

# The Snowmobile — Its Thrills and Pitfalls

## Finance Committee Would Abolish All County Grants

If Halton county council approves a finance committee motion to abolish the current grant system, it could cost the social and family services department and the health unit, money.

### CAN AFFORD

Chairman of the social and family services committee, Reeve Ron Harris, Milton, told the committee Thursday they would lose a relatively inexpensive Red Cross homemaker service for North Halton if the funds from the county...

## Private Nursing Homes Cause Manor Concern

Private nursing homes, are maintaining previously established policy which states county subsidized old people must accept a bed in the Manor when it becomes available or they will lose the county's subsidy.

Director James Gray told the social and family services committee this week he has had three cases involving county subsidized old people who are lodged in private nursing homes, who do not want to go to the Centennial Manor in Milton.

This is the county's old age home.

"It's their relatives who don't want to drive the extra miles to visit them that is causing the problems," Milton's Reeve Ron Harris contended.

Social and Family Services director James Gray told the social and family services committee yesterday that all jobs would be filled by Monday from the current welfare lists.

At the present time, Gray's department is paying \$10.50 a day plus drug costs to keep these people in private homes. It costs \$10.95 a day at the Manor.

Warden Dr. F. G. Oakes of Acton, told the committee there are an average of 20 vacant beds at the Manor although he said beds in the home are "at a low ebb for space" presently.

"Most old people want to go to the Manor," Gray maintained supporting Reeve Harris' contention it is the relatives who cause the problem.

The committee agreed to...

## NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF ESQUESING RESTRICTED AREA BY-LAW NO. 29-69 AS AMENDED BY 11-70 AND 12-70



ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Section 30 of THE PLANNING ACT (R.S.O. 1960, c. 296).

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Corporation of the Township of Esquensing for approval of its Restricted Area By-law 29-69 passed the 24th day of November, 1969 as amended by By-law 11-70 passed the 16th day of February, 1970 and By-law 12-70 passed the 12th day of March, 1970.

### APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Thursday, the 11th day of February, 1971, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Council Chambers in the Township of Esquensing, for the hearing of all persons who desire to be heard in support of or in opposition to this application.

DATED at Toronto this 11th day of January, 1971. — M. FRASER, Acting Secretary

The effect of By-law No. 20-69 as now amended, if approved, will be as follows:

- 1. Except as specifically permitted in the by-laws, no land may be used for any purpose other than an agricultural use. Existing uses which are not agricultural are preserved by the provisions of The Planning Act. These are legal non-conforming uses and may be continued. 2. The excepted uses permitted by the by-laws are set out in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of By-law No. 20-69 as amended, and these include the construction of accessory buildings, garages and carports; the building of one-family detached dwellings on lands already held in separate ownership on lands separated with the consent of The Committee of Adjustment at the time the By-law was passed as well as any lands subsequently approved for separation by The Committee for which application had been made prior to the passing of the By-law.

By means of a schedule attached to the by-law and the amendments, certain minimum lot areas, minimum frontage requirements, front, side and rear yard requirements, minimum lot coverage requirements and minimum floor area requirements are to be imposed. The lands affected are all of the Township of Esquensing save and except the areas in the Village of Glen Williams, the Village of Norva, the Village of Stewartstown, the Village of Limehouse to which the Subdivision Control By-law does not apply.

The underlying purpose of the by-law is to prevent uncontrolled development in the municipality in so far as said development could be said to relate to a master plan. The Municipality up to now has had control only on the creation of separate registered lots, and not upon the use to which those lots would be put with several minor exceptions.

Delmer French, A.M.C.T. Clerk, Township of Esquensing, R. R. 1, Georgetown, Ontario.

by Dave Hall Brampton Daily Times

It is recognized among most snowmobilers that snowmobiles are harder to control than cars and yet numerous snowmobile operators continue to do things with their machine that they would never dream of trying with a car.

Television commercials show snowmobilers weaving back and forth past each other and jumping their machines through the air. But the major difference between these drivers and members of the general public is that these men are professionals and know their machine inside out. The feel of every machine is different and needs a different touch. Consequently only a person who has full knowledge of his machine should try any stunt which he would normally not attempt.

