

# Region confirms Milton site F Halton garbage waste bucket

Five hours of tense discussion and debate ended Wednesday with Halton Regional Council voting 11-10 to confirm the selection of Site F as the location for a future landfill site for the region.

Close to 200 people attended the meeting, most of whom are members or supporters of the Britannia-Tremaine Citizens' Group.

Many resolutions all carrying amendments and amendments were prepared. The council chambers and corridors around it were the scene of frenzied activity during recesses and lunch. Groups of

councillors caucused to plan strategy and stage 11th hour attempts to win support for their plan of action.

Considering the wide variety of motions and the multiplicity of amendments before him at any given time Regional Chairman Ric Morrow was successful in preventing the meeting from bowing to utter chaos and turmoil.

The motion confirming the selection of the site was amended to provide only enough land for a period of six years, with provision for annual review of the region's landfill needs and a commitment to a transfer site and a

front end resource recovery plant.

The amended motion reads as follows: "That the selection of location F be confirmed as the site of the future landfill for the region and further that the staff be instructed to negotiate the purchase of sufficient site F lands to accommodate the landfill requirements in the region of Halton not to exceed a period of six years and that the region apply for approval to the Environmental Review Board to use the said lands for a period of six years only, and further that the region review annually the need for

continued landfill operations at site F if said site is approved by the Environmental Review Board and further that the region proceed as quickly as possible in cooperation with the province for the installation and operation of a transfer site and "front end" operations in the Queen Elizabeth Way and Burloak area including instructing our property agent to acquire the necessary lands for such facilities.

The recorded vote saw Oakville and Burlington Councillors split on the question with all three Milton representatives voting in

opposition to the choice. The balance of power fell to the four Halton Hills representatives who voted to confirm the choice of the site.

Voting in favor of the site were the following: Mac Anderson, Harry Barrett, Jack Raftis, Russ Miller, Vern Connell, Mike Armstrong, Don Carter, Tom Sutherland, Roy Booth and David Coons.

Voting in opposition were the following: Don Gordon, Mary Munro, Carl Eriksen, Ben Ciprietti, Walter Mulke-wich, Jim Kerr, Gord Heade, Laurie Mannell, Jim Watson and Ron Planche.

Oakville Councillor Archie Donaghey, Burlington Councillor Pat McLaughlin and Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill were absent from the vote and the meeting.

In a somewhat extraordinary move Chairman Ric Morrow passed the gavel and urged council to vote in favor of the site just prior to vote.

"In the last few weeks I have felt the weight on my shoulders. I'm extremely concerned about those in opposition but I'm more concerned about the needs of 200,000 people.

"Not one person has laid (Continued on page 12)



A HIGH JUMP proved no obstacle to Julie Kurtz during M. Z. Bennett's winter carnival. Both town public schools had day long activities.

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### New group seeks role

## As C of C woos with unity call

A group of town merchants, some of whom are dissatisfied with the Chamber of Commerce, took a rain cheque on a Chamber invitation to fuse with it into a new structure.

The invitation came from Chamber secretary Betty Eastwood to 22 people during what was described as the formation meeting of a Downtown Business Association last night in the fire hall.

"We'll welcome you, if you come to us," Mrs. Eastwood said with acknowledgement from Chamber president Louis Charlebois.

The invitation was for a group from the proposed association to come to a

Chamber meeting and then perhaps a dialogue would start within a strengthened organization under a different structure.

The informal gathering, chaired by Ed Wood with Alma Swetman, fell short of accepting the Chamber's offer—for the time being.

Middle road

Instead the movers for a new business association chose a middle road. A four-member committee volunteered from the group to prepare some programs for the association.

John Bumstead, Toronto-Dominion bank manager, IGA's Wayne Ruse, Arthur Cooper of Cooper and Daws accountants and Alma Swetman of Swetman's Shoes are on the committee. They intend to ask Chamber retail section chairman Jake Kuiten to help them. The group hopes to hold a public meeting in the first week of April.

