

Region okays sale jail, court to Milton

Halton Regional Council agreed to offer the old Halton Jail and Court House to the town of Milton for \$80,000. The decision was made at council's meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18.

The only condition council made was that the buildings be kept for their historical significance.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon said if his council agrees to purchase the buildings, he saw no objection to keeping the buildings for their historical significance.

However Milton Councillor James Watson disagreed, saying Milton should pay only \$1 if the region expects the town to maintain the buildings for their historical value.

While Watson felt \$80,000 was too much, several other regional councillors felt it was too low.

Burlington Councillor Ben Ciprietti said he thought \$80,000 was a bargain.

If the buildings were sold at market value, the price would be closer to \$400,000, he said.

The \$400,000 is based on the region's property agent Vince Geraghty's calculations.

Geraghty said the depreciated reproduction cost of the buildings plus the value of the land on which

they are located, would be approximately \$400,000.

Ciprietti said the \$80,000 doesn't reflect fair market value.

Oakville Councillor Carl Eriksen said the \$80,000 means the buildings are "a free gift to the Town of Milton."

Councillor Laurie Mannell of Oakville disagreed, saying the \$80,000 is a "fair" price so long as the buildings are kept for their historical significance.

Eriksen replied the region should get as much as it can for the buildings, in order to help defray the cost of the region's new headquarters building.

"Milton is getting a bargain," he said. "We shouldn't overcharge but we shouldn't give it away."

He favored sending the matter back to the administration department to put a more realistic price tag on the properties.

Burlington Councillor David Coons said he assumed the buildings were being sold for \$80,000 because the matter had been discussed between regional and Milton authorities. Otherwise the \$80,000 is "so much talk."

He was informed a group of seven businessmen had been

interested in purchasing the jail-court house complex with the idea of turning it into a commercial venture. One of the ventures would be a restaurant.

However, the businessmen couldn't afford a \$100,000 price tag, let alone the \$400,000 which Geraghty felt it was worth if used for commercial purposes.

The area in which the buildings are located is now zoned institutional.

Mayor Gordon informed council the new official plan for Milton would designate the area low density residential and it would be zoned R-3.

Discussion on the sale of the jail and court house was sparked by a report prepared by the office of the Chief Administrative Officer E.C. Reid.

The report said, "The Town of Milton and the region have been negotiating the purchase and sale of the court house and jail in Milton based on market value. The property agent estimated the depreciated reproduction cost of the buildings plus land to be approximately \$400,000."

"The market value of a property is based primarily on the use to which the building is put. In this case

there are no uses available to justify the expenditure of \$400,000 and an additional amount of \$200,000 for restoration and renovation."

The report went on to say, "The town responded by saying that the value of the property is in the land and that the land is worth \$27,000 or \$3 per square foot for 28,790 square feet. Subtracted from this is the cost of demolishing the jail portion of the building, estimated at \$12,000."

"The town has agreed to recognize half the cost of demolition as a legitimate factor in arriving at value, thereby raising the purchase price to \$80,000. It is felt that this amount is reasonable and should be accepted," the report said.

Milton Council learned in July the region was considering disposing of the buildings.

Council expressed the opinion it was in favor of taking over and preserving the properties, provided the cost was not prohibitive. The Legion, Senior Citizens Club and Kinmen have expressed an interest in using the complex and Milton Council two weeks ago decided to ask all three groups to submit a formal proposal on the future use of the buildings.

Price tag: \$80,000

Will examine quarries for garbage sites

Further study into the feasibility of using quarries as waste disposal sites was approved at Halton Regional Council Wednesday.

Council gave the go-ahead to the region's planning department to examine all quarries in the region that have the potential of being used for garbage sites. The staff is also to examine the best methods of sealing the quarries to ensure against leaching of contaminants into the water table.

The motion was forwarded by Burlington Councillor Ben Ciprietti, during council's discussion on a motion to preclude further studies on the subject.

Ciprietti said quarries can be prepared as waste sites and can be effectively sealed to prevent leaching.

He referred to a quarry in the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth which is being used as a garbage site.

The region should look into the kind of garbage it wants to dispose and then locate the quarries which are best suitable to accommodate it.

He said to do otherwise would be a passive way of solving the problem.

Although there have been a number of studies done on finding a suitable site for garbage in the region, he said another study was warranted.

Burlington Councillor Tom Sutherland disagreed, saying quarries don't meet Ministry of Environment (MOE) standards.

Because the standards are the same for wet garbage as they are for quarries as they are for dry, quarries can't be used.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon accused Sutherland of "putting the cart before the horse."

He said "We are saying we don't accept the recommendation" as proposed.

Ciprietti went on to say, "The problem is, the province isn't doing anything."

Although the MOE is reviewing its legislation on waste disposal sites, it is up to the region "to initiate action," he said.

