

# Kiss Halton dome stadium goodbye, says Snow

by Vic MacBourne

Halton MPP James Snow has seen the last of his "Snow Dome" proposal and Halton region can forget about using a dome stadium as an energy from waste user.

The dome stadium is going to Toronto—either the Exhibition Place or the Woodbine Race Track.

A provincially-appointed committee, set up to recommend a site for Ontario's dome stadium, has narrowed the choice to two and Oakville's proposal is not one of the favorites.

Committee Chairman Hugh Macaulay will be recommending the Woodbine and Exhibition sites to Ontario Premier William Davis. According to Snow, it's going to be difficult to defeat the committee's recommendations. "The recommendations are not final but they do carry a lot of weight," Snow said.

Both Snow and Halton region made presentations to the provincial committee recommending a site on the Oakville-Mississauga border. The site featured excellent transportation routes, by both road and rail and was accessible to the majority of Ontario residents.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the region's presentation committee which spent \$2,000 in its attempt to bring the dome to Oakville, even showed the benefits the dome stadium would bring as a user of energy from the region's proposed energy from waste plant.

But all the benefits of the Oakville-Mississauga dome site were not enough for the provincial committee.

"I'd like to see the details for the reasons Macaulay chose these sites," Snow said

after hearing his proposal had been rejected.

"Obviously the CNE was tough competition. There were a lot of people in Toronto who wanted it there," he said maintaining that he did not think it was the right choice.

"I still think the site we (Snow and Halton region) proposed was a very excellent site to serve the majority of the community.

"I know the problem of moving people into that area now. If you add 60,000 people—even if you improve access—it's still going to be difficult for people other than those living in Metro Toronto to get to the site," Snow said.

Snow said he would like to see Ontario get a new stadium but he would like it to serve the majority of Ontario residents not just Toronto.



Conservation areas in Halton make it interesting and fun places to visit on the weekends. This family found Crawford Lake an interesting and unique place to visit. It's situated at the corner of the Guelph Line and dead-end Steeles Ave. just south of Campbellville.

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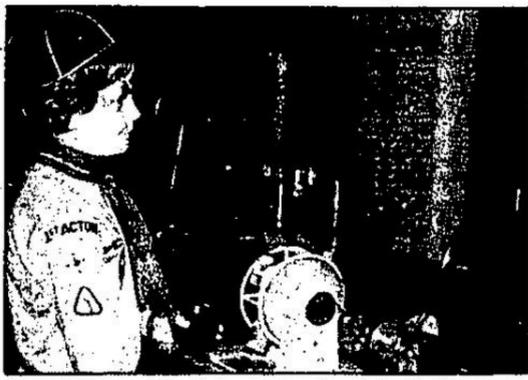
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Jean Layman shows off husband Jack's steam engines.

Story and photos by Jean Layman



Duane Robinson, of First Acton takes a closer look at Jack Layman's steam engines.



Craig Booth had his rock collection at the workshop.

### Pay cuts possible

## Supply teachers on the warpath

by Vic MacBourne

Halton's supply teachers are gearing up for war against the Halton Board of Education after board officials warned their salaries may be cut.

It will be the third time in the 10-year history of the Halton Substitute Teachers' Association that the organization has been forced to fight against salary cuts proposed by the board.

Although board officials refused to disclose any information about the proposed changes in supply teachers' salaries until the issue is brought before the board in late February, the new proposal is expected to have a bigger impact on teachers with degrees than teachers without degrees.

Presently supply teachers with degrees are earning almost \$100 daily and supply teachers without degrees in the elementary system are earning almost \$70 daily. A flat rate of approximately \$90 is presently being paid to secondary school teachers.

Betty Dalgliesh, an Oakville supply teacher, said the association is not angry over the amount of money its members earn, which is one of the highest in the area. She says the teachers are angry over the proposed salary cutbacks.

And there is very little the non-unionized teachers can do.

"They can do anything they want because we are not in the union," Dalgliesh said, adding that the proposed salary cuts will have the greatest impact on women who make up the majority of supply teachers.

