

IPC hurts cause with presentation

International Peace Camp (IPC) didn't help its cause Monday night when two of its representatives gave one of the poorest presentations ever heard at Halton Hills council and then couldn't answer most questions put to them.

Consultant Sam Viola and IPC director Manuel Alvis told councillors the organization has come up with a new, downsized proposal for development of the old Twin Lakes property south of Speyside. They said budgetary reasons were behind making the proposal smaller, but admitted mounting opposition from the Niagara Escarpment Commission, (NEC) Halton Hills and Milton were also factors.

Now much of the over 250 acre site will be left in its natural state. The consultant said they feel the traffic limit of the Town Line is a maximum of 150 cars so they'll only have parking for 150 cars. As well there would be capacity for three buses, giving the site a limit of 750 people, far fewer than the over 2,000 originally planned. In addition visitors would come to IPC only on weekends, not during the week as originally planned.

Activities and facilities would be concentrated to the interior of the property, covering about 140 acres maximum.

One new feature of the proposal would be a six acre demonstration farm with a small barn and farmhouse and an area where city folks could view and pet a few farm animals.

The day use area, with parking for 125 cars, would feature picnic tables and the existing pond, as well as trails.

In the central activity area there would be three buildings used for storage, shelter, and washrooms. In this area would be one building where there would be a snack bar and outside deck where people would eat. Also in this area a lake and beach would be developed.

A five acre sports and play area, with a soccer field and tennis courts is planned and a small 25 site weekend camping area covering an acre is contemplated. Existing pit privies and barbecues would be upgraded.

A maintenance area covering two acres and featuring a building on an old foundation is planned and there would be a fruit tree orchard maintained on the site.

The largest building on the property would be about 2,500 square feet, with several "slightly" smaller buildings planned.

Future developments on the site would include a Roman Catholic chapel, cultural demonstration kiosks, an overnight trailer camping area and winterized shelter facilities.

Previously NEC had been told it was an overzealous contractor who built a new road and access onto the Town Line on the IPC property without a development permit. Under questioning by Councillor Dave Whiting, Alvis indicated the new road was built by IPC workers. The NEC is going to take legal action against IPC for building the new road without a permit. Milton forced the IPC to remove the illegal access earlier this month.

Whiting said when future development of the site is taken into consideration, the new proposal is just the old plan phased in over a longer period of time.

Whiting, Councillors Mike Armstrong, Ross Knechtel, Phil Carney, Marilyn Serjeantson, Pam Sheldon and Mayor Peter Pomeroy all ran into roadblocks trying to get answers to questions as neither man seemed to know that much about the project.

Councillors pushed to find out why illegal development has taken place on the property; what IPC's aims are outside of ethnic cultural interaction, how many members there are; and what the organization's connection is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Whiting and Sheldon both complained about the dangerous fence put around most of the property, as well as the illegal blocking of the opened and unopened road allowance. St. Helena's Rd., across the property.

Alvis said they were told by a previous owner the road isn't public and it's in the deed. After hearing a legal opinion saying the road belongs to the Town and the public's rights are violated because it has been blocked with gates and concrete barriers in two places, Halton Hills council decided to write IPC and order the blockades removed. If they aren't removed in 10 days then the Town will remove the barriers.

Armstrong noted the Town has had a lot of problems with two other cultural-recreation centres and he felt the IPC could "understand and appreciate" the Town's "caution" with this plan.

Armstrong said from the name he thought IPC was a peace group and wanted a retreat where people went to pray for peace, but that wasn't the case, it was just another ethnic-cultural centre.

Pomeroy asked why IPC waited until now to bring its proposal to council and was told IPC understood the NEC was referring everything to the Town. Now IPC just wanted to make the Town aware of its new proposal. Pomeroy warned now council will have to go through the whole process of reviewing the proposal again and will still need many questions answered. He objected to the length of time the presentation took, adding the people who wanted to speak to council, namely Father Cunha, should have shown up or cancelled. He warned IPC has done a lot of damage to its cause at council, that is if the proposal ever had any support among councillors.

Whiting said Cunha approached him last week wanting to come to council, adding he had hoped to get some answers he hadn't been able to get at NEC meetings.

He said this presentation was "about as productive" as the presentations NEC has heard in the past.

Armstrong objected to the IPC coming under the guise of a peace group and called the whole proposal a "sham". He said he wished he could turn the proposal down now based on its merit, because it has no merit.

Clergy Comment

by Rev. Ralph Diodati
It would be safe to say that all people want to be happy, even though there is a difference of opinion about what happiness is and how it can be obtained.

In the world today many are accustomed to and expect "instant" everything, including instant happiness. In fact, some expect it as their due and will grab it if even it means trying to grab it from others.

Like just about everything else, happiness has a price and requires taking the teachings of Jesus seriously. The plan of God which Jesus offers us for happiness now and hereafter does not sound much like the prescription for happiness offered to us constantly in our society. Jesus is offering us the kingdom in our daily living and shows us the way to make the kingdom available.

The first to be blessed (happy) are the poor, to whom Luke refers as the poor in spirit. We are poor in Christ when we recognize the need to be stripped of all pride, when we see who we are before God and that we are always in need. This poverty Jesus offers as a gift to be freely given. We need to pray to be more aware that we are the poor and to acknowledge that we are sinners, the sick ones, the lost sheep, the poor for whom Jesus came. When we see ourselves in this way Jesus can touch us and bring us to the kingdom.

