

# NEC orders removal of trailer at Twin Lakes

The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) has ordered International Peace Camp (IPC) to remove a construction trailer from the old Twin Lakes property by May 30 or face possible legal action.

Last week while discussing the IPC plan to develop its 240 acres between the Town Line and Highway 25 south of Speyside, Halton Hills councillors urged the trailer be removed from the land.

After discovering the trailer had been put there without any permit, the NEC ordered the organizers of the new multi-ethnic recreation and cultural centre to either remove it or apply for a permit, PIC applied for the permit.

Councillors suggested the trailer be removed until the Town and other government agencies can comment to the NEC on the entire proposal. Halton's representative on the NEC, Councillor Dave Whiting, took the trailer issue to Thursday's NEC meeting and won approval for an order demanding its removal. He noted if the trailer isn't removed by May 30, then NEC can deal with the contravention on June 2. The IPC is being told by the NEC that its trailer application won't be dealt with until the entire development is considered.

The NEC is still awaiting further legal advice on their planners' contention that IPC can't hold regular weekend picnics on the property without development permits because with possible crowds 1,500 to 2,000, cars parking on the land, possibly entertainers performing, people cooking etc. that would be a new land use. NEC planners don't want to see regular picnics, though they did give verbal approval for one picnic in June, until

the issues surrounding complete development of the property are settled.

In their development proposal submitted to the NEC, IPC has said the existing entrance road off the Town Line will be the main access while the internal road on the east side leading from the end of St. Helena's Rd. will be a secondary access. There will also be a second entrance off the Town Line just north of the present entrance.

A control station or gate house, about 107 square feet, will be built back from the Town Line. This wooden building will have telephone and hydro service.

In the second phase of development of the IPC facilities they plan to build a trailer sewage dumping station. This holding tank made out of fiberglass will have a capacity of 5,000 litres.

The IPC plans to build a maintenance storage area and security person's residence on the property, the building will be over 1,290 square feet. The residence will be masonry construction and the adjacent area for maintenance either wood or masonry. There will be a washroom in the building. This would be built south-east of the entrance.

Plans call for a trailer campground area with 75 to 100 back-in, pull-through single and double sites. A gravel road will provide access from this campground to washrooms and a wading pool. This campground would be in the south-west area of the property.

There will be another campground with 100 to 130 sites, including 50 multiple units allowing for three or four cars each. This camping area would be on the east side of the property.

In addition another area towards the south-east part of the property will offer 75 walk-in tent camp sites, each having a picnic table and a fire pit over gravel. Most of these sites will be in treed areas.

In the area of the trailer camping there will be washrooms for men and women, each building being about 386 square feet, with pump-out waste disposal tanks. Water will come from wells dug in the vicinity.

In the future plans also call for a child's playground with timber play equipment. Also the wading pool, with capacity for 50 people, will be built in the future.

A community centre complex covering about one-and-a-quarter acres or 53,919.55 square feet will be built on the site. It's to have the appearance of a rural barn and be made of concrete and steel with wood facing. Included in the building will be a kitchen, washrooms, shops, banquet halls, and this building will serve as a facility for conventions, banquets, cultural displays and exhibits.

Most of the activities in this building will take place on weekends, with some events during the week.

Near the community building will be an amphitheatre with a capacity of about 1,000 people. It will be built to allow for an outdoor continuation of community centre activities, speeches, cultural displays, folk singing, etc. The building and amphitheatre would be just west of the centre of the site.

A regulation soccer field will be built on the north-west side of the property near the Town Line and berming and planting screens will buffer the field as well as create a seating area for spectators. There

won't be any lighting or loud speakers used in this area. Also in the field area will be a hard surfaced badminton and volleyball court. A new concrete swimming pool will have a capacity for about 300 people. Playground and washroom facilities in the sports and recreation areas will be much the same as in the campgrounds.

Two parking lots accommodating 150 to 200 cars are planned and these may be paved in the future.

