

Town taking long look at names for roads

Halton Hills works committee is going to take a long hard look at Halton Region's proposed names for rural roads.

A special meeting will be held next Tuesday to review the proposed names.

An offshoot of Trafalgar Road would be renamed Hornby Road while Five Sideroad would be Campbellville Road if Region recommendations are accepted.

The Region has suggested 17 Sideroad be renamed Maple Avenue and the Ninth Line be named Mountainview Road from the Wellington Boundary to Steeles Avenue.

Regional Road 23 from Mountainview Road to Peel

would become River Drive and Regional Roads 13 and 23 from Main Street, through Glen Williams to Peel, would become Wildwood Road.

Ashgrove Road would be the new name for 10 Sideroad and Ballinacra Road the name for the Wellington-Halton Hills boundary road. 15 Sideroad would be known as Esquesing Road.

Councillor Pat Patterson sent a letter to the committee Monday objecting to any rural road numbers being replaced by names. He said it would add more confusion along Trafalgar Road which is also known as the Seventh Line and Halton Road Three.

Patterson also pointed out many of the roads which

would now be given names have been known by numbers for as long as 100 years and shouldn't suddenly be changed.

Councillor Peter Pomeroy told the committee Monday night he has received some calls from residents and believes a number of points must be cleared up before the town agrees to any road designation changes.

He said number to name changes must be properly advertised so the public is well aware of changes.

Pomeroy suggested the region study costs which will be incurred by rural businesses when a roads designation is changed from a number to a name. He

thought the changes would be expensive for advertising and correspondence.

He also called for agreements with adjoining municipalities to ensure they agree to any changes also and a proper signing program to go along with changes.

Engineer Robert Austin noted when a road's number is changed to a name it is advertised extensively and people have the opportunity to object before a judge. He said this was done when Halton Road Three officially became Trafalgar Road.

Roads can be renumbered but not named without the courts being involved, Austin explained, adding two renumberings of regional roads was done at the town's request.

A proper regional road signing program is being developed but won't be implemented until a final decision is made on names and numbers.

At Councillor Mike Armstrong's suggestion it was decided works will sit as a subcommittee to review all possible road names in Halton Hills. Former councillor Ernie Sykes will be invited to sit down with the committee to discuss the suggested names and their historical significance since he was involved at the Region in name selections.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said it would be more to the point if the Region spent its time and money fixing up some of its roads instead of coming up with names and new signs. Committee also agreed they won't approve any names until Pomeroy's concerns are cleared up.



CONSTABLE ALEX Fishbein of the Halton Regional Police helps Judy Henstridge fill out the registration form for a new bicycle licence. Const. Fishbein, Const. Tom Roduck and Pop Main volunteered their time on Saturday to sell the licences.

102 bike licences sold on Saturday

It was a record for sales of bike licences this year at the Acton precinct of the Halton Regional Police in the municipal offices.

Organized by Const. Tom Roduck, he along with Const. Alex Fishbein volunteered their off-duty time to spend in the precinct selling licences to those unable to purchase the tags at the municipal offices during regular business hours. Local resident Pop Main also assisted the selling.

Const. Roduck said 102 tags were sold this year, up two from last year. Even after they stopped selling at 4 p.m., people were still coming in. Licence sales have increased in the municipal offices since the special day, reports

Parking . . .

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they have now. Pomeroy also thought the parking place signed as being reserved for the chief should be covered by a by-law.

Mayor Tom Hill said the police asked for three spots in front of their building for cruisers and it isn't for officers' private cars. He rejected Pomeroy's suggestion that cruisers could be parked on John Street since this wouldn't be convenient in the event of an emergency and the cars could be vandalized.

It was noted at the meeting the town never agreed to reserve parking behind the Y building for police.

The whole list of possible parking changes suggested by council several months ago was deferred for further study.

Get OK for planting room for rebuilding

Dilla Printing and Publishing will be able to block off up to 10 parking spaces beside the old Free Press building on Mill Street this summer while it is refurbished, Halton Hills works committee decided Monday.

Ralph Denny and Robert Hart, two trustees of Trinity United Church, brought a request from David Dilla, Dilla Printing and Publishing, regarding use of the town-leased but church-owned parking lot to works committee Monday.

Mr. Hart noted Mr. Dilla has come up with a plan to revitalize his Mill Street building and it will be an asset to both the downtown area and Acton.

He reported Mr. Dilla wants one parking space so he can put in a flower and tree plot to further enhance the appearance of the building. The single parking spot plot will be triangular in shape, Mr. Hart added.

The land owned by Dilla borders directly on the parking lot so he will also need some space for equipment and materials while the

building is fixed up, Mr. Hart told the committee. He said Dilla will need side access to their building for two or three months.

Councillor Peter Pomeroy described both of the firm's requests as "reasonable" especially since they will help facilitate the building's facelift which will be an asset to downtown Acton.

The building owners will be responsible for maintaining the garden but it will remain church property.

Engineer Robert Austin said a guard rail in front of

the lot beside the Dilla building will need to be removed and the town will take it down when requested.

Mr. Hart said the loss of parking spots will be no problem since there is parking which is rarely used behind the church.

Mayor Tom Hill said the town will need proof of liability insurance from Mr. Dilla for the area of the lot used by the company while the building is receiving its facelift.

Austin suggested the parking spots be fenced off with snow fence.

Regional strike looms

Workers could strike tomorrow

Halton Region's Public Works Employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will be in a position to legally strike tomorrow.

Talks have gone to conciliation without any success and mediation is the next step in the process. "That could come anytime but the union hasn't been too receptive to the dates," Regional Personnel Director Dennis Camm said.

Asked about the likelihood of the men going on strike, Camm suggested that would depend on the two sides

finding a compromise.

"That hasn't happened yet, but who knows—when the gun is at your head on the 27th you might change your mind," he said.

In the event of a strike supervisory personnel would handle emergencies and "the rest will have to wait" according to one councillor.

The public works department has responsibility for water and sewer services, sewage plants, pumping stations, regional roads and the operation of landfill sites.

The collection of garbage is the responsibility of the area municipalities.

All three landfill sites in the region are operated by non-union contractors. The effect of a strike on the operation of the landfill sites is open to speculation and conjecture, according to Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid.

Should the strikers picket the landfill sites it would be up to the contractors to decide whether or not they would cross the picket lines, Mr. Reid explained.

Limehouse twinning decision Thurs.-parents continue fight

Limehouse parents are expected to be out in full force at this Thursday's meeting of Halton Board of Education to fight the administration's plan to remove the school's principal and four teachers.

The parents' committee fighting the proposed twinning of Limehouse school and Joseph Gibbons school will be contacting board members right up to meeting time trying to persuade them not to twin the schools. Few observers expect trustees to veto the administration's twinning plans especially since a number of schools in the south have already been twinned despite stiff opposition from their communities.

Meetings were held last Tuesday morning and evening between the parents' committee and board officials Don Gentleman and Frank Dana.

Once again the possibility of an estate home development in north Halton Hills adding to the Limehouse enrolment was discussed at the morning meeting but the board administration still hasn't decided if these new

pupils will go to Limehouse or M. Z. Bennett in Acton.

The parents also learned that even if their enrolment, close to 190 now, grows, the school will still be considered small when compared to other elementary schools in Halton.

At the evening meeting Gentleman said he would try and get the vice-principal possible for the school if it is twinned. Under the twinning plan Limehouse would lose its principal and would get instead a vice-principal who taught class 75 per cent of the time. A part-time teacher would be hired to handle his class the other 25 per cent of the time.

Gentleman said he would try and get the school a full time secretary, which the parents consider essential if there isn't a principal, but couldn't make any promises.

The parents let the board officials know they would expect the Joseph Gibbons' principal, who would be responsible for both schools, to treat them equally and spend half of each day in Limehouse.

There is confusion over how much money will be saved by twinning the two schools. Gentleman suggested \$15,000 a year while the parents countered they had been told in the past it's only \$4,000. The parents want to know exactly how much the board will save twinning Limehouse school. They want cost savings figures for their school only, without other twinning figures for Halton being included.

Gentleman warned the parents if they get to keep their principal two other schools will suffer with overcrowded classes since two teachers will have to be dropped. Further probing by parents revealed the administration may have already done its hiring on the basis of trustees agreeing to twin Limehouse.

Parents found they will lose not only their principal but four teachers also. Two teachers have quit and two are being transferred. The administration hasn't determined yet if the four teachers will be replaced but has agreed the librarian will be shared equally by Gibbons and Limehouse.

Monday, parents met with Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed who is a veteran at fighting the board. Reed led the long grueling battle of Norval residents to keep

Norval school open four years ago. The parents lost in Norval but gained experience and many observers believe with the board changed considerably from four years ago trustees wouldn't close Norval school if it were proposed today.

Reed advised the parents to get on the phone and call trustees repeatedly, pleading their case right up to the time they make their decision.

Parents are hoping the fact a 1974 provincial regulation requires all schools to have a principal may help them in their case although the board may counter that Limehouse isn't a separate school any more but simply a branch of Joseph Gibbons.

The parents' committee hope all parents will meet at the school Thursday night at 7 p.m.

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Optimists near member goal

An Optimists club for Acton is coming nearer reality. At their meeting Monday evening, 92 per cent of the required membership was reached. The meeting was held at Bill Johnson's home.

Dennis Kwasinick, of the sponsoring Milton Optimists club, was a guest of the local men. He told the group about the benefits of this kind of group and its goals. It will be oriented toward community service and youth projects.

Some of the suggested projects are public speaking contests, minor sports teams, bike rodeos; bike safety programs, and projects with respect for the law as their theme.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2 at the Station Hotel. Anyone interested in joining this men's service group is asked to phone Bill Chagnon at 853-3318 or Bill Johnson 853-2596.

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