



WORKING ON HOLIDAZE

Georgetown Figure Skating Club professional Richard Dowling coaches pupil Heather Moores during preparations for the club's annual ice carnival which will be presented at the Memorial Arena February 20th. This year the club is presenting Holidayze On Ice. Richard Dowling recently returned from the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in Winnipeg where he served as a coach.

SUGGESTS GRC GET FIRST CHANCE AT TOWN LAND

Town-owned land on Princess Anne Drive was the subject of an lengthy discussion at Thursday night's Georgetown committee meeting.

Nell Investments Ltd. of Toronto owns land adjacent to the town-owned 18 acres, with Nell Investments planning a subdivision of approximately 170 lots.

Cr. Phil Siddall suggested the Recreation Committee should be asked if they wish to use the land before the town disposes of it.

BEST USE

Cr. Joan Smith stated there were nursing home sponsors interested in the land at one time, and possibly a medical complex builder.

Council decided to suggest to Planning Board that the planning consultant give his opinion on the best use of the town-owned land on Princess Anne, either alone or in conjunction with Nell Investments.

Okay Mobile Home After House Fire

Reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing proved he could act quickly and independently, when he okayed the use of a mobile home in the township, Monday night, despite the fact, such a home contravenes the by-law.

He explained to council he gave Mr. and Mrs. Bob Devolin, whose 15 sideroad home was burnt out recently permission to put the mobile home on the lot, for three months, or until the house is rebuilt.

DID RIGHT THING
He told council the decision had to be made immediately, as they had a chance to get the trailer right away.

Cr. Len Cox complimented the reeve on acting quickly in the emergency. "I think you did the right thing for a resident of the township whose home was burnt out," he added.

PROPOSES REST HOME MEDICAL COMPLEX NEAR THE HOSPITAL

Allow 6 Days, 5 Nights Open, New Store By-Law

Georgetown stores will be allowed to be open Mondays, and every night until 9 p.m. except Saturday, under a new by-law which council at a committee meeting last Thursday, authorized to be drawn up.

The Retail Merchants of Georgetown made the recommendation to council.

David Mackenzie, chairman of the Merchants Association warned that this did not mean that every merchant would stay open these hours, but stated the

merchants felt a liberal attitude is necessary so that in the future as the shopping habits of the consumer change, the retailer will be able to make adjustments without requiring council to alter the by-law again.

Mr. Mackenzie stressed that it is impossible to open all these hours because of increased costs.

He said he felt that the actual store hours in the near future would probably be six days a week, and only two nights.

Later on, if conditions warrant it may be changed to six days and three nights.

He pointed out that the actual new store hours have not been finalized by the merchants.

In conclusion he pointed out that liberal framework of the by-law should make Georgetown more attractive to new merchants wishing to come to town.

Mayor Bill Smith congratulated the merchants on their progressive attitude, and their cooperation with council.

A proposed complex on Princess Anne Drive which would include a rest home, senior citizens apartments, accommodation for children with learning disabilities and possibly a medical office centre was outlined at a council committee meeting on Monday.

A Mississauga man, Alan Howarth, is interested in acquiring an 8 acre parcel of town-owned land, on which he submitted a purchase offer in November.

Mr. Howarth said his plan would blend architecture to neighbouring residences, trees would be retained and the complex would be an enhancement to the area.

He has picked Georgetown as one of two possible locations, and says the location is ideal because of its proximity to the hospital and to the downtown commercial area.

He has spent eight months researching rest homes as far away as Florida, he said. There is a need for such accommodation here, he believes, and as an organizer of the Ontario Association for Children with Learning Disabilities he is equally interested in this phase.

He is including senior citizens apartments in his plan, he said because it ties in with the rest home plan.

And he has talked to local doctors who have expressed interest in the idea of a medical centre located close to the hospital.

Reeve Ric Morrow explained that when Mr. Howarth made his offer in the fall, council was

waiting for a land appraisal.

"Our problem is that your offer was considerably lower than another we received at the time," he said.

Mr. Howarth said that since then, he has learned that the land is boggy and has a high water table, and it may not be satisfactory for some types of building.

"My plan would not include a basement so it might be suitable for this," he added, "but my offer is conditional on soil tests."

BENEFIT TO RESIDENTS

Cr. Ern Hyde said that while council might talk about selling at a certain price to locate something of benefit to residents, a medical centre is another matter.

"In no way would I consider subsidizing doctors to set up business" added Reeve Morrow. "But a senior citizens idea could be different."

Mr. Howarth said there would be at least 2 consulting doctors on the rest home staff and his business would be a private one with no government assistance. Although not required, he said he would allot 10 percent of the beds for welfare cases.

HALF MILLION

"This is a half million dollar proposition and I'm not looking for concessions from council" he said. "I want both of us to be satisfied if a deal is made. I have some doubts now that the property is worth what I offered last year."

A further meeting is planned with council's property committee headed by Cr. Joan Smith on the proposal.

HIGHWAY LOCATION MAY HOUSE MAJOR INDUSTRY

Terming his client a 'package builder' who is prepared to move fast Joe Harley of E. A. Mitchell Real Estate queried council at a Monday committee meeting about servicing industrial land on Guelph Street.

He said that Whitney Construction Ltd. of Brampton has a purchase arrangement with

Fodal Properties to buy three highway lots on Guelph Street between General Fireproofing and Armstrong Ave. But this is dependent on whether the land would be serviced when it is ready to build.

Cr. Ern Hyde said that while council cannot demand minimum lot coverage as it does on municipally owned industrial land, he would want to know what type of building is planned before an estimated \$20,000 servicing cost is undertaken.

CLOSING DEAL

"However he's paying top price for the land and he would have to put high assessment buildings on it to make a sound investment," he added.

