors Pat McKenzie and Roy Booth told the region's planning committee that negative comments and refusals from the region have come late in the development process on a number of projects in Halton Hills.

Mr. McKenzie said that often the nature of the complaints were area—and not regional—in nature.

Regional Planning Director Ed Cumming acknowledged some of his staffers may have overstepped their particular areas of responsibility in examining area plans.

Basic concepts

He explained that all of his staffers had been community planners before they were regional planners and it comes as second nature to concern themselves with more than the true regional concerns.

Councillor Booth suggested much of the duplication and negative comments could be avoided if regional planners were assigned to each of the four area planning committee meetings.

Halton Hills Regional Councillor Ric Morrow didn't want any part of that. He felt that could lead to more regional interference in local planning.

Mr. Morrow's contention was that there should be a better, clearer definition of

the responsibilities at each level and they should be adhered to.

Prepare list

The planners will attempt to come forward with a list of those responsibilities for the committee's approval at the next meeting.

Several councillors from Halton Hills argued that the plans submitted to the region early in the game attracted few if any comments, but often after a lot of time and money had been spent going over the plans and revising them, the region submitted negative comments and in some cases refused to approve the plans.

Milton Councillor Marjorie Powys said there were so many meetings with prolonged, unproductive discussions that it would be a real imposition to ask the planners to sit through them.

Short of time

Regional Planning Director Ed Cumming noted that the time constraints on his staff mitigated against having staffers at all of the area planning meetings. He assured area planners and committee members that regional people would be quite agreeable to attending meetings on request.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said that on occasion one or two members of a council have brought what would be a minority viewpoint in Oakville to the region and successfully had it reversed at the regional level.

"The aspirations of the people in the local council are forgotten by people who couldn't care less."

"Once a project gets up here, no one knows what the hell's happening," he charged.

He suggested many of the actions of the region in planning have impeded proper development.



DEPUTY ENGINEER Ted Ballinger, Councillors Ern Hyde, Mike Armstrong, Pat McKenzie, Dick Howitt and Joe Hurst inspect a problem at the driveway of Charles Heard on Church Street, Acton, where water is settling because the sidewalk is too high.

## Dump issue

# Hornby won't be patsy: Kee

If Halton Regional Council selects a site near Hornby for the region's sanitary landfill site, it won't be because the site offers the path of least resistance. At least that's the way area resident George Kee sees things.

Kee is one of close to a dozen people who presented briefs to a public meeting of the Regional Public Works Committee last winter.

At that time all groups who presented briefs were promised they would be contacted as progress was made on the site selection. Chairman Jack Raftis promised everyone would be kept informed.

"We have heard nothing. But now we hear that in an almost cloak and dagger fashion, this questionable decision has been taken. We'll be having a meeting on it in the very near future," Kee promised.

The Hornby area site was earlier considered to be rated behind the Tremaine-Britannia Hds. site, southwest of urban Milton. But a recent proposal that would see Peel and Halton Regions share one massive 1,200-acre site has put the Hornby area site back into the limelight.

Kee rejected the idea that the site would be beautified by burning and planting of

trees and claimed other sites, where similar promises had been made, were overrun by seagulls and rats.

"We have a very active citizens' group. We won't be taken for a patsy just because we are in the underpopulated area of the region," he said.

Both Mr. Kee and area Councillor Don Gordon have promised a strong fight by the area residents to block the development of the dump at Hornby.

Earlier Halton considered one or more sites for Halton only. One site of 400 to 480 acres was being considered for Halton but a joint site serving two regions would require 1,200 acres.

Kee echoes the sentiments of many ratepayers and environmentalists when he claims the region should pay attention to recycling and reclamation first—and landfill second.

Environmentalists argue that less acreage would have to be used for landfill if refuse was reclaimed and recycled.

Nearly full

Both Peel and Halton Regions have urgent needs for some place to put their garbage. According to an official in the Peel Regional Clerk's office, the existing

sites there would be closed immediately if there was a new site available.

Halton officials anticipate that this region will be in that position by the middle of 1977.

A large portion of the land in the Hornby area is currently under agricultural use.

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# Magnuson chosen police chairman

Glenn Magnuson, Georgetown has been elected chairman of Halton Regional Police Commission.

The spot became vacant when Judge William K. Warrender resigned last month. Judge Warrender will continue as a member of the commission.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett was elected vice-chairman, the position previously held by Mr. Magnuson. Judge Warrender welcomed the new chairman, who in turn thanked the judge for his leadership during the difficult years of the police force amalgamation.

Mr. Magnuson has served on the Halton Police Commission since the inception of regional government, and before that served on Georgetown police commission.

Other members of the police commission are Mayor Tom Hill, Regional Chairman Alan Masson, and Councillor Hourigan.

## Town buys Limehouse land

Halton Hills works committee has recommended to council that the town pay Guy Tellier \$2,181.75 for the land the town must buy from him for the reconstruction of Fifth Line in the Limehouse area.

Committee chairman Mike Armstrong said this is the last of several pieces of land to be acquired for the Limehouse Road improvement project which is slated to take place next year.

## Case closed

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