

# If Tyler can restore the town hall Town can fix-up offices

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council, Watson charged, adding it can easily happen. The people are fed up with things being decided "secretly" and "cover-ups". He added the municipal complex wasn't the only case, he knew of three instances of council covering up for staff errors, but he wouldn't elaborate at this time. He asked if councillors were prepared to face a law suit brought by citizens because of their "improper actions".

Knechtel said he wasn't going to sit there and listen to charges which couldn't be backed up by facts.

Watson replied that council's actions were being thoroughly investigated and everything would "come to a head soon." He continued that councils aren't supposed to be buying land for development and that two other municipalities got in a lot of trouble doing just that. The Town lawyer says it's legal for Halton Hills to buy land and later declare it surplus and sell it, Knechtel retorted.

With Georgetown possibly going to face the same kinds of water supply problems as Acton, the Town might not be able to sell 20 or so acres of the Stevens' property for a housing development, Watson warned.

Knechtel felt the purchase was a good idea because he thought the Town would make money on the deal, though he admitted it was an opinion and not a fact.

Town clerk-administrator Ken Richardson was criticized by Watson and he said it was time council made its civil servants get to work instead of holding meetings and discussions all the time, Watson declared. It was time to worry about today's problems and take care of tomorrow when tomorrow comes.

"The administration makes the bullets and you (councillors) fire them," Watson charged. Denny pointed out the councillors hired the staff and Jack Ridley, another Esqueving taxpayer, also complained about the Town staff.

Knechtel said people might think he'd made a mistake in voting for the Stevens land purchase, but he hadn't covered anything up and was ashamed of nothing he has done.

### Use Stewarttown Hall

If the Town needs more office space they could use the old Stewarttown Hall, Denny suggested, and Miller said that was considered but rejected as it would be too far from other offices. Denny said sarcastically

the only thing the matter with Stewarttown Hall was it was too far from Georgetown.

Council was buying land and planning to build a complex, yet the roads in Esqueving were the most "deplorable" in all Ontario, Denny declared.

Knechtel said he pays high taxes, yet the road in front of his home was paid for by him and other purchasers of Bovis homes, and now he has to help pay for Denny's road too.

"Everything is being put in Georgetown," Denny complained. That's wrong, Knechtel said, explaining that in the past five years municipal spending in each ward has been proportionate to the taxes collected in Georgetown, Esqueving and Acton. Also, he observed, only 30 cents of each tax dollar is kept by Halton Hills, the balance goes to the region and school boards. One reason taxes have been going up so much, he concluded, was because the province keeps cutting grants.

Wilf McEachern said he too was opposed to the land purchase and complex, but "something will be done by this gang (council)."

### Sell Stevens' land

Knechtel asked what the people want council to do about the complex issue and

Watson replied build an addition to the Trafalgar Rd. building and get rid of the Stevens' land. Watson continued that there was no need for a Toronto City Hall type building either.

However, Knechtel said, there wasn't room for expansion at the Trafalgar Rd. property unless part of the works department was moved from Trafalgar. Bonnette interjected that part of the works department could be moved to the Acton works yard which is now being used to store picnic tables.

He wasn't supporting building a \$4.4 million building because the Town won't be able to afford it, Knechtel said. However, the present administration building infringes on fire and health regulations. Ed Footitt said facetiously if that was the case then council should quit using it because they could be hurt or killed. Knechtel said "frankly" that's what should be done.

Another problem with the Trafalgar Rd. building was that more people couldn't work there with just a septic system and the property couldn't be serviced with a sewer line without the region's Official Plan being changed. This was completely wrong Miller argued, the region would allow the Trafal-

gar Rd. building to be hooked to a sewer line. But, Knechtel said, it would be more expensive to service with a sewer line the Trafalgar Rd. land than the Stevens' property down the street. Also if Georgetown south wasn't serviced with sewers first the Town would be sued and servicing the Trafalgar Rd. land would result in neighbors wanting sewer service too.

### \$600,000 buy nice addition

Bonnette said \$600,000 would have put a nice addition on the Trafalgar Rd. building and if the staff needs space so much they would have had it a lot sooner with an addition than they will waiting three to five years for a complex to be built down the street.

Citizens don't want to see the town build another "green elephant" Ridley said.

The council's building committee which chose the Stevens land was hand picked by Mayor Peter Pomeroy for obvious reasons, Miller said (besides Pomeroy, Councillors Dave Whiting, Pam Sheldon, Finn Poulstrup and Marilyn Serjeantson were on the committee). He objects to councillors now running down the Trafalgar Rd. building which is only 20-years-old, and calling it a mess."

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