



Halton Regional Police officer Tom Roduck and Yugoslav Centre Canada/Yugoslav Days organizer Nick Cajic check a noise monitoring device on the grounds on Sunday to insure excessive noise was not bothering the neighbors.

Yugoslav Centre noise "tolerable"

Noise from the Yugoslav Centre on Highway 25 was greatly reduced Sunday from past years' celebrations of Canada Yugoslav Days, according to residents of the area and Halton Hills Bylaw Enforcement Officer Jack Lusty.

Loud music and shouting has been a problem every summer weekend for Third Line neighbors since the centre opened three years ago. Last summer police were called regularly to the site until charges were laid last summer. Yugoslav organizers were found guilty of infraction of the noise bylaw.

This year, according to Yugoslavian spokesman Ned Orbovic great attempts were made to keep the noise down. Two off-duty policemen were hired by the day's committee to check the noise and make sure the peace was kept among the picnickers, and a device which monitors noise levels was frequently checked. At one point during the day one of the police officers went to the Third Line to register the decibels with the

machine, and was satisfied with the results. Only two speakers were used by the band, and when requested by the officers, they were turned down.

Band members and a committee representative signed an agreement to keep the noise down to "proper noise levels" as set out by Lusty.

The committee viewed their position as an "obligation... to prevent excessive noise". Jim and Gwen Johnson, of the Third Line admitted the noise from Sunday's party was "no comparison to last year" and felt the Yugoslavian representatives were "making progress from three years ago" in curtailing the loud music.

It was mainly music filtering through to their property they pointed out with the loudness depending on the wind.

Neighbors in the area had agreed to go along with this one weekend without complaining to see how the situation was handled. They appreciate the fact the weekend

events have been cut back to once a month from the previous weekly parties.

"Today is an indication they are trying to keep the noise down", Mrs. Johnson said. "The situation is tolerable."

Mr. Johnson credits Halton Hills Council perseverance with the relatively quiet Sunday. "Council has made a real effort to try to solve the problem."

They first heard the music about 1 p.m. Farther up the road, Barbara Ritchie said the music did not bother them, but they could hear it a bit. Her daughter, she said, could hear the music at 6 a.m. and Mrs. Ritchie felt that was a little early to begin.

Mildred and Bill McArthur were disturbed by the music all day. The noise began about noon and kept stopping and starting all day.

"If we went and played some music they do not like they would not like it." His wife pointed out other Yugoslavians up north go

back into the bush with their loud music so they don't disturb anyone.

By law enforcement officer Jack Lusty, said he attended the site twice during the day, and "did not see any cause for concern." The two policemen hired at the expense of the Yugoslavs were controlling the situation, and he witnessed no rowdiness or hollering.

Lusty said he could hear nothing when he went to the Third Line to check the noise, and pointed out no official complaints had been made to him.

"They (the Yugoslavs) appear to have made considerable effort to keep the noise down," Lusty said.

The Yugoslavian ambassador to Canada Krsto Bulajic was on hand to welcome the partiers, and Nedeljko Bilic, a famous singer from Yugoslavia was among the entertainers.

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Firefighter Peter Turkosz is taken away by ambulance attendants with smoke inhalation. He was treated and released at Georgetown hospital. For more pictures see Page 3.

\$100,000 blaze

Six firefighters taken to hospital

Six firefighters were rushed to Georgetown hospital Sunday evening and two families left homeless during Acton's "hardest" fire in almost four years.

Halton Hills fire chief Bill Cunningham admitted he did not know if the building which houses Thomas' Home Video, Smithson Distributing and two apartments could be rebuilt. He estimates total damage at \$100,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation and it could be some time before it is completed. The building is located at the corner of Mill and Willow Streets.

Grant Withers, 46, of 39 John St., was the most seriously injured after he fell from a ladder and suffered head injuries. He received stitches to his head at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and is now under the care of Dr. David Van Der Bent. Cunningham pointed out had Withers' fall not been broken by firefighter Doug Hewitt who was also on the ladder, he could have been more badly hurt.

