

Roads Policy Urgent In Official Plan: Hyde Would Ban All Grants Leave to Individuals

Concerned about including an official roads policy based on a traffic study in the town's Official Plan, five councillors combined for different reasons to defeat this at Monday's council meeting.

The study includes what Reeve Ric Morrow termed "a million dollar reconstruction of roads in the highway and Canadian Tire store area." He opposes this as a waste of money.

Cr. Ern Hyde said the inclusion would not obligate council to spending a dollar. There is no road policy in the official plan as it stands, he said, and the plan is being updated by the consulting firm of Damas & Smith, but it is hard to update something which isn't officially in the Plan.

URGENCY

Cr. Donna Denison said there is even confusion about which roads map is the one mentioned in the study and that with several projects which could add a large debt it needs further study.

Crs. Sykes and Siddall said they want to know more about it before they can vote.

Cr. Hyde said there is an urgency in getting some legislation because Beaver Lumber wants to dispose of its property on Water Street, after moving to a new location and inclusion in the Official Plan would put a sort of 'freeze' on that property.

"If we don't it might cost the town hundreds of thousands some day" he said.

He found himself alone in trying to cut off the grants immediately, but the matter was referred back to the budget committee for study.

The decision would affect at least 12 organizations and involve \$10,000.

The text of his first speech at Halton County Council is as follows:

"Before speaking let me say I consider it unfortunate that my initiation into Halton County Council should be as the sponsor of a motion which I am sure will be controversial and certainly distasteful for a number of people and organizations.

As an elected representative I do not feel that the policy of making grants with tax dollars is correct and that it should be discontinued. However, I have the deepest respect and admiration for the many fine organizations which have received grants in the past and know that if my resolution stands there will be added financial problems for these groups. Consider for a moment the many thousands of people in Halton County that already donate their own money to many of these organizations. Certainly they do not expect council in addition, to be granting their tax dollars to these same groups.

One of the most important responsibilities in any government is the steering of relative priorities for the most efficient and practical use of tax dollars.

Before voting on this resolution I have great respect for the history and tradition of our various regiments but feel I myself cannot justify a priority 15 times greater than the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

I hope what I have said will show that our policy in the past has not been responsible and that priorities in this field can only be set by citizens donating their own money and not by elected officials granting tax dollars.

One of the organizations that will feel the pinch the most is the Royal Botanical Gardens. Last year the county contributed \$10,000 and this was phased down from \$26,000 in other years.

Among others receiving grants last year were Mutual Aid \$1200, Lorne Scots \$1500; Muscular Dystrophy \$100; Canadian Mental Health \$100; John Howard Society \$100; Navy League \$100 St. John Ambulance \$200, CNIB, \$1,000 and Salvation Army \$1650.

Ribbon Cutting, Open House New Canadian Imperial Bank

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has returned to its old location at the Main and Mill corner after a year's absence, only with a difference.

A new building has been erected on what was the former bank premises plus the old Gornier's Dept. Store, razed to make way for a new one-story building. The bank used temporary quarters in the former Dr. R. T. Paul house meanwhile.

On Saturday, an official ribbon cutting ceremony and open house gave the public a chance to tour the new quarters.

Mayor Wm. R. Smith cut the ribbon, held by manager Don Wingrove and regional general manager C. Laidley. Also present were Richard Corsat and R. W. G. Freestone from the bank's marketing department. Former accountants Leigh King, now manager at Waterdown, and Doug Henderson, just transferred to Sudbury were among

these attending, along with Esqueving Reeve Tom Hill and other civic dignitaries, Rud Whiting MP, and Jim Snow MPP.

VISITORS TOURED

Guests were treated to refreshments served by Knox Church Women, and Mr. Wingrove's daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Cochrane, of Windsor and daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Wingrove of Hamilton poured tea.

Members of the bank staff took visitors on tours of the building during the afternoon.

The bank has been in Georgetown since 1875 when Mr. Colquhoun was first agent for the Bank of Hamilton, and later Oliver Mowat. The office on the southwest side of Main Street now houses professional offices for doctors and a dentist.

Next location was farther down Main Street in what later became the Bell Canada office building underway on Mountainview Road South.

And in 1917, it moved to the present site.

The Bank of Hamilton was taken over by the Bank of Commerce in 1923. During the war years it became the town's only bank in a wartime measure which saw the neighbouring Bank of Montreal bank close.

MANAGERS

The late Gordon McLantock was manager from 1930 until his retirement, and subsequent managers have been Robert Ireland, now of Woodstock, the late Fred Chapman, Jack Hart, now of St. Catharines, and Mr. Wingrove.

The new branch is now one of four chartered bank branches in town today — another CIBC in Georgetown Market Centre, Royal and Toronto-Dominion, Scotia Bank is also planning to come to town this year, with a new building underway on Mountainview Road South.

ONLY TO PREPARE

He said his motion that night was only for preparation of a bylaw and that he would agree to delaying voting on the actual bylaw until the next council meeting.

But his motion was defeated when Reeve Morrow and Crs. Sykes, Denison, Siddall and Smith voted in opposition.

TOO MUCH TRAFFIC WANTS BAN

Asked for comments on Georgetown's snowmobile by-law, Police Chief Harley Lowe informed council Monday that he would add a clause.

Because of heavy traffic on the highway and Main Street N. he said such vehicles should be banned from these, except when making direct crossing from side streets.

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Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce manager Don Wingrove shares a laugh with Halton East MPP Jim Snow at the opening of the new downtown branch building.



Mrs. Wingrove and daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Cochrane, were among those pouring tea at the CIBC opening Saturday.



Mrs. Maryann Smith, wife of Mayor Bill Smith, Halton MP Rud Whiting and Mrs. Margaret Helson of the bank staff.

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