She said the supply teachers are already tied to the bottom of the pay scale in comparison to full-time teachers. Supply teachers with degrees are earning a salary at the bottom of their pay grid no matter how much previous experience they may have, she explained.

About 50 members of the Supply Teachers Association met at Burlington's Tyandaga Golf and Country Club recently to discuss their options and how the membership would approach the board in an attempt to convince trustees to reject the proposal.

For the second time in less than a year the Association has considered joining the teachers' union in an attempt to buy more security.

But the 50 members who attended the information session represent only a small fraction of the more than 500 Halton supply teachers and the association may have to gain more support among the region's supply teachers before making its presentation to the board.

## NEC lifting development control parts of Town

Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) development control regulations are being lifted for lands in eight areas of rural Halton Hills. Town zoning will again control land use in these areas.

The lands where development control is being discontinued are in the following areas: west of the fourth line and south of Highway 7; Highway 25 south of Acton and north of 20 Sideroad; Third Line north and south of 10 Sideroad; Fifth Line north of 15 Sideroad; 10th Line south of Steeles Ave.; Seventh Line between Highway 7 and Ballinafad; north of Glen Williams above 22 Sideroad; and property in the Terra Cotta area.

While NEC development control has been in place on these lands, Halton Hills zoning hasn't. Now previous zoning will be restored, with amendments reflecting the development approved by the NEC which has taken place.

McNair Mushrooms in the Acton area has

added a single family home to the property through NEC approval. A staff house was also approved by NEC, but hasn't been built. The two year term of the development permit for the staff house has lapsed without it being built. The zoning will be amended to reflect the permitted second house, but if the owner still wants to have a staff house, then he'll have to apply for a zoning amendment.

Last year the NEC approved an application from Des Noblet for a farm feed and general store in the rural area around Acton. The zoning will have to be amended to reflect this approved project.

A special bylaw will be needed to recognize the Leslie Hill housing development in Terra Cotta. This bylaw will also legalize lot sizes, which in some cases don't meet minimum frontages. The land these homes are on wasn't formerly zoned.

For some lands north of Glen Williams, which won't have old zoning on them, the Town will impose a rural zone.

## 85 attend Cub workshop

Films really tell the stories to North Halton District Cubs.

Police Constable Shane Lytle, CN Police, School Safety Officer of Oshawa showed the film "Dangerous Game" to 85 Cubs and Leaders Saturday morning at the Annual Resource Workshop held in St. Alban's church hall, Glen Williams.

P.C. Lytle had a display of equipment used on the railways, which included lights, chains, flares, track torpedo, and many more. A question and answer period followed his presentation, which proved to be well received by all.

Cubmaster Bill Ingles of 1st Acton had Steven Clark of 1st Scotch Block lead the

opening Grand Howl. Elaine Hannah welcomed the Cubs.

The Cubs were divided up in seven groups and rotated around to Wood-working, demonstrated by Brent Collier, Cable TV by John Olivier, Rocks by Craig Booth, Georgetown Chemist from Acton, Local History by Mark Rowe, Rope-making by Jack Layman, Scouting by Dawn Lockhart and Steam engines demonstrated by Jean Layman.

Following the lunch period, Fire Prevention and Safety was presented by District Fire prevention officer John D. Murray and Fire Fighters P. Todd and M. Rolph. Officer Murray showed the film "The National Fire

Drill" and this was followed by a question and answer period. Officer Murray hoped all Cubs had the fire hall phone number on their telephones and everyone had the escape plan of their home in case of fire.

Evelyn Owen thanked everyone for making the workshop a success, presenting them with crests.

Bill Ingles closed the day long work shop with Scott Auger of 1st Scotch Block leading the Grand Howl and Scouter Bill leading the Lord's prayer.

Cubs attended from Acton, Limehouse, Georgetown, Glen Williams and Scotch Block, also District Commissioner Sandy Booth.

### Streetproofing kids

## Learning to handle trouble

"Don't talk to strangers!" is the standard warning from fearful parents to their children as they prepare them for life on the street, away from the safe borders of home.

But it is advice that is virtually useless, says the author of a book on how to teach children to handle trouble when it comes along.