Withers was on his way down the ladder to get a new air pack. He had run out of air and took the mask off to get some fresh air, when he "got a mouth full of smoke." He lost his grip on the rungs and fell, falling into Hewitt on his way down.

Peter Turkosz, 21, of 43 Willow St. had been at the peak of the roof just before he returned to the ground and collapsed from heat exhaustion. He was unable to go into work that night, Cunningham said.

Brent Marshall, 32, of 134 Longfield Rd. had been fighting the fire on the first floor. He came out of the building and collapsed, also from heat exhaustion, as did Doug Ferguson, 31. Cunningham explained that Ferguson had also been on the first floor when his air supply ran short. He went outside to get a fresh pack, but on his way back in he felt sick and collapsed.

Peter Luty, 22, of 222 McDonald Blvd. suffered from smoke inhalation after he took his mask off when the air pack ran out while he was way down from the roof. He "got a stomach full of smoke" on the way down, but managed to get to the ground before collapsing.

Alan Stennett, 20, of 1 John St. Georgetown, was "out cold" when he also was overcome by smoke after taking his mask off when his air pack ran off. He was also working on the roof but managed to get down.

All men were treated and released at Georgetown hospital, and many returned to the fire scene to help out.

Cunningham said the tremendous heat and humidity of the day and the heat of the fire contributed to the conditions of the men. He pointed out the men were breathing heavy, working hard and sweating, using up the air in their packs faster than normal.

Usually the men have five minutes notice they are going to run out of air, but because of the conditions and the heat, their reserve supply was running out in two or three minutes.

Cunningham also noted the heavy coats and gear designed to protect the men against heat and flames was working against them, not allowing their body heat to escape.

According to the chief, owner of the two businesses David Watson and an employee Mike McAuliffe had closed the store at 6 p.m. At 6:14 p.m., McAuliffe who was standing outside waiting for a ride, noticed smoke coming out from the signs on the building on the Willow St. side of the building, about halfway down. He looked up and saw smoke coming from the eaves also and called the fire department.

Cunningham said McAuliffe attempted to get up the stairwell to see if anyone was in the apartments above, but was forced back at the fourth step by the smoke and heat.

"This shows the rapid spread of the fire in less than 14 minutes," the fire chief said.

The fire started in the west wall in Thomas' Home Video area, Cunningham said, and spread very rapidly due to the construction of the building. With no fire walls the flames were able to run vertically up the west and east walls and horizontally across the ceiling between the first and second floors.

Most of the fire damage was to the second floor area, with the apartment to the south, and the roof receiving extensive damage.

Local fire officials, Halton Regional Police, the Ontario Fire Marshal's office and an inspector from Ontario Hydro were on the site all day Monday and certain samples of items have been sent to the Centre for Forensic Science. Even though they do not know the cause at this time, Cunningham noted the fire did not originate in a machine contrary to rumor. No equipment was plugged in at the time of the blaze.

Jeff Ellacott occupied Apt. A and Glen Towler in Apt. B. Cunningham noted a considerable amount of cash was in one of (Continued on Page 13)

NEC plan

\$25 million for park land

The final Niagara Escarpment Commission plan calls for the creation of 125 parks strung along the 450 mile long Niagara Escarpment stretching from Queenston to Tobermory.

The majority of the parks listed are owned by the Ministry of Natural Resources or local conservation authorities, but the report calls for the establishment of a \$25 million fund to be administered by the Niagara Escarpment Trust to finance the acquisition of the remaining 25 per cent of the land, now in private ownership.

The NEC plan lists Terra Cotta Conservation Area, Silver Creek Conservation Area, Hilton Falls, Crawford Lake-Rattlesnake Point, Bronte Creek Valley, Mount Nemo, Forks of the Credit, and Lake Madag as land suitable for inclusion in the Niagara Escarpment Parks System. All are now publicly owned.