Opening the meeting Mr. Wood stated the proposed new association was not a threat to the established organization. "In no way is it meant to take the place of the Chamber of Commerce," he told the gathering.

The purpose of the new group would be in promoting business and the business district, Mr. Wood said. He added that the Downtown Business Association would also support the Board of Management of the Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.).

The main question posed in the meeting by Paul Nielsen and others was just what program the new group had to offer. The meeting, which was to determine if there are enough interested people to



READY TO GO in the celebrity section of Sunday's Skatathon are Les Duh, MPP, Julian Reed, Don McDonald, Sonny Townsley, George Hargrave, Louis Charlebois, Mac Sprowl, Gary Dawkins, George Gray and Murray Harrison with daughter Kelly. The Rotary-sponsored event raised money for both the club and the participating schools. Over 200 skated in shifts; pledges aren't all in yet but it's expected about \$800 will be raised.

## New opposition council pay hike

The 10 per cent pay raise for councillors is still not a fact. It will be discussed again at the next Halton Hills council meeting.

The pay hike ran into opposition Monday night when Councillor Mike Armstrong blasted the increase, saying mayors of the former towns of Georgetown and Acton had not made as much as the \$5,400 councillors are now getting. He said salaries now are more than adequate, and hard to justify, far less an increase to \$5,950.

He admitted it was not a great increase, but reminded councillors they ran for elec-

tion voluntarily. "Nobody forced us into it, we're supposed to serve the public and we should make sure we're doing it."

He said he was sorry he was on vacation when the original vote was taken.

Councillor Les Duh said he had opposed the amount set when Halton Hills was formed. "I was making \$1500 less as mayor of Acton, and I served as mayor for 11 years." He said a cost of living index could not be justified either, since that should only be tied to a "bread and butter" job.

Councillor Peter Marks,

moved the bylaw he tabled until the next meeting, since he claimed the cost of living clause had not been included in the bylaw.

Acting Mayor Roy Booth explained the tabling motion was really a closure motion that cut off further discussion. He told the new councillors if they wanted to speak they should have voted against tabling the motion.

A similar motion to up the mayor's salary by \$600 to \$12,100, was also held over. Armstrong said it should be held up until the mayor has a chance to vote on it. Mayor Tom Hill is on vacation.

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### Council agrees

Council Monday night agreed unanimously to advertise for applicants for senior citizens housing in all wards. Councillor Les Duh reported on the special meeting in Acton that afternoon.

### Garbage reduction

Halton Hills council will set up a committee to try to find ways of cutting down the amount of garbage collected weekly. In addition they will ask Environment Minister George Kerr to relax the restrictions on burning wood and leaves to further reduce the garbage disposal problem.

The suggestion was made by Councillor Pat McKenzie.

### Court decides in Hydro's favor

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### Senior citizen units

## More applicants — build here

"Get the application," Ontario Housing special projects manager Gordon Hickory told a group of citizens concerned that Georgetown's senior citizen housing is taking precedence over Acton's.

While it was apparent that housing officials had decided the new Georgetown units should be filled before Acton's are begun, they were sympathetic to Actonians' feelings.

During the discussion Monday and what councillor Pat McKenzie called a "numbers game", the officials pled their listeners with figures which showed about 30 too few applications on hand for both Halton Hills units. Although Mr. Hickory admitted the numbers of applicants always increase dramatically as soon as construction begins, he said his department would have to have the applications for Acton in before consent to begin is given.

Although the Actonians felt there was evidence enough to begin Acton units, they agreed that they would ask Halton Hills council to pass a

resolution that night to advertise again for applicants. "The ad will appear next week."

Attending the meeting in the former clerk's office in the town offices were councillors Pat McKenzie, Les Duh, Peter Marks, George

Maltby and acting mayor Roy Booth; planner Mario Venditti; Mr. Hickory of Housing, his successor Christa Hale; David Ishikawa, manager of Halton Housing; Duncan Sinclair, Oakville, the chairman of Halton Housing Authority and Dolly Moulden.

