

# Croatian Centre squeaks through

By a one vote margin, Halton Hills planning board voted to go ahead with a bylaw permitting a social, cultural and recreational centre on the 160 acre parcel of land owned by the Croatian Franciscan Custody. The land is located at Winston Churchill Boulevard and Five Side-road.

The close vote could be overturned by Halton Hills council, since Councillors Marilyn Serjeantson and Les Doby were absent, Wednesday night.

K.L. Webster, solicitor for G. Cordoni, W. Bianchi, A. E. Roberts and Stan Donski, said he wanted to deal specifically with the development, with no emotional involvement. He described the proposal as a commercial institutional development of massive size, and said 2,000 to 3,000 people on weekends would be an intrusion on a rural area.

The lawyer claimed the soil was prime farm land development and could deter the expansion of surrounding farm operations. He claimed the

Region of Halton was vehement in stating the centre does not comply with their plan. He said parking for 815 cars would cause dust, and said the application of calcium chloride would take the land out of farming use for ever. He claimed there would be little benefit to the town, except perhaps use of the recreational facilities and said there would be no way of enforcing it.

Webster claimed the dust, noise and traffic did not belong in a rural area. He reminded councillors their function is to encourage the greatest benefits for the greatest number. He concluded by asking the report by the town planning department, which recommended approval, be ignored.

Planner Brian Kropf, to a question by the mayor, said the type of surface on the driveways and parking lot can be established by the town and included in an agreement.

Planner Mario Venditti added that maintenance clauses in the agreement can be enforced by the

town doing the work and charging costs back through taxes.

Councillor George Maltby said he had been told there is a fairly high noise level from the land owned by the Croatian Custody right now, "before they have even developed the area." He pointed out noise carries further in the country.

Kropf said most of the activity would be from mid-morning to early evening on the weekends. He pointed out he had advised the activity areas should be located in a cluster in the centre of the 160 acre parcel so they would not be close to any boundary.

Maltby said the Ukrainian Camp on the Fourth Line has these type facilities well back and there have been no noise complaints.

"I keep hearing the facilities such as tennis courts, volleyball courts, soccer field and swimming pool will be open to the public, how do we know this?" asked Councillor Russ Miller.

Kropf explained the matter has been discus-

sed with the Recreation Director and the owners have agreed to include this in the agreement with the town.

Councillor Roy Booth maintained the proposal was recreation in the true sense of the word. He pointed out there is picnicking going on there now. He said the planner claims it conforms to the Official Plan and said he would like to see controls such as an agreement.

Councillor Harry Levy asked if the proposal does not conform to the Official Plan.

The planner said only some of the uses such as the community hall, and

intensive use athletic field would need an amendment. "The swimming pool, minor parks and the picnic area would not need an amendment."

Levy said he was going to oppose the plan because of the need for retaining farm land and the noise and traffic feature.

Councillor Pat Patterson burst out, "Levy would not give the Interested Citizens' Group a dollar when they wanted to retain prime agricultural land in their battle with Hydro."

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said if he owned a farm

and wanted to put in a soccer field for his own use no one could stop him, nor could they stop him asking anyone he pleased to use it. "I feel there is no way we can stop this group's having large scale activities. He said the Croatians are

here and are neighbors who already own the land, and suggested a high fence for buffering noise as well proper siting of the activity area.

The planners pointed out acoustic studies were (Continued on Page 7)



Lori Vermeulen and Warren Hawthorne were just two of the many young people who took part in the Mug's Hunky disco contest on Saturday evening. Lori and Warren stuck to the more conventional disco while some groups did more bizarre things.

## Economy, unity . . .

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prise. Mr. Black said he thought the post office was a prime example of "cowboy capitalist attitude". He pointed out if the post office was open to private enterprise, rural delivery would suffer. Everyone would be willing to take urban services, but not out in the country. It would be the taxpayers paying for rural delivery. "We have to look at efficiency," he urged. Mr. Ritchie asked how one took away a privilege of mail delivery and the other benefits they have.

Mr. Black blamed the unemployment figures for strikes across the country. He claimed there were less man days lost in strikes than in absenteeism and injuries.

Those working are dissatisfied with the one million unemployed, and strike against this, he said.

Miss Selick said she supported people joining unions, but also felt the employer should be able to hire and fire as he chooses, even if that employee is talking of starting up a union. (Under current laws, an employee who is starting up a union, cannot be let go from his employment.) The government should also support people who go to work during a strike in order to keep the country moving.

Mr. Jelinek challenged Mr. Black's statement about lost man hours. He blamed the radicals like CUPW leaders

for most of the problems.

He has three solutions to the labor problems, he said. He has a private members bill before the House of Commons now suggesting industry-wide bargaining. He explained that instead of dealing with the different departments separately, the entire company should be negotiated at the same time.

Another suggestion Mr. Jelinek gave was to bargain before the contracts were up, rather than wait until a strike could hold up the country. His third suggestion is to have secret ballot voting so individuals would not have to fear the union leaders by voting against their wishes.

He also hinted that until such measures were implemented, the right to strike should be taken away.

Dr. Philbrook said he does "not believe in womping the workers". He admitted the unions have done a lot of good, but some leaders, he said, are now out of line. He is concerned about the dynamite combination of the right to strike and monopolies on certain areas, such as the post office.

He himself has Private Member's bills before the House recommending the final offer system and one recommending secret ballot.

The evening was sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce, with about 100 people attending.

## Officer who shot self gave no sign of strain

by George Evashuk

A Halton region police officer who committed suicide at the grave of his girl friend, herself a suicide a week earlier, gave no signs he was under undue strain, Oakville mayor Harry Barrett, chairman police commission, told reporters Thursday.

Constable Barry MacDonald, 21, of Hamilton joined Halton police in 1976. On April 17, he drove his police cruiser to the Oakville cemetery where his girl friend was buried and fired his service revolver twice into his own chest after firing twice into the ground nearby, according to eye-witness reports.

Constable MacDonald was on his first shift back at work after five days bereavement leave.

Mayor Barrett said an investigation had been

carried out to see if members of the police force had acted properly. "We find no fault with the force."

"We find it very difficult, if not impossible, to know what goes through an individual's mind," Mayor Barrett said. "He was accompanied by another officer on his duties as a compassionate thought."

Mayor Barrett said the police commission did not anticipate any change in policy about fatalities or bereavement.

"We feel no further assistance could have been offered," the mayor said. "...both families have

our deepest sympathy."

Mayor Barrett said all officers are subjected to psychological and psychiatric testing and constable MacDonald's record, "showed he was above average."

If Constable MacDonald had requested help or if a superior officer suggested it, it would have been granted, Mayor Barrett said. "But there was no indication help was requested."

Police Chief Kenneth Skerrett said that in other incidents in the past involving death, family counselling is arranged for. "It's not unknown."

## A MILLION CANADIANS ARE OUT OF WORK

People who are able to work, willing to work and ready to work cannot find jobs. They are losing the dollars and pride which work brings. Canada is losing billions of dollars worth of productive labour.

## A DISGRACEFUL PERFORMANCE

Our official Unemployment statistics reveal the pitiful performance of the Trudeau government. In late 1978, Canada's unemployment rate of 8.4 percent was higher than Italy at 7.5 percent, the U.S. at 6.0 percent, Britain and France at 5.8 percent, Germany at 3.7 percent and Japan at 2.5 percent.

Only the United States compares to Canada in the natural resources available to its citizens. It is a measure of the state to which Trudeau has reduced Canada that one of the strongest countries in the world has one of the weakest employment records.

## TRUDEAU IS SATISFIED

Trudeau has demonstrated his satisfaction with Canada's unemployment situation.

- Last election, Trudeau promised "A job for every Canadian who wants one". Last winter, there were 30 people looking for every available job.
- In 1977, Trudeau said in Toronto "If it's just a job you want, my heart does not bleed for you".
- During the second week of this campaign, Trudeau told an audience in Cape Breton where unemployment is 20 per cent, "Dollars and jobs are not all that important for human beings".
- Last week he said "We have some unemployment but it's not the disaster that the figures are interpreted as being". We will not reduce unemployment until we replace Trudeau with a government which cares.

## GETTING CANADIANS BACK TO WORK IS A PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PRIORITY.

We believe that this can only be done by taking immediate steps to stimulate the private sector. Government make-work programs are not the answer.

## A PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BOOST CONSUMER SPENDING.

Increased consumer spending will create more jobs by making it possible for Canadian industry to produce more goods. To encourage consumer spending, a Progressive Conservative government will:

- Cut personal income taxes for lower and middle income Canadians by at least 2 billion dollars - a 300 dollar saving for the average Canadian.
- Allow partial mortgage interest and property tax deductions from



income tax over a four-year phase-in period. The new homes that people will buy as a result of this measure will create over 100,000 jobs in the construction industry.

## ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT AND EXPANSION

Investment is a crucial factor in job creation and economic expansion. In order to encourage Canadians to supply the capital required to start new businesses and expand existing ones, a PC government will:

- Offer a tax credit to a maximum of 5,000 dollars a year to individuals investing in a Canadian small business.
- Restore an atmosphere of confidence in which all companies are willing to invest in Canada again.

## TAKE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE SPECIFIC AREAS

Encourage foreign car makers to use Canadian parts so as to create more jobs in the independent and Canadian-owned parts industries.

Encourage manufacturing generally. We import enough manufactured goods to provide jobs for 850,000 Canadians. We must produce more at home and we will with a PC government. Canada is one of the few countries in the world which has the ability to supply all of its own energy needs. A Conservative government will ensure that we do so by 1990. This will give us a competitive advantage in the world which will create jobs.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PARTICULARLY HARD HIT BY UNEMPLOYMENT

The unemployment rate for young people is almost double the national unemployment rate. Many Progressive Conservative policies will provide job opportunities to meet the needs of our young people.

- Our commitment to expand research and development activities in Canada will open up thousands of opportunities for our highly educated young adults.
- For Canadian youth with ideas and entrepreneurial drive we will assure that they have access to financial backing from federal lending institutions to set up new businesses.
- We will reorganize and redirect job creation activity to give private employers a real incentive to hire beginners.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MONEY CAN BE BETTER SPENT

Only 1 per cent of unemployment insurance funds are spent to create employment. That doesn't make sense.

- A Progressive Conservative government will redirect unemployment insurance funds to help employers create new and permanent jobs which would give on-site training to unemployed Canadians.

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