Even snowmobile racing is fraught with dangers despite the expertise of these taking part. Snowmobiles are easier to fall than most cars and machines following in the wake of overturned machines have a more difficult time avoiding a collision because the steering and braking system aren't as sensitive as those in a car.

"Why should the county pay for the service if municipalities request it?" he wondered. "Let's face facts. If the municipality is to have these services then they should pay for them."

"I'm all for people getting involved but there is too much digging into the public purse," he concluded.

### MORE REGULATIONS

Because of the carelessness and recklessness of many snowmobilers, municipalities are beginning to regulate the use of the machines within their boundaries. Consequently many areas are off-limits to the vehicles. A few snowmobilers appear to be making acceptance by the rest of the public harder to achieve for those who are careful with their machines.

"There is always a minority who make things difficult for the majority," said Ernie Taylor of the Ontario Safety League, and "if they continue to do this the other reliable snowmobilers will find themselves with no place to go."

One local snowmobiler who says he is getting up-tight about the regulations and their restrictive nature is John Hands but he realizes that as long as some snowmobilers continue to drive recklessly the restrictions will have to remain in force.

### NOT SURPRISED

"I'm annoyed but not surprised at the number of municipalities that have banned the machines from the roads especially when you consider the death rate so far this winter," said Mr. Hands, a member of the Brampton Snowmobile Club.

Liquor plays a major part in automobile fatality rates and, according to provincial police, liquor is also a factor in snowmobile deaths. Since the beginning of the snowmobile season approximately 25 to 30 people have been killed while operating a snowmobile in Ontario and according to OPP figures 90 per cent of the adult drivers have had between 1 and 3 per cent alcohol in their blood. The legal limit is .08 per cent.

A snowmobile is not a toy and therefore should not be treated as such, says Mr. Taylor.

"Many people buy snowmobiles and immediately start acting like professionals except that they have no knowledge of their machine's capabilities and even less skill," said Mr. Taylor.

An average motorist wouldn't think of driving a race car at 180 miles an hour during his first ride in the car and attempting anything that a driver of Kackie Stewart's class would do. But put that same person on a snowmobile and he's likely to try anything.

"It takes a certain amount of body co-ordination and balance to even steer a snowmobile let alone perform jumps and stunts on them," says Mr. Hands. "My son drives a 24-horsepower

machine with no problems and he's only 7. So it proves that they can be driven if people will only realize that they are potentially dangerous machines and not toys."

### POLICE RELUCTANT

In 1938, the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act was introduced to control the use of the machines. Unfortunately, few people are taking any notice of it and law enforcement officers seem reluctant to enforce the laws laid down by the act.

For instance, every snowmobile must be licensed before it can be driven. Mr. Taylor estimates that in Ontario alone there are 30,000 unlicensed vehicles being driven.

Other requirements of the act call for all snowmobilers to observe all rules of the road when driving. Many municipalities have banned the machines on their roads and others may follow suit as it is left to the specific municipality to decide whether or not to allow them on their roads.

### OPP STATISTIC

One statistic discovered by the OPP in its investigations of deaths attributed to snowmobile accidents reveals that not one of the persons killed in snow-

mobile accidents who had a motor vehicle license had ever had any marks against his driving record. This may be a coincidence of it may prove that people are more reckless and careless when driving a snowmobile than when they are driving a car. "People have to be educated in the use of their machines and also in how to avoid misuse and it must be done as quickly as possible," said Mr. Taylor.

### MORE EDUCATION

Most enthusiasts say campaigns and publicity must be increased if people are to realize that a carelessly driven snowmobile can cause a serious and often fatal accident. Most accidents involving snowmobiles occur after dark which also points out that such restriction must be imposed by snowmobilers.

Tests for snowmobile drivers may be the answer but until they are instituted, if they ever are, the minority of operators will have to realize that unless they take more care with their vehicles they will spoil the sport for everyone else. The sport drivers are beginning to face up to that and, in the light of increasing restrictions, are beginning to act.



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