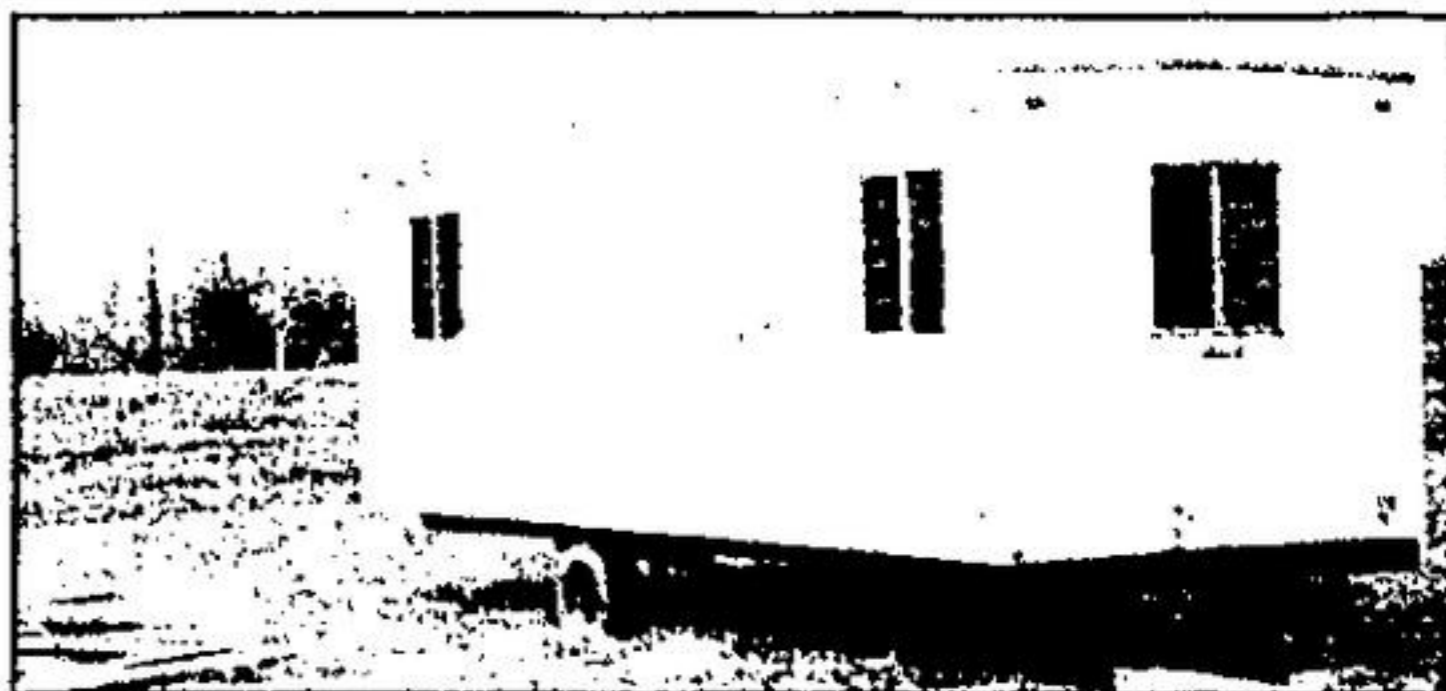
Eventually there will be 75 to 100 picnic sites about the centre of the property, "but for the initial stage" the property will "accommodate only undeveloped one (picnic sites) with random site selections." There is no indication in the IPC report to the NEC of how many people would be able to use each picnic site, but there will be a table for each and one fire pit per site. There would be a parking lot for about 200 cars.

Plans call for a one kilometer long fitness trail with "intermediate exercise stations." There will also be a number of nature trails on the property.

There are tennis courts on the property left over from the Twin Lakes days, but they will have to be repaired. Over the foundation of the old building on the site will be built a snack bar about 429 square feet out of masonry. There will also be a deck on the building.

Washrooms in the tennis court-snack bar area will be built over existing septic tanks and be about the same as those in other areas of the park.

In the future the IPC hopes to have water activities like paddle boats and canoes in use on the ponds. They want to eventually build small docks, boardwalks and storage



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areas for the water equipment. In this area there will be another parking lot for 75 to 100 cars.

Including all camping areas and parking lots it would appear there will be parking for 550 to 775 cars on the site.

Phase one of the site development will include fencing of the property, the trailer campground, snack bar, some of the parking facilities, walking paths, fixing up the internal roads, building the gate house, securing water and hydro services for the site.

Within a year of completion of phase one they plan to start on phase two which will involve building the soccer field and play court areas near the Town Line, the camping dumping station, and development of the group camping area. Also in phase two they hope to build the maintenance and watchperson's house. During phase two more walking paths will be built, as well as the fitness course and exercise stations. The present tennis courts

would be refurbished during phase two.

Development of the wading pools, swimming pool, and water activities on the ponds will be included in phase three, due to start when economically viable. Playgrounds at various locations would also be built during phase three. The amphitheatre is expected to be built during phase three and be completed before the community centre is finished.

The conclusion of their submission to the NEC says "Upon completion of all phases of this development, visitors to the International Peace Camp will be offered unlimited ways to spend their hours and days. A rather unique quality to campgrounds will be that this camp will offer a wide range of activities at different intensity levels of participation. The International Peace Camp can be a lively and exciting place or it can provide tranquillity and relaxation."

"Most of the acres in this site will remain in their beautiful natural state."

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The McKenzie-Smith band was a feature at the school's variety night on Thursday. There's a story on the show and more photos on page 3.

## Hydro phasing out Acton billing office

Personal hydro bill paying service will end in Acton at the start of September.

By the end of August electricity customers won't be able to pay their bills in cash at the Acton works yard or operations building of Halton Hills Hydro on Alice St.

Starting June 1 there won't be anyone in the office who can handle questions or complaints about bills because the computer screen is being moved to Georgetown.

Beginning next September electrical bill stubs won't be stamped paid at Acton.

After August 31 people paying their bills by cash will either have to drive down to the Halton Hills Hydro administration building in Georgetown or take the bill to a local bank.

Also beginning in September people paying by cheque will place their bill stub and cheque in an envelope which comes with the bill and either put it in a basket on the counter at the Alice St. building or through the letter slot. Of course people can also mail their payment to Georgetown or drive it down there.

