

Rosslake Airport Closure Is Discussed in Commons

The controversial closure of the Rosslake Airstrip at R. R. 3, Georgetown has reached the House of Commons.

A question placed on the Commons' order paper by Allred Hales (PC-Wellington) drew an answer from the government stating "any decisions to invoke the provisions of the regulations in a particular case would be taken where it could be shown that hazard existed to a small community, village or groups of houses in a thinly populated area by virtue of low flying aircraft."

SETTLED AREA

The Department of Transport considers the general area over which aircraft must fly while taking off and landing at Rosslake to be a 'settled area'.

All airports in Canada are examined at regular intervals. Mr. Hales was told, to see that they meet the Department's licensing standards.

Rosslake Airport was closed down at the first of this month. There are still two planes on the field. They can be taken off from Rosslake strip but are not allowed to land there. Airport owner Joe Ross said the plane owners decided to leave the planes there for the time being.

PAN TO FIRE

Ross said he is considering converting the airstrip for drag or motorcycle racing and that if any kind of racing is permitted there the complaining neighbours will be going from the frying pan into the fire.

Commenting on the closure, Ross said the section under which the Department halted

landing operations had never been implemented before and numerous other small airstrips could also be forced to close if it were applied, all across the country.

He said the pilots' association is continuing its fight to have the airstrip re-opened. He added he will wait to see if the decision can be reversed before applying to use the site for another purpose.

Costs 10 1/2% for Funds For Civic Services

It will cost Georgetown 10 1/2 per cent in interest to finance a \$320,000 program of sewer extensions, watermains and well drilling.

Monday council endorsed a debenture issue which will be purchased by Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation. They are 20 year debentures and will be purchased at par value.

SAME THING

"It's a shocker when you see 10 1/2%," said Mayor Emmerson. "Bond firms offer to buy at lower interest rates but discount the debentures, so it all amounts to the same thing."

He said council should press for faster processing of applications for necessary improvements. Twice, interest rates have increased from the time of an initial application to the time the project received Ontario Municipal Board approval, he said.

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Century Old Band May Play Their Swan Song

The Lorne Scots century-old pipe and drum band may soon play its swan song.

Military officials said this week the 104 year old band will be a victim of the recent Department of National Defence cutbacks unless public support can be found.

The band is one of many across the country which the defence department is eliminating as part of an economy drive within the armed services.

SEEK HELP

Lt. Col. E. F. Lince, the Lorne Scots regiment commanding officer, said band members are willing to carry on without defence department support, providing they can get help from public sources.

Spokesman for the band will make a public appeal to Halton county council on March 24 for financial aid.

At a meeting of Peel County council last month they asked for a \$4,500 grant. A similar request will be made of Hal-

ton council since the Lorne Scots regiment covers the Halton - Peel region.

Part of the money received

WATER, SEWERS MIGHT STALL THE RACEWAY

Milton council will decide Monday whether or not to provide water and sewer service to a proposed raceway north of Highway 401 in Esqueewing Township.

The application by Halton Automobile Raceway Holdings Ltd. was referred to the development committee this week.

DRAWNS FIRE

A special council meeting was scheduled for this coming Monday evening.

The race track plan has drawn heavy fire from township residents. Esqueewing council has said that in any event no building permit can be issued without promise of water and sewer services.

1,000 ACRES

H. H. Solway, solicitor for the raceway company, told Milton council the company is prepared to make any "reasonable" agreement to get the services.

Douglas Miklas, president of Halton Automobile Holdings, controls more than 1,000 acres of land in the vicinity of the track site through various interests.

from the county council would be used for the purchase of the band's uniforms and instruments from the defence department.

"We're darn lucky we didn't get hit harder," said Col. Lince. "Our main worry is saving the band."

The band spokesman claimed they are justified in their request for public support because the pipes and drums of the Lorne Scots play at numerous public functions each year.

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COMMUNITY BANDS

"There is a real shortage of community bands for public functions and for this reason we think the regiment should try to keep the band going," he said.

As for the defence band it will go out of service as of April 1. After that date instruments and uniforms must be turned in.

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