What this involves is acceptance of ourselves as we really are, accepting the reality of our human condition and limitations and allowing Jesus to fill us with himself. Through self-acceptance, knowing we are loved by God as we are, we can be transformed by the presence and power of Jesus to be caring and compassionate.

The scriptures call us to ongoing conversion by returning to ourselves and knowing what we are. We do this to allow God to re-create and transform us. Even in our poverty God sees us with love. He then offers us the gift to bless us and make us happy.

Lightning strikes house

Milton Fire Department responded to an alarm at a residence at RR 2 Rockwood Sunday evening at about 7.55 p.m.

According to reports by Halton Police, the house, owned by Lloyd and Joyce Franks, was struck by lightning which apparently caused a short in the electrical panel in the basement, causing the blaze. Damage is estimated at about \$5,000.

Public meeting will deal with subdivision

A public meeting into a proposed subdivision in Everton has been scheduled for September 19 at 8 p.m. in the Eramosa Township council chambers.

John Cox, a planning consultant representing Roy Petty and the proposed subdivision, attended Eramosa Township Council recently to discuss an amendment to the zoning bylaw which would permit the proposal. It was decided then to hold the public meeting.

Council and Cox also discussed a subdivision agreement, the capital levy, cash in lieu of parkland, and deviation from the Township urban road standards to permit overhead hydro and telephone lines.

Collision in Rockwood

About \$500 damage was sustained by a parked car after it was hit with a car driven by Leanne Leachman, 18, RR 1 Hillsburgh.

Guelph OPP say the accident occurred about 4 p.m. Thursday on Dennis St. in Rockwood. The Leachman vehicle received about \$50 damage, police estimate.

Name Bennett to BIA

Beryl Bennett has been named by Halton Hills council to serve on the Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) board of management. She replaced Denis Savoie.

Committee for Bicentennial

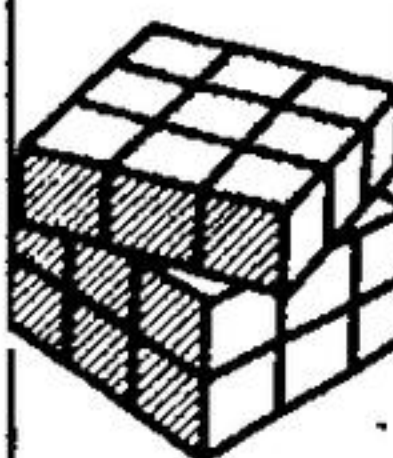
Halton Hills council is setting up a special committee to look at possible provincial government funded projects to mark

Ontario's Bicentennial in 1984. Mayor Peter Pomeroy said citizen participation on the committee will be invited later.

Apple Day October 15

October 15 has been proclaimed Boy Scouts apple day in Halton Hills.

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ALL STUDENTS will go to their home rooms for registration at 9:30 a.m. Home form lists will be posted in the main foyer. Students whose names do not appear on a home room list will report to Room 189 (Student Services).
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TOWN OF CALEDON
PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS BRAMPTON BRICK LTD.'S PROPOSAL TO REDEVELOP THE CHELTENHAM BRICKWORKS
Place: Credit View Public School, Mississauga Road
Date: Wednesday, September 21st, 1983
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Purpose: Brampton Brick Ltd. has submitted an application for an Amendment to the Town of Caledon Official Plan for a land use designation permitting an extensive industrial use and a brick-manufacturing plant on Parts of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 5, W.H.S., in the former Township of Changuacouy.
At this meeting, representatives of Brampton Brick Ltd. will present the proposal for the 245 acre site. Town staff members will outline the approval process, and public commentary will be noted. In addition, members of the public are invited to drop in to review the material submitted by Brampton Brick Ltd., which will be available during office hours at the Planning Department in the Town's Administration Centre, Caledon East, anytime after September 7th. Written submissions from the public will be accepted by the Planning Department up until October 5th, 1983. A further public hearing will be conducted when the proposal is considered by Council, notice of which will be advertised separately.
Your attendance and comments are invited.
Bob Black, Town Planner.

The Regional Municipality of Halton
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
REHABILITATION OF LIMEHOUSE BRIDGE
September 8, 1983
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Public Meeting
An Information Centre regarding this project will be held prior to the meeting commencing at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Limehouse Public School
The Regional Municipality of Halton will hold a Public Meeting and Information Centre for the purpose of informing area residents of a proposed Rehabilitation of the Limehouse Bridge. This project will be undertaken by Canadian National Rail. The proposed repairs will require a Temporary Road Closure of No. 22 Sideroad (Regional Road 43) from October 17, 1983 until November 30, 1983. Interested parties are invited to attend.
D. Varley Regional Clerk R.W.J. Moore, P. Eng. Director of Public Works
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7:00 p.m.	Blade Runner with Harrison Ford
9:00 p.m.	Eyewitness with William Hurt and Christopher Plummer
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The Ontario Equestrian Federation Inc. and the Ontario Trail Riders Association Inc. are sponsoring a Parade of Support for an Ontario Horse Park.
Sunday, September 4th, 12:00 noon.
Refreshments will be provided for participants.

Participate with your horse. (Stallions excluded)
Ride or drive 7 km (4 mi.) to "Scotsdale Farm," the proposed location for a horse park.
Assembly point is Lloyd Mark's Stables, Concession 9, south of Ballinafad Road Regional Municipality of Halton Hills.

12:00 noon Assembly point
1:00 p.m. Ride commences
2:00 p.m. Ceremony at "Scotsdale"
3:00 p.m. Return to assembly point

Contact G. Theakston, (416) 473-3995