Georgetown, a member of the Authority; M.P.P. Julian Reed of Norval and Conservative Candidates George Gray of Georgetown.

Mr. Duh chaired the meeting.

"The decision that Acton wouldn't start until Georgetown was complete was based on numbers," Mr. Hickory explained. "As soon as we get enough applications for Georgetown, we'll build in Acton."

The new high-rise in Georgetown with 89 units is due to begin within a week. "Certainly we can't start here until we fill that," Mr. Hickory stated. "People would complain if we only had 70 units filled, when the whole building is subsidized." "It's only eight miles," he said.

As of March 1, the list of people waiting for senior citizen housing showed 71 in Georgetown and 32 in Acton. Seventeen of these Acton applicants had been interviewed and asked if they would be willing to go to

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### Municipal complex in '78 capital budget

A municipal complex was taken out of the 1977 capital budget, but has not disappeared from the local scene. It has been tentatively included in the 1978 capital budget at a cost of \$975,000.

Councillor Russel Miller said he thought it would be wise to include in the '78 forecast since an accommodation report is being prepared by the staff. He pointed out there is no definite commitment to build it.

Councillor Pat McKenzie commented the use of the words "municipal complex" should be changed to building

addition. He said he felt the whole amount should not be debentured.

Treasurer Ray King said it is listed that way until definite financing would be arranged. He pointed out some of the money could come from sale of town-owned land or from lot levies.

Councillor Peter Marks emphasized council was only trying to prove debenture capacity to the OMB, not build a building.

Acting Mayor Roy Booth agreed saying "It does not show any intent to spend any money in 1978 on it."

## Expropriation hearing officer crams years of Hydro issues

Both sides in an expropriation hearing for Ontario Hydro's proposed Bradley to Milton power corridor are waiting for one man to catch up on the issues before they can continue.

The man, hearing officer Donald Meyrick, will reconvene the hearing tomorrow in Acton's Legion. He adjourned it Monday after listening to a five hour debate between lawyers for the provincial utility on one side and lawyers for about 70 opponents of expropriation on the other.

"I need time for reflection on these matters," Mr. Meyrick said at the end of the

first day's hearing, which concentrates on the central portion of the proposed 500,000 volt corridor.

Alternate routes

Hearing officer Meyrick, who is examining documents relevant to the issues, is also considering whether he will listen to evidence concerning alternate routes to the one proposed by Ontario Hydro. Lawyers for the opponents, landowners, want to introduce such evidence with a mind to questioning Hydro's chosen route. If the lawyers aren't allowed to do so, they'll move to have the courts judge instead.

Also on the hearing of-

ficer's mind is a move by opposition lawyers to have Hydro restate its purpose for this hearing. The move may also involve the courts.

Hearing officer Meyrick deferred decisions on the opposition lawyers' motions until he has heard or read enough evidence to help him. Mr. Meyrick reminded both sides he is a newcomer to the years of debate on the transmission line. "It's a mistake to impute knowledge of previous meetings to me," he said.

The proposed line, which would stretch from the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station on Lake Huron to eventually

Milton Station, was split into three sections for expropriation hearings.

The central section includes the townships of East Luthar, Erin and East Garafraxa.

The top section of the line held hearings last year at Durham.

Bottom portion

The bottom portion of the line, including parts of Halton Hills, was the subject of a recent decision by the divisional court which curbs the same hearing officer, Mr. Meyrick, from hearing evidence on alternative routes because of special considerations.

Alternate routes in the strip between Acton and Georgetown, according to the court, were considered years ago by the Solandt Commission. Hearing officer Meyrick ought not to go into that question of alternative lines because the commission has done that and it would be costly for the hearing officer to do it again, according to the court.

Bill Mann, of the Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) said Monday that an appeal will be asked for against the divisional court decision. The ICG is one of the main and long time opponents of the

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JULIE SIT shows how much stretch is needed if you are a gymnast. See feature on second front.