

Erin township council

Councillors review year gravel pit licence denied

by Doris Fines
About to commence another year, all the Erin Township councillors and staff at the municipal building in Hillsburgh had a chance to express their ideas and objectives at the December meeting on Wednesday.

Reeve Bert Wheeler said he had attended 191 meetings in the year, and was glad to see the winding up of Glendevon subdivision. Looking forward to next year he hopes to get moving on the update in the zoning by-law. They need a sand dome and some land to place it on, and also the offices need renovating.

Deputy Reeve John Reid also thinks the zoning by-law needs tidying up, and as well, the "Road Needs Study" needs to be updated.

Councillor Jo Schneider thanked everyone for their help, also the press for helping to spread the news around. She complimented the reeve on the good job he has done the past year. She said she is concerned with the planning update, also the CBS and the roads study and zoning update are going to need their full support.

Councillor George Root congratulated the reeve on a job well done, and on his appointment to the roads committee. He said they should economize all they can, that ratepayers aren't prepared to pay more taxes unless it is justified.

Councillor Duncan Armstrong said he had learned a lot in his year in council, but admitted he still has much to learn. He congratulated the reeve and deputy reeve on their work, and said he enjoyed working with them all. Co-operation is best when all work together to get things done, he said.

Clerk administrator Clive Beardwood told council and staff that the longer he was here the better he liked it. He said the township people were easy to get along with. He settled into the village of Hillsburgh and intends to stay there.

Treasurer Bert Berry said they had a good year compared to what they had to go through with the subdivision and other problems. He said it was his most enjoyable year and his assistant had done a marvellous job. Financially, they were out of the red a few months ago, something they haven't had for a long time. Eighty-three

per cent of taxes are in. Total general revenue is \$1,604,017, and business tax \$14,917. Collected to date \$1,333,956, leaving a balance due yet of \$284,978.

Jackie Wagenaar, assistant treasurer, thanked everyone and said she had to start at the bottom like everyone else, but everyone was very helpful.

Road superintendent Ed Barden said he had been busier than in any of the ten years since he started, and they had reconstructed various portions of the roads. Even with the department of highways taking some of the road for 25 Highway, they had gained about a mile of new road in the subdivision. They have a steady work staff of five men, and the road work and repairs keep them busy.

Building inspector and law enforcement officer John Salmon said he had an excellent working relationship with council, and in the coming year he hoped to get the zoning by-law updated. Councillor Jo Schneider remarked John had done a tremendous job.

Agreement presented Ian MacNaughton, with Peter and Tom Lockyer, brought a development agreement to council, which stated that in the event Harry Lockyer is permitted a licence to operate the gravel pit on Lot 20, Concession 8, they will agree to limit the hours of operation and hauling. It will also ensure that removal of aggregate below the water table will be prohibited.

Rehabilitate the site for agriculture purposes, establish a buffer zone of a minimum of 200 feet from the stream, maintain a minimum 100 feet setback along property boundaries, treat the main internal road to maintain dust control, ensure that all trucks hauling material are tarped, and to ensure that all equipment operated by motors will be equipped with muffling devices.

Mr. MacKenzie, a neighbour, and Mrs. Jean Heatherington on behalf of Mr. Spratt, were present to oppose licensing of the pit. Council still maintained their position in objecting to the opening of another pit when seven are already in operation in the township, although they said it wasn't the number of pits open they

objected to, but the amount of aggregate going out.

The Lockyers argued the gravel is there, it is needed, and they want to do it in an orderly fashion. They said they wanted to get gravel out and reclaim the land to agriculture because it will be taken out sometime.

Schneider said "Sometime, is the key word. Sometime the gravel is going to be used, and we want to pick the time." The application by-law as amended, was denied by council.

Mr. Don Lavery of R. J. Burnside Associates, brought the plan of the Armstrong subdivision, in which had been incorporated the requirements of the drainage study, and to make extra width on the turning circles for snow plowing. The plan is to take it off the front and add it on the back of the properties. But Mr. Lavery said they are stalled. They still want residential and didn't think Toronto understood what they really wanted. The clerk was instructed to write and explain the situation.

Mr. Federeau of Pine River Camp Inc. approached council about establishing a small children's camp on his property, Lot 30 Concession 2. This camp would house 25 to 30 children for six weeks in July and August. A delegation of neighbours were present to oppose the camp. Mr. Federeau was informed he would have to apply for a zone change. If it was granted, then the adjoining neighbours would be duly informed of his intentions.

John Salmon is working on a proposal to the amendment to the building by-law, and brought copies for council members to look it over and state their views at the next meeting.

From now on anything going to the board has to be in metric.

The auditors have suggested they do not wish taxes to be paid at the banks in future. They are sometimes a month late in getting turned in, and in some cases the printing is illegible, making it difficult to decipher.

Council authorized the road superintendent to join the two driveways of Grieves and Turner, Lots 23 and 24 on Douglas Crescent, by a culvert and fill it in. The two driveways are on a grade, with the culverts fairly close and a deep ditch between.

Council adjourned to meet again Dec. 17, at 1 p.m.

Police set up bureaus

A Halton Regional Police officer, who took part in many Georgetown and area investigations was recently made head of the new Crime Prevention Bureau. Two other bureaus have also been created.

Sgt. Wayne Jessop, 38, is in charge of the bureau which is to develop and put into action programs



Wayne Jessop

Two comedies at high school

Acton high drama club will be staging a return to the "good old days," two nights this week. Good entertainment at old fashioned prices.

The club has been working since late October under an intensive rehearsal schedule in preparation for opening night of the two-act comedies. The club will make their debut Thursday evening, with a second performance planned for Friday evening.

The first play of the evening is called Adaptation. The play centres around a man playing a game known as the Super Security Square. As the game progresses it becomes evident the game is really the sequel of events in his life. Geoff Sansom is the director of Adaptation.

The second feature of the evening is a comedy entitled "Not Enough Rope." Art Department teacher Susie Beber will be directing the play.

Once the plays have been performed at Acton high the club hopes to travel to other schools to perform.

Doors open for the Thursday and Friday performances at 7.30 with the curtain rising at 8 p.m. Adult tickets are \$2, students with a student card \$1.50, children 75 and senior citizens are admitted free.

which are to educate the public and help with the recovery and identification of stolen goods.

Sgt. Jessop has worked the youth and criminal investigation bureaus after working in the uniform division. Originally he was a member of the Georgetown police force.

Halton Regional Police have also manned its complaints bureau with a permanent officer and also started a public relations bureau.

Sgt. John Van Der Leslie has been put in charge of the complaints bureau. The bureau will investigate and resolve citizens complaints and internal problems. The responsibility includes criminal charges against officers.

Sgt. Norm Ryall is in charge of the new public relations bureau. Sgt. Ryall, 37, has served in the Georgetown area before being promoted. Sgt. Ryall has many responsibilities which include keeping newspapers informed and helping students with school projects on police.

Back Hydro rates

Halton Hills council endorsed a resolution passed by North York seeking the end of direct sales of power to large industrial users at a cheaper rate than paid by municipalities.

The brief presented by North York council to North York Hydro will be studied by the newly formed Halton Hills Hydro Commission.

The North York brief apposed special treatment for large users claiming the extra burden could increase costs to remaining customers.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said he did not know too much about it, but understood Ontario Hydro sells direct to large industries at a lower rate than municipalities and feels it is unfair.

Councillor Harry Levy agreed with Councillor Mike Armstrong's suggestion that the resolution be endorsed as well as the brief sent to the Halton Hills Commission for study. "If outsiders can buy power cheaper than North York maybe we are in the same position so let's back North York."



Jeff Goebel takes a fall in the game of life while school sweetheart and wife, played by Tanya Mokrytki looks on. The action is all part of the high school drama club comedies at the school Thursday and Friday evening.

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