

Mayor says Regional Council wants to stay in Burlington now

Milton Mayor Don Gordon says the feeling of Halton Regional Council has changed from the 13-11 majority in favor of a new regional building in Oakville, to a 14-10 majority in favor of staying at the present leased regional building in Burlington.

"The general feeling is to keep what we've got," Mayor Gordon said. "Three aldermen from Burlington have publicly changed their minds."

Peter Graydon Lush, the

landlord of the region's present headquarters, has dropped his court action against Halton Region and is concentrating his energy in pushing for an Ontario Municipal Board hearing about the proposed new regional headquarters to be built on land granted through a parkway belt exemption.

"Basically, our position is that we have asked for a discontinuance of the court action on the assumption there will be an OMB hearing,"

Lush said. "My solicitors tell me we have definite grounds for a hearing on a planning basis."

"We simply decided that we don't wish to have two proceedings going on at once," Lush added. "And it appears the OMB hearing offers the best forum for the public to voice its opinions."

The proposed building would be built on a site on Bronte Rd. north of the Queen Elizabeth Way, at an estimated cost of \$2.8 million.

Objections to the building come from three separate parties including Lush, Botterell Warehousing in Oakville (a firm which offered to provide rental for the regional building on Iroquois Shores Rd. in 1973) and a group of Milton area people headed by W. R. Freeman.

"People had assumed there would be an OMB hearing and now want to write letters to make sure there would be," Lush said. "They just asked me to write too."

"It is a calculated gamble, but I'm not interested in running up costs for me or the government," Lush said. "There have been OMB hearings on less important matters."

The three objections have been received by the Hon. Darcy McKeough, Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economic and Intergovernmental Affairs. McKeough will decide this afternoon whether a public hearing is necessary, perhaps by the OMB, to decide the fate of the proposed regional building site.

If the building of the headquarters on the 10 acre site can't begin by tomorrow, July 21, the existing construction contract will become null and void and the architects would be committed to redesigning the building under the \$2.2 million limit originally imposed by council.

"I don't think it was necessary for Mr. Lush to take legal action against Halton because of the proposed building," Mayor Gordon said. "If he didn't do it, I'm sure someone else would have."

Should the Oakville site be scrapped, there is still the Willmott site in Milton available to Halton region—at no cost.

"We've got the land here, we're in the center of Halton region... I'd rather see the regional building in Milton," Mayor Gordon smiled. "The town isn't too far from anywhere in the region and is a natural center. Regional councillors from Halton Hills would really appreciate a move to Milton. They have to travel a 65 mile round trip to Burlington."



HALTON REGIONAL Police identification officer Bill McGrath dusts a flag pole for prints after thieves stole four flags from the top of the 747 Lounge last week.

Senior Citizen booklets here

Senior citizens are entitled to many special privileges. Special admission prices, banking benefits, hotel discounts, restaurant discounts and lower transportation costs are among these advantages.

Terry Grubbe, the coordinator of the Community Services Centre, has obtained copies of two helpful booklets which are now available for any Acton and district senior

citizens who are interested. The copies may be picked up free of charge at her office in the mornings, or from Lorna Clark in the town office during regular business hours.

One booklet is called Ontario Benefits for Senior Citizens and the other is called Where to Use your Senior Citizens' Privilege Card.

All Ontario residents over

65 years of age are entitled to Senior Citizen Privilege Cards. Some of these cards also indicate people who are entitled to Drug Benefits. The booklet tells where to write to obtain a card.

The booklets also tell about social assistance, supplementary aid, homes for the aged, rental housing, nursing home care, satellite home care, homemakers' and nurses' services.

Region's new dev. officer

Halton Region's new industrial development officer started work here last week. Bill Marshall, 39, is to make Halton an attractive place for industry to locate.

His first job is to find out what businesses are already here.

By the middle of autumn Marshall hopes to have promotion material on the regional and also to have established contacts with industries.

