

401 corridor plan draws a blank

A developer who says delays in his plans are costing the town jobs received no help Monday night against regional recommendations that run counter to his ambitions.

Joe Shaw of Nor-Shaw Developments Ltd. asked the Town's general committee to back his plan to develop 101 acres along Highway 401 for industrial use. Town endorsement he said, would help convince seven developers to sign contracts to erect at least one industrial building each on their lots there this year.

Councillors were generally sympathetic but had before them town planning staff's evaluation of a regional report concerning rural industrial policies.

The report, with which Mayor Russ Miller said he's "not awfully pleased," advocates a reduction in the amount of land Halton Hills has designated for rural industrial development.

"The report acknowledges that the 401 corridor has long-term potential for urban industrial growth," Town planning director Ian Keith said, "but that the demand is unlikely to warrant further development beyond the Georgetown urban area before the year 2001."

While Shaw cited his own study findings to indicate "good marketability for the corridor", Town staff claimed that the region's advice to trim Halton Hills' designated rural industrial land is "valid". Staff should re-

evaluate 750 acres designated along Highway 401 and 250 on Highway 25, Keith said.

While the general committee balked at endorsing Shaw's overall plan, Mayor Miller and Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson urged the developer to bring individual applications to town planning staff for consideration so that the town might be able to provide extra support when the plan goes to the region for approval.

Shaw recounted the experience of one developer he's lined up for the 401 lands whose individual industrial plan was referred to regional planning staff and went no further.

"We just spun our wheels," he said, ad-

ding that the same developer found a site outside the region that now features industry employing 147 workers. "There are a lot of people looking for a place to relocate. Now I've talked everyone into getting behind this deal and they need some reassurance. They want to go. If they didn't, I wouldn't be here."

Keith acknowledged that development of the 401 corridor is a subject of controversy among several Ontario ministries, each examining facets of the region's official plan and the Town's proposed plan. A ministry of housing report on the corridor is expected soon, he said.

Mayor Miller again urged Shaw to bring a portion of his plan to Town staff for

evaluation.

"Get it to Ian (Keith), and this council will get behind you," he said.

Keith said he would submit reports to council on the current status of Shaw's development applications.

The region's report urges Halton Hills to facilitate urban industrial growth as soon as possible and consider the 401 for urban industry only after sites within Georgetown are depleted.

"In Georgetown, we are aware that there is at present no significant opportunity for industrial development and in Acton there is only a limited industrial growth capability," Keith reported.

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS PUBLIC NOTICE

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to discuss and examine a proposed Amendment to the Stewarttown Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment No. 17) and Halton Hills Zoning By-law 74-51, to permit the commercial use, for a restaurant and commercial convenience store, of the lands described as Part Lot 18, Concession 8, Stewarttown, located at the intersection of Trafalgar Road and No. 15 Sideroad, as shown on the insert map.

Further information is available at the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Date: Tuesday, August 7, 1984
 Location: Administration Building
 Town of Halton Hills
 7th Line, Trafalgar Road
 Bruce D. MacLean, M.C.I.P.
 Deputy Director Planning

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS Fairview Cemetery Public Information Centre

The Town, in conjunction with Cosburn/Giberson Consultants Inc., is currently undertaking a review of the landscape features and a long term operational plan for Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

The review generally considers the present state of the mature spruce tree stand, the low wetlands, the northerly non-landscaped area, and the westerly wood lot.

Present proposals under consideration have a time frame of at least a further seventy years.

Public comments are invited.

A Public Information Centre is to be conducted in the Watson Room of the Acton Public Library, 17 River Street, on Thursday, July 5, 1984, from 2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Representatives of Cosburn/Giberson Consultants Inc. and Town Staff will be available for discussion.

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R.C. Austin, P. Eng.
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From Pauline McNelly

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