Mr. Harley said Whitney is ready to close a deal with one industry now, whenever council gives the servicing approval.

"If he lands a big industry with which he is negotiating

one plant could sit on the three lots" he said.

He explained that a 'package builder' is one who acquires land, lines up an industry and builds to their specifications either on a lease or sale arrangement.

"My client is not a land speculator and is not interested in holding vacant land once he acquires it," he said.

CAN SERVICE

Cr. Hyde said he thought servicing could be done by running laterals for sewers and water from across Guelph Street where they now exist.

Reeve Ric Morrow is interested in assurance that buildings would be of some size.

"A number of small buildings would not add to the appearance of this entrance to town and could add to traffic problems if there were a number of existing."

Recommend Full Time Chief For Town's Firefighters

"Why should we look for trouble? The fire department doesn't want it, and we've got a fine volunteer brigade" said Cr. Ern Hyde Monday as a full time fire chief was discussed at a committee meeting.

"Someday there will be a major fire call here while the department is fighting a township grass fire and then we'll be in trouble," he said. "I'd like to see the fire committee make a recommendation one way or the other and council can take it from there."

A committee meeting is planned to discuss the matter further with the fire marshal's office.

Deputy Reeve Arthur Speight said the fire marshal's department has strongly recommended this. Some towns of even 5,000 population have a full time chief he was told. All present members of the department would be eligible to apply and the marshal would set up an examination and submit the marks to council for their decision.

Cr. Hyde said that a paid chief would only be a start and within a year there would be three paid positions.

NOT MUCH LUCK

The deputy reeve said he has no indication of what Esquesing township intends to do. Last fall the township announced they were ending their mutual arrangement with Georgetown and setting up their own department. But the Ontario Municipal Board will not allow this and is having a hearing to make a decision soon.

"I don't think they have had much luck with their recruitment program, particularly for day duty men" said the deputy.

MORE EXPENSIVE

He said the fire marshal's office said the town and township should continue together and that it would be more expensive for Esquesing to have its own system.

There is one problem — lack of space at the present firehall on Guelph Street. To add to the building would eliminate all parking space.

Cr. Hyde said the town should look for another site, as it is uneconomical and unnecessary to have a second firehall.

DETRIMENTAL

Reeve Morrow expressed concern that continuing with an Esquesing arrangement could be detrimental to town taxpayers.

K. C. LINDSAY ENDING 28 YEARS' ESQUESING SERVICE

"A letter that brought sorrow to our office" was the way Clerk Delmar French described a letter of resignation from K. C. Lindsay, as he read the letter to Esquesing council Monday night.

K. C. Lindsay has served the township for 28 years, stepping down as clerk-treasurer to become deputy clerk in 1969, as present clerk Delmar French gradually assumed all the duties of clerk-treasurer.

In Mr. Lindsay's letter he stated he felt considerable regret "but the years are passing" he added. He thanked everyone for their unstinting help and cooperation, and offered to act in any capacity in an emergency to help the township.



K. C. LINDSAY

163 CHARGES LAID

One hundred and sixty-three charges were laid by Georgetown police during December according to the Department's monthly report. Most were against speeders.

From 1929 to 1943, in addition to farming, Mr. Lindsay was sheep evaluator for the township.

Before serving as clerk of the township, K. C., as he is generally known, farmed on the 7th line, on the farm which is now farmed by the 5th generation of Lindsays, K. C.'s son Donald.

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Government Library Grant Available, Esquesing Told

A letter from the Georgetown Library Board explained to Esquesing council Monday night, that 689 Esquesing residents, 374 adult, and 315 juniors, were members of Georgetown library.

A \$2 non resident fee is charged for adults but no charge is made for children, the letter stated.

WILL HEAR FROM OTHER TOWNS

While a grant was asked an alternative system was pointed out. The letter claimed provincial grants of 65¢ per capita were available to municipalities with no library facilities who wished to contract the library service to an adjacent municipality.

GRC SPLIT ON BANNING SNOWMOBILES

The Recreation Committee is split on what to do about snowmobiles in parks, Cr. Donna Denison reported at a council committee meeting Monday.

"Some want them banned from all parks, some from some parks and some not at all" she said.

"We can't do anything without some recommendation" observed Reeve Morrow.

"A majority decision must carry on a board just as it does at council" ruled Mayor Smith. Cr. Denison was asked to get such a decision for a future meeting.

MILLER vs. SMITH SNOWMOBILE FEATURE

"Lots of advice but no help" is what I'm getting" commented Deputy Reeve Russell Miller as he was officially appointed to carry the banner for Esquesing in the Jaycee sponsored snowmobile races February 6 and 7.

He accepted Mayor Bill Smith's challenge to a race between representatives of Esquesing and Georgetown council.

"You seem to be somewhat less than enthusiastic," remarked Cr. Dick Howitt.

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Talks to Businesswomen Explains VON Service

Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club had "The nurse who comes to your home" Mrs. Gail Biddome, a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses, as their dinner guest and speaker. Mrs. Biddome explained that the V.O.N. is available to anyone ill at home where there is a V.O.N. branch. Georgetown is serviced through the Oakville branch at the present time. Mrs. Mary Biehn and Mrs. Joy Noble are local representatives to Oakville.

V.O.N. patients are medical and surgical, requiring dressings, injections, irrigations, chronically ill, convalescents, this is rehabilitation nursing after an operation, accident or stroke. Mothers and babies receive pre-natal and post-natal supervision and attendance for delivery at home.

The nurse consults with the patient's doctor as to the nursing care required, the doctor, the family or a friend or patient may telephone the V.O.N. office requesting a nurse to call.

In most hospitals there is a referral program so arrangements can be made for care after the patient leaves hospital, thus ensuring continuity of care.

The fee is based on the cost of the visit. No patient is refused service because