In 1969 he joined the New Brunswick Development Corporation, to attract central Canadian industry down east. He made contacts in the U.S. He has an MBA degree in marketing from Michigan State University.



Over 100 attend camp

Some 100 youngsters between the ages of seven and 14 are finishing up their third and final week at the Ukrainian Youth Association Summer Camp on the Fourth Line. Friday is the last day of the first session.

The second three week session begins on Saturday. During the last week of this group, a sports camp is also being held, independent of the second session. Young athletes will be training for a United States track and field meet.

In the regular sessions, children from all over Southern Ontario, and one from as far away as Florida are enjoying arts and crafts, swimming, sports, nature study, singing and special events, according to camp director Taras Dusanowskyj.

Mr. Dusanowskyj is himself no stranger around the camp having been program co-ordinator in previous years. This is first year as director.

Hundreds of people are expected to take part in the annual festival at the camp held August 31. This is the anniversary of two saints introducing Christianity to the Ukraine.

Rural boundary change proposed

Realignment of Milton's rural ward boundaries was proposed by Councillor Russ Powadiuk, during Monday's council meeting. The Ward Three (Nassagaweya) Councillor presented a notice of motion the council will debate at its Aug. 2 meeting.

He offered a choice — one ward containing the north Oakville and Burlington areas, and another containing

only Nassagaweya; or one containing all the rural lands south of Highway 401 except Campbellville, and one containing all the Nassagaweya lands (plus Campbellville) north of 401.

Councillor Gordon Krantz wondered if such a change might bring in more rural councillors. "We have enough problems now," he joked.

Mayor greets mayor

The voice of another mayor, that of Mayor Harry MacConnell, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, filled the council chamber Monday night, when he greeted the mayor of the sister town, Mayor Tom Hill, by telephone.

Mayor MacConnell officially launching the beginning of direct dialling system in P.E.I., chose Mayor Tom Hill for his first call.

The call was a result of the 1st Georgetown Venturers trip to Prince Edward Island, where they presented the Maritime mayor with a plaque from Mayor Tom Hill.

Mayor MacConnell invited the mayor and council to visit the P.E.I. town, and expressed his appreciation to the boys of the 1st Venturers group who canoed to the Canadian Scout Jamboree. Howie Powell, leader of the 1st Venturers presented a plaque to Mayor Hill from the Georgetown P.E.I. mayor and an accompanying letter.

March of Dimes total is up

Mrs. Les Duby, local Ontario March of Dimes Chairman, this week expresses appreciation to the many generous donors who made the 1977 campaign so successful.

Campaign total for Acton and district to date is \$648.00, a significant increase over previous years.

Money raised by the Ontario March of Dimes each year is used "to ease the severity of the problems facing disabled adults", and includes the provision of wheelchairs, respirators, braces and special personal support aids; transportation to and from medical facilities; and the formation of groups of disabled adults to encourage

their participation in their respective Summer camping programs are another service provided by the Ontario March of Dimes for physically disabled adults.

Ontario March of Dimes efforts are specifically directed to physically disabled adults aged 19 and over, whatever the cause of disability: accident, birth defect, stroke, disease or old age.

The Ontario March of Dimes does not duplicate the services of other agencies, government or otherwise. Direct aid in 1976 was provided to 2,176 persons throughout the province. Another 1,600 persons were assisted through programs in the agency's 12 Ability Centres.

Barber-Greene halts work

All manufacturing stopped at Barber-Greene Canada Ltd.'s plant, once one of Milton's largest industries.

A final stage layoff shelved 30 worker's jobs last week. About 25 office staff, service and repair employees remain.

Last month the plant was listed for sale in Toronto. The plant made road-paving and quarrying equipment.

Reduction in the company's operations is due to a lack of work, one company official said.

The plant once employed 150 office and plant employees.

Tenders

Tenders are being called for the removal of the two houses which sit on the site of the future Senior Citizen apartments on Elizabeth Dr.

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