Sutherland brought up Site H, the Milton Brick Quarry on the east side of Tremaine Rd. just north of Steeles Ave. but was informed by Gordon it didn't meet criteria for inert waste.

Sutherland said the region should go to the province and reopen the matter of whether or not dry (inert) waste could be put into quarries.

Gordon said the practice of using quarries as waste disposal sites is not unique.

St. Catharines uses an abandoned quarry as a garbage site and scores of cities in the United States do likewise.

He said there are four quarries within the region which are or soon would be suitable as waste disposal sites.

Milton Councillor James Watson disagreed.

He said he supported the recommendation that no further studies be carried out

on whether or not quarries are suitable as waste sites.

Why spend another \$20,000 on a subject when the regional staff feels it has enough information, he asked.

Oakville Councillor Laurie Mannell said quarries and "whole canyons" are used as garbage sites in the United States. He said he couldn't go along with MOE's criteria.

The priority of the region should be to find a quarry and then go to the province and ask what should be done to make it a suitable waste site, he said. "This is not a smokescreen for Site F."

Site F is the proposed waste disposal site for the region. Situated at the corner of Tremaine and Britannia Rds. in southwestern Milton, it meets the MOE's criteria. However, the location has excited the opposition of local ratepayers and other organizations.

Site F has been a question

mark for three years and another meeting with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on the subject is planned in the near future.

Halton Hills Councillor Garnet McKenzie questioned putting garbage into a quarry.

"How do you seal off the floor of the quarry?" he asked. He was informed the floor could be sealed.

Burlington Councillor Jack Raftis supported Ciprietti. He said "I believe our planning staff could do the study."

"We have to do some internal work... then follow it up with the MOE."

Regional Solicitor Dennis Perlin was asked whether the region had enough information on the subject to go before the OMB.

Perlin said the region's consultants on the matter said they had enough information. However, when asked whether quarries

would make suitable waste disposal sites, he said he couldn't comment.

Following Perlin's answers, council defeated the motion to preclude further study on quarries.

Ciprietti forwarded his motions favoring a study which was supported by Raftis.

Although Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson termed the motion "a makework project for the planning staff," the motion was carried.

B & E at Beardmore

Some change and soft drinks were among the loot taken from the Beardmore Tannery last week.

The food dispenser was damaged as well as the pop machine. Ten dollars in change and about \$20 worth of drink was taken.



HALTON COUNTY JAIL is up for grabs. Regional council have given the town the right of first refusal by offering it for a price of \$80,000 provided it and the court house are kept for their historical significance.

Milton's court house--jail costs taxpayers \$16,500

Maintaining the Milton jail and court house is an expense costing \$16,500 annually, Halton Regional Council was informed at its meeting Wednesday.

In a report prepared by Chief Administrative Officer E. C. Reid, the statistics on the Milton municipal core were released.

The court house and jail which are situated at 43 and 43B Brown St. would cost \$147,000 to renovate. Cost of demolition for both buildings would be \$23,400 while if only the jail and the walls are knocked down, cost is estimated at \$13,400.

Mr. Reid said in the report, "The courthouse and jail contain approximately 28,790 square feet, of which the court house facilities occupy 7,170 square feet."

"The jail portion of the building comprises 13,046

square feet with the balance of 8,574 square feet being the exercise yards."

The juvenile and family court building which is otherwise known as the old registry office, is situated at 53 Brown St.

Mr. Reid estimated the renovation costs to be \$3,700. Demolition cost would be \$3,431. Maintenance is \$1,900 a year.

Both the court house-jail complex and the registry office, date from the 19th century and are buildings of historical significance, except for parts of the jail which were added at later dates.

"The old registry office is composed of 2,056 square feet, sitting on approximately 9,900 square feet," Mr. Reid said.

"The regional health unit costs \$10,000 to be maintained each year and has approxi-

mately 20,325 square feet of land.

Mr. Reid said the building has 3,730 square feet on both the ground floor and basement.

The address is 155 King St. Situated at 48 Hugh St. in a house is the Milton detachment of the Halton Regional Police.

Mr. Reid said annual maintenance costs are \$9,400. It has approximately 16,400 square feet of land.

Council agreed to give Milton the right of first refusal on the court house-jail complex for a price of \$80,000, provided it be kept for its historical value and used by the community.

Council also agreed to retain the old registry office for use as office space for the health and social services department.

Inaugural meeting set for Dec. 13

Inaugural of the new council of Halton Regional Council will be Wednesday, Dec. 13, Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid said Tuesday.

Speaking at the meeting of the Health and Social Services Committee meeting, Reid said the date is prescribed by law.

The ceremony will take place at the region's new building near the intersection of Highway 25 and the Queen Elizabeth Way, Oakville.

The first committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for Dec. 19-20, he said.

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