But Commission chairman Ivor McMullin rejected expropriation as a method of acquiring the land, and stressed the report recommends the buying of land from willing landowners. He added it could take 20 to 25 years to obtain the land.

The overall park system covering 40,420 hectares, (101,050 acres) will consist of 30,230 hectares, (75,580 acres) now in public ownership and 10,190 hectares, (25,470 acres) to be acquired.

The massive study that took 10 years and cost \$10 million resulted in the final plan, which must be approved by the provincial cabinet.

The Bruce Trail, termed an essential part of the parks system, will continue to be an important part of the NEC plan, with agreements reached with landowners either by easement, purchase of trail strips or other arrangements, preferably at the borders of properties.

Pits and quarries

In the Escarpment Natural Area, the most sensitive, and the Escarpment Protection Area, immediately adjacent, no new pits or quarries will be permitted except wayside pits. Limited expansion of small existing sandstone quarries may be allowed.

In the Escarpment Rural Area, farthest from the actual escarpment, new mineral resource areas may be designated.

These recommendations reject the

hearing officers submission, which stated the Ministry of Natural Resources' high priority mineral aggregate resource area be included in the plan. However, the Commission has provided, for information purposes only, a map showing high potential mineral areas.

In another rejection of the hearing officers' report, the final plan deletes 6,378 hectares, (15,750 acres) from the NEC total area, while the hearing officers wanted 25,251 hectares (62,350 acres) taken out of NEC control.

The Commission also vetoed the hearing officers' recommendation that the plan be implemented at the local municipal level by zoning and site plan bylaws.

The final plan suggests a Niagara Escarpment Permit System, and the staged delegation of the authority to issue such permits to municipalities during the first five years of the plan.

The Commission turned thumbs down on another hearing officers' recommendation to permit plans of subdivision in the Escarpment Protection Areas. It does however, allow an additional lot for a retiring bonafide farmer.

In a question period following the release of the final plan, at the Westbury Hotel, Thursday, McMullin explained the Commission felt the hearing officers' report seemed to deal with the plan as a municipal one rather than a provincial plan designed to protect one resource. "The report was weighted heavily in favor of municipal submissions," he commented.

But the Commission accepted almost 75 per cent of the hearing officers' recommendations.

The NEC will not be dissolved, at least not until after a review five years in the future, when it will be decided whether all authority should be delegated to the municipalities along the escarpment. McMullin sees the Commission taking a lower profile with less involvement, fewer meetings and fewer tax dollars being spent.

The Niagara Escarpment Trust, which would handle park land acquisition, would consist of a board of directors appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, with not less than five persons, one of whom would be the chairman of the NEC.



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Acton excluded

VD rate lower MOH suspects

by Diane Hart

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Peter Cole said he "suspects" a well-educated, high income population in every Halton municipality but Acton has contributed to the overall decrease in venereal disease.

"I'd like to believe part of the reason (for the decrease) is that Halton has a relatively well-educated population and the socio-economic level is higher than the rest of the province, especially in the south and probably Georgetown and Milton too," said Dr. Cole.

"But I couldn't possibly prove that," he admitted.

The medical officer of health said he "suspects" where socio-economic levels are higher, such as "Burlington, Oakville, Milton and probably Georgetown," there would be a lower incidence of venereal disease.

"That's not to say people who are well-educated and have more money don't get VD," said Dr. Cole.

The trend towards a lower incidence of venereal disease emerged during a discussion of family planning in Halton Tuesday afternoon at the Manor.

Venereal disease control officer at the region, Don Jones explained to the councillors that part of his job consists of trying to trace as many possible contacts as possible.

"Contact tracing is a big part of my job," Jones said.

Public Health nurse Patty Parker explained the region's policy towards controlling venereal disease.

"The VD clinic works in conjunction with the birth control clinic," she said, adding the nurses go into schools and instruct about sexually transmitted diseases, (STD).