According to Rick Gossage, people have to deal with strangers every day and it is ludicrous to think you can or even should isolate children from them.

"If you didn't talk to strangers you would have a hard time getting through life," he explained to a group of concerned parents at the Georgetown Library Wednesday night.

Gossage, who along with Melvin Guntin authored a book entitled A Parents Guide to Streetproofing Children, said parents should skip dishing out quick advice and instead teach kids to spot and avoid suspicious people and situations. Preparation is the key.

As soon as children are old enough to step out on the street parents should discuss and rehearse how to cope with troublesome situations so that the children are well prepared if the real thing comes along.

"We think because we rehearse what could go wrong on the street, we will fill them with paranoia," he stated, when in fact it is quite normal for kids to be taught how to

handle emergencies without fear—fire drills in school for example.

Encourage your children to trust their own gut instincts, he suggested. If a person or activity makes them feel creepy, explain that it is right for them to walk away. They shouldn't have to put up with it, he maintained.

He noted that when kids want to go somewhere with somebody they should make a point of asking permission from their parents first. Typically, said Gossage, people with devious intentions want to remain anonymous and will avoid children who insist on telling their parents what they are doing and with whom.

Gossage was careful to point out that children should follow this rule even if the person who approaches them is somebody they know, like a relative or neighbour. Two thirds of the time, children who are harmed are familiar with the culprit.

Children should be taught to establish body boundaries or private area. Gossage suggested those parts of the body covered by a bathing suit as an example of a body boundary and explained that kids should be taught to defend their sense of privacy.

It is rare for children to be grabbed off their feet by would-be abductors, but if this happens, children have to react immediately by screaming and squirming to

get free. Studies have shown that those who resist, have the best chance to getting out of danger by scaring off the culprit, he said.

"Only a parent would walk the length of a store with a screaming child in their arms," he added.

Parents should also tell their children how to get hold of them when they are away from home. Gossage advised that kids should never open the door to strangers when their parents are away or say that their parents aren't home. When callers ask to speak to them a child should politely explain that their parents are busy and ask to take a message.

To be prepared if a child ever goes missing, a parent should always keep in mind what they are wearing and be able to provide an accurate description of them. Parents should also be aware of how to contact their children's friends to help track the child down.

Most of all parents should be prompt in trying to locate a missing child.

"Police will tell you the first 15-20 minutes are invaluable," stated Gossage.

The lecture on Streetproofing was part of the library's Focus on Children Series and was presented by the Block Parents Association, Halton Regional Safety Council and the Halton Hills Public Libraries.

### Town seeks nominations

Each year the Town of Halton Hills takes an evening to recognize outstanding achievements in the sports and cultural fields. This year the Honour and Recognition Evening will take place on Thursday, April 12 at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre.

The Town will be seeking sports individuals or groups that have attained recognition in a provincial, national or international championship or recognized by the sports governing body as an individual or group achievement in cultural, creative or performing arts.

Nominations forms are available at any of the Town of Halton Hills libraries or offices through the year.

For more information

### Proposed levy increased 10.5% in Halton Hills

Halton Region's preliminary 1984 budget calls for a 10.5 per cent increase in the regional levy in Halton Hills for a residential property owner with an assessment of \$6,500. Translated into dollars it becomes a \$17 hike.

That compared to a 5.7 per cent increase for the average property owner in other parts of the region.

The reason, according to Treasurer Joe Rinaldo, is the phasing out of the provinces Apportionment Guarantee Grant of \$122,000 to Halton to cover regional expenses in the town. The grant was instituted with the coming of regional government in 1974 to equalize the differing levies of each municipality in the region and is being ended this year.

The region's Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Perlin, told council last week that the goal of the 1984 budget was to maintain existing levels of service and to continue on-going programs.

Regional Council, in its August budget directions to staff, set a target 6 per cent increase in the regional mill rate. The average increase being proposed region-wide is 6.3 per cent.

To meet the goal the proposed budget expenditures had to be shaved by \$1.2 million. This was done through decreased program costs, reduced requests from hospitals and the addition of surplus funds and interest earnings.