

By-law coming to ban trucks on Fourth Line, 17 Sideroad

Halton Hills councillors took the first step Monday towards banning trucks on the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad. Following two meetings with residents and one with Indusmin officials last month, Halton Hills works committee received a brief from Indusmin at Monday's meeting and then passed a motion directing the solicitor and engineer to prepare a draft by-law to restrict vehicle weights on the two roads.

Residents asked the trucks taking stone out of Indusmin quarry be banned from the road.

Don Murray, Indusmin vice

manager, told the committee 31 per cent of the stone coming out of the Halton Hills mine is trucked on the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad. He reported 29 of the trucks used by Indusmin are local trucks and 54 people, most of whom live in the town, work at the quarry. The firm doesn't own the trucks he added.

He noted the firm paid the town \$36,597.92 in taxes to the town last year and warned it will cost the firm an extra \$150,000 a year in transportation costs if the truck route was moved to 22 Sideroad and Highway 25.

"It is inevitable the in-

creased cost would, in fact, result in a reduction of tonnage produced and shipped from the quarry. In turn, this contraction would result in a direct reduction of total employment at the quarry and would have a parallel effect on purchase of local goods and services by the company," he warned.

Engineer Robert Austin said even if no trucks were allowed on the roads reconstruction will still be required and suggested if council wants trucks banned the town should try a few by-laws and see if the province will approve any of them. He said there is no standard by-law

available to follow in setting road weight restrictions since the Highway Traffic Act was changed.

Councillor George Malby pointed out residents have, over the years, paid as much in taxes to the town as Indusmin. He noted the town just keeps pouring money into maintaining the roads which are being pounded daily by trucks.

Councillor Pat McKenzie warned if the town takes the trucks off 17 Sideroad they will end up going on other roads and other residents will complain.

Austin agreed there isn't any road where residents will

be happy to have trucks. He suggested the roads they should be on are 15 and 22 Sideroads but neither regional road is built to take trucks. On 22 Sideroad the bridge in Limehouse won't take a truck's weight. There is a narrow culvert on 15 Sideroad.

Councillor Peter Pomeroy said it was about time the Region fixed both roads up to serve industrial and commercial needs. Malby observed the County and Region have been looking at the problem since 1972.

Speaking on behalf of residents, Jim Goodlet said the town will have to spend more

than the \$150,000 a different route would cost Indusmin to bring the two roads up to truck standards.

He and committee members agreed it is fair that shipments of gravel going to Halton Hills businesses and residents shouldn't be banned but the town shouldn't be spending money fixing roads so stone can be taken to Mississauga, Oakville, Brampton and Toronto.

Goodlet said even if the only traffic on the road was cars, both roads must still be improved. He thought regional roads should be used by industries.

Malby suggested a by-law be drawn up restricting trucks and loads weighing more than 10,000 pounds per axle from using the two roads.

It was later decided to leave the exact weight restriction up to the engineer and solicitor.

Man to pay cost

A 41-year-old Main Street North man promised to pay for a plate glass window which he smashed last Friday, police say.

The window is part of the door of the Royal Cafe. The man kicked in the window after he was asked to leave the restaurant because of his drunk condition.

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