



PERFECT ATTENDANCE for eight years earned Doris Cooke this surprise award at the G.W.G.'s awards banquet, held Saturday evening in the Music Centre. Mrs. Cooke has been out for every game since 1969.

Master plan finished

Conservation area to cover entire Silvercreek valley

Silvercreek Conservation Area finally has a workable master plan after more than two years of study.

William Coates and Associates, landscape architects, have been working on the master plan for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and have previously produced three concepts. After suggestions from the Authority and six months consolidation work, Coates was able to present the Authority with an acceptable plan at a recent CVCA meeting.

The area covers the entire Silvercreek Valley and will be one of the largest public recreation areas within 1 1/2 hours of Toronto. Projected land acquisition plans include some 2,000 acres, over half of which are currently Authority owned. Authority executive are quick to point out any future land acquisition will take place over many years due to severe budget

restrictions and then only as land becomes available.

The park, as plans stand now, will extend from Highway 7 as it proceeds north between Trafalgar Road and Silvercreek. The northern boundaries may touch Sideroad 27 while plans indicate southerly boundaries will take in part of 32 Sideroad.

To the east, the area engulfs Terra Cotta Conservation Area and joins up with Authority owned land east of the 5th Line of Chinguacousy. Size and exact boundaries will depend on available land.

The current master plan shows the necessity of closing the 8th and 9th Line through the valley; a feeder road would gather traffic from these roads and pass it through a new safer route traversing the park.

The new concept includes more miles of trail, and more acres of camping and day

use. Total trails would exceed 35 miles—seven miles for bicycle and cross country skiing; 14 miles multiple use including snowmobiles; and a possible 14 miles for horseback riding with 4.4 miles exclusively for horses.

Day use will be heaviest in the Terra Cotta area where capacity may be doubled. Walk-in camp areas, serviced camp areas and extended day use areas are all features of the new plan.

It was suggested the Vaughn house be used as an interpretive centre with lecture rooms, labs for education, and orientation in the nature reserve zone.

The landscape architects suggested careful management by CVCA was necessary to preserve the delicate core area in the valley and control access.

It was agreed the big problem was land acquisition. The figure of \$3 1/2 million was

bandied around as necessary for completion of land tie-up.

"I don't know how we come up with this money," complained Chairman Grant Clarkson, "the province isn't about to make grants."

"We're a long way from going forth with greente haste," he said.

Authority and staff members decided the only practical way to go about phasing the plan was to acquire land as it and funds became available.

The plan was referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Les Dudy and Gail Maltby, members from Halton Hills, were instructed to consult with the mayor, who is also on the Authority and not present, and the municipality, on the best way to reroute lines Eight and Nine.

Fourteen semis for Greenore

Fourteen semi-detached homes could be built on seven lots on Greenore Crescent, Acton, if the town approves a request by John Barden, representing Kingham Hill Estates.

Mr. Barden said it was simply an infilling move for land on the west side of Greenore, that was held in a zoning category until the rest of the property was developed.

Councillor Pat McKenzie asked if it would infringe on Credit Valley Conservation Authority lands.

Mr. Barden replied the problem with the C.V.C.A. had been worked out.

Planning board decided to ask for a report from the planner before making any recommendation.

26 homes proposed by Acton High

Cobblehill Developments plans to build 26 homes on the road leading into the new Acton High School.

John Barden, representing Cobblehill Developments,

termed the plan "an infilling situation". He explained the school site was laid out with a road access off Churchill Road North, running parallel to the westerly boundary of the school property.

Councillor Les Dudy said the basic concern would be the timing, with the extension of the sewage plant the important issue. He said there could be a problem with traffic on the road leading to the high school.

Councillor Pat McKenzie claimed there is a large mound of earth behind the existing homes, and felt it would be an advantage to have "this eyesore" removed. He said the 26 homes are just infilling.

The proposal was turned over to the planning department for a report.

Lost bike?

Guelph O.P.P. would like to hear from any people in their area who have lost or are missing a bicycle.

Hinton was unsuccessful in an attempt to have the evaluation of the new policy moved up to 1979 or 1980.

Hinton was the only trustee to vote against the new policy.

Hinton calls teachers

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out the problem. Lavender said the compromise the committee worked out sets out "rigorous criteria for high school organization."

The settlement calls for the chairmanship system to be dropped but in name only. Many schools have as many as 20 or more heads, minor heads and assistant heads. Following implementation of the new policy schools will be limited to 12 department heads and assistant heads along with a commercial director and a technical director, the same number of teachers as there would have been under chairmanships.

Teachers wanted an evaluation of chairmanship operation in six Halton schools before the old headship system is dropped in the other nine schools. They settled for an evaluation of the new headship system after five years operation, in 1983.

Lavender said the titles head and associate head follow the literal meaning of the provision for school organization set out in the Education Act. There was no provision by name in the Education Act for chairmen.

"But it is a gross misinterpretation if anyone thinks the new heads are conventional heads," Lavender declared. Under the old headship system there was one person in charge of a subject, often with an assistant. The new system will feature heads and associate heads for each of the four areas of study.

The extra money chairmen would have received was to be set by each individual school but heads' wages will be set down in collective agreements.

Department heads will teach much more than chairmen were going to and their duties have been much more clearly spelled out in the new policy.

At the outset of debate the board had to lift from the table a motion put forth by Trustee Don Long earlier this year calling for each school to be allowed to use whatever organization they wanted. Lifting of it passed and Long

withdrew it so the new policy could be discussed.

He said he was pleased the whole issue was now resolved. Long was glad schools could now develop their own organization and added he was pleased school leaders would be teaching more than expected.

Hinton said Long was wrong in thinking schools had an option in what kind of organization they have, noting the new policy would be law in Halton in 1978.

Hinton blasted the new system saying there would be heads who were specialists in only one subject but are in charge of people teaching many related subjects.

Lavender said the number of teachers with specialist certificates totals about 50 per cent of Halton's high school teachers so their isn't much chance a head would be in charge of any subject

taught in a school which didn't have at least one specialist.

"The federation is being gutless," Hinton declared.

He said the board will end up with 50 per cent of its high school teachers specialists "who can't open their mouths." Hinton charged teachers had sacrificed their concerns about quality education. He hoped teachers will hold current federation officials accountable for the compromise. He said the school system could have great administration but if there wasn't quality people in the classroom and a quality curriculum it would all be wasted.

Lavender said he had found during discussions that teachers were very concerned about quality education, adding he didn't find the federation officials in the least bit "gutless."

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