Hydro Commission chairman Bill Smith revealed these and other new arrangements in an interview this week.

In a subsequent interview Acton commissioner Doug Mason said with no cashier in the office after the end of the summer, in his view it means our "billing office has been closed."

Mason said he isn't in favor of the new arrangements, he thinks the present system should be maintained, and he wants the matter reconsidered by Hydro Commission.

The decision to bring in the new billing arrangements for Acton was made at a recent Hydro Commission meeting when staff brought in recommendations dealing with hiring of four summer students and a switchboard operator.

Mason noted only four commissioners were present at the meeting; himself, Smith, Murt Allison who represents Esques-

ing and Ab Tennant from Georgetown. Mayor Peter Pomeroy was absent and Mason feels the commission should discuss the changes again and take a vote with all five members present.

Next week staffer Marge Loutlet and a computer terminal screen which has been linked to the administrative building in Georgetown are being moved down there from the Acton office.

For June, July and August, a phase-in period for the new system, a student will be in the Acton office accepting cash and cheque bill payments, and stamping bill stubs as receipts.

After August cancelled cheques will become customers' only receipts.

Without the computer terminal screen in the office the students won't be able to answer billing questions and complaints. Smith noted most people with complaints or ques-

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## Police surround house after couple threatened

A dramatic police operation in the Cameron St. area ended quietly early last Thursday morning with the arrest of Edward Cole, 57, of 22 Cameron St. It was not a hostage taking as widely rumored around town.

Halton Regional Police say Cole, his wife, and a family friend were at the Cole residence at 6 p.m. Wednesday when a rifle was pointed at the wife and the friend, who both fled the scene. They called police about 9 p.m.

Residents on the street were quietly evacuated, and those refusing to leave their homes were assigned a police officer who stayed with them until the incident was over, about 12:30 Thursday morning.

Mill St. W., between Victoria Ave. and

Wright St. was blocked off to traffic by police, who escorted anyone home who lived in the barricaded area. These residents were asked not to leave their homes.

The Halton Regional Police Tactical and Rescue Unit (TRU) arrived on the scene shortly after the call came in and set up a trailer in the Acton Legion parking lot, behind the house. The six man team surrounded the house, according to Police Inspector Wayne Jessop, prepared to "wait it out."

Jessop admitted there was no communication with the suspect as there was no telephone in the house.

Attempts to get the suspect to leave the residence failed, as police shouted to the

man through a bull horn. At least three attempts were made at communication, Jessop said, over a 15 minute period. The Inspector suspects the man may have been asleep and may have been intoxicated.

About midnight, a very loud firecracker, sounding much like a gun shot, exploded over the Cameron St. house, "to get his attention," Jessop pointed out. No actual shots were fired by police, or the suspect, he said.

Shortly after, the man was arrested, and a 22 calibre rifle seized, Jessop said. No injuries resulted from the incident.

Cole is charged with pointing a firearm and dangerous use of a firearm.

Cole was denied bail at a hearing in Milton Provincial Court the following day. He appears again tomorrow (Thursday).



Ted Tyler is this year's Acton Citizen of the Year, the 26th recipient of the prestigious award.

## Ted Tyler is Citizen of Year

Acton businessman Ted Tyler has been named the 26th Citizen of the Year, by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Doug Fread, of the Chamber explained that Tyler received the honor because of his persistence in carrying through efforts to save the Town Hall and for tireless efforts on Actario.

Fread also pointed out this year's recipient also does many other "little things" for people around town which no one hears about.

Numerous ballots nominating Tyler had glowing comments about him, such as he gives his all to any task; he has contributed a lot to the promotion of Acton through the town hall and Actario, and he has done many things for the good of Acton. This is

indicative in his past history in community involvement, such as past presidents of the Curling Club and the Acton Citizens' Band. He also was chairman of the Acton Industrial Commission, which attracted many businesses to town, such as Commercial Shearing. Tyler was also a town councillor in the early 70s, but was defeated by his own school principal, Pat McKenzie.

"I think there are a lot of people more deserving," Tyler told the Free Press. "There are a lot of volunteers in town who are not as visible as myself, and I am surprised one of them did not get it."

Tyler will be honored at a special banquet in the near future. As yet, no date has been set. He is the owner-operator of Tyler Transport and Tyler Travel.



Four citizens were honored last Wednesday night in Milton at the Bayrischer Hof Restaurant in Milton for helping the Halton Regional Police in Acton last year. Centre is Gary Hyde of Kington Rd. who on March 12 assisted a police officer who was having difficulty restraining a suspect on Mill St. By coming to the officer's assistance, Hyde enabled the policeman to apprehend the suspect without anyone being hurt. Another man, Fred Dunn, who declined to have his photograph taken, assisted police in solving the Cambellville bank robbery case. Few details about this matter can be released at this time since it is still before the courts, police said. Wayne Clause of Hamilton and Reg Landriault of Acton, left and right, were again honored for helping two policemen confronted with a crowd of "hostile" youths on the corner of Main and Mill streets on June 26.

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