

Mayor Pomeroy says

Municipal complex issue not kept quiet until after election

There's "no particular reason" why the subject of Halton Hills possible purchase on land on Maple Ave. in Georgetown for a possible future municipal complex wasn't raised before the recent municipal election, Mayor Peter Pomeroy says.

In an interview last Tuesday (November 23) Pomeroy said council had to put a hold on the property now. The new council will make the final decision on purchase of the site and will be able to "look at it and understand it" before closing time in January. Council can still reject the purchase and will be out only the \$10,000 non-refundable deposit, he said.

Pomeroy said he "believes" it was in July that Bob Nicholl of Longmore Developments Ltd. came to council in-camera and said of four sites he studied the Stevens' Estate was the best.

After looking at servicing of the property with water and sewers, soil testing and a land survey, he returned for another behind closed doors meeting with council in August, the Mayor said.

Since then, Pomeroy said negotiations have continued. He said he "assumes" Nicholl has continued negotiating for the purchase of the property on the Town's behalf since the November 8 election.

The subject was made public on November 22

because council had to pass a bylaw to spend the \$10,000 for the deposit from the reserve fund. A bylaw must be passed in public so it was decided to make a public presentation on the matter at that time.

Pomeroy said he "supposed" if negotiations could have been rushed the matter could have been brought to council before the November 8 election.

However, he said "as far as I am concerned" the issue wasn't kept quiet until the election was over. He allowed the timing may look bad to some people, and he wasn't surprised to be asked about the timing, he expected it.

Over the past week numerous readers have asked staff of this newspaper about the timing of council's decision to put down the deposit and asked why the issue wasn't brought out before the election.

The Stevens' Estate, nearly 30 acres in size, is technically in Esqueping, though the present Georgetown urban boundary is just a stone's throw away. When the Georgetown urban boundary is expanded later this year to allow servicing with water and sewers of lands around the community, the Stevens' Estate will then be within the urban boundaries of Georgetown.



Mary Margaret Dickinson and Ann Donstas admire a quilt which was raffled off at the St. Joseph's Christmas bazaar.

Doberthien...

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passing. Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, who arranged for Doberthien to take his views to Snow in a face-to-face meeting earlier this year, thanked the minister, noting the measures were a "good thing".

In a letter to Doberthien Reed stated "I think this statement must be seen as a tribute to all of your efforts over the past year or so. I am proud to be associated in a small way with this success."

Doberthien says he is delighted with Snow's actions, adding "he did exactly what I wanted." He admitted he expected the government would bring in licence plates for the disabled, but the government's measures have gone much further.

Doberthien said Snow's statement "addresses the whole situation beautifully." He doesn't plan on making any presentations to Halton Hills and Halton Region councils urging they adopt the province's new model bylaw, from the support he received for his campaign from councillors and their many comments to him on the issue he expects they'll move quickly to adopt the legislation.

His crusade got underway after he had an unpleasant experience as a handicapped driver (Doberthien has one artificial leg) trying to park close to the gate at the 1981 CNE.

Soon he was writing letters to government ministers and bureaucrats in Ottawa and Queen's Park urging that all major attractions in Ontario be required to provide disabled parking and called for a disabled licence plate so police and security people could keep non-disabled persons from parking in handicapped places.

As part of his campaign he did a lot of research into what is done elsewhere in Canada and outside the country to aid handicapped drivers.

Reed, at a meeting at the ward one councillors drop-in in the fall of 1981, pledged to take Doberthien's campaign to Queen's Park and eventually arranged a very successful personal meeting with Snow, who followed through on his promise to put his ministry staff on Doberthien's recommendations right away.

Fire destroys Preston home

A Ballinacree family of three is homeless after fire swept through their home causing between \$60-\$70,000 damage Monday morning.

Halton Hills Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde said the fire started in the basement of the home of William Preston around 10:20 a.m. and quickly spread throughout the house. Firefighters were on the scene for several hours.

Fire Marshal Don Reeds was called to the scene because of suspicions of how the blaze started, according to Guelph OPP spokesman Jack Findlater. However, after careful investigation, arson was ruled out, even though a cause was not determined, police say. OPP set the damage at \$50,000.

The house at Lot 5, Concession 77, Erin Township (R.R. 1 Georgetown) had been unoccupied since 8:30 a.m. the day of the fire, Hyde said.

Hyde does not know where the family is staying.

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Permit value half '81

Until the end of October this year, the total value of building permits issued was half that of 1981. The \$2 total in the first ten months of this year is \$4.9 million, compared to \$9.6 million last year.

The slump in housing—with only 19 permits issued compared to 105 in '81—is mainly responsible. Housing permits are down from \$5.5 million to \$1.92 million.

Repairs and alterations to homes is still popular with home owners, with 230 permits this year and 223 last year.

But the value of commercial permits is up almost double this year with 26 permits totalling \$220,000 compared to 30 permits totalling \$461,000 last year.

A \$40,000 addition to the Brewer's Warehouse in Georgetown was the only commercial permit issued in October.

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Inaugural meeting gala event

Over 200 people are expected to attend the Halton Hills Council Inaugural Meeting next Monday evening at the Library, Arts and Cultural Centre in Georgetown.

Judge Kenneth Langdon will be swearing in the newly-elected councillors, and mayor Peter Pomeroy is expected to give an address. Councillors will be piped into the Theatre State area.

While the actual evening is a regular council meeting, Pomeroy says nothing else is on the agenda that evening and councillors and invited guests will retire to a private reception for the balance of the evening.

Each councillor is allowed to invite 14 people, other than their immediate family.

The final clause of the agreement says the Town and Longmore "agree to negotiate in good faith with respect to entering into an agreement for the design and construction by Longmore, or its associated company Longmore Construction Managers and Engineers Ltd. of a new municipal administration centre."

Mayor Peter Pomeroy couldn't be reached for comment on this matter Monday or Tuesday.

Alberta man killed

One man is dead and two others in hospital with major injuries following a two car crash Friday afternoon near Rockwood.

Glen West, 66, of RR2 Carstairs, Alberta, died instantly when a car in which he was a passenger crossed the road and slammed into another vehicle, Guelph OPP say.

Police report a car driven by William Pettitt, 28, of Rockwood, was eastbound on Highway 7, as a car driven by Florence West, 50 of Alberta was west bound. A third car was turning left onto the Eden Mills road. Mrs. West braked and lost control on the snow-covered road. Police say she went past the turning vehicle, crossed the road into the path of the Pettitt vehicle which hit the West car on the passenger's side, where Mr. West was sitting.

Pettitt sustained a cracked knee cap, and Mrs. West a broken pelvis. The Pettitt vehicle received approximately \$3,000 in damages, and the West vehicle \$5,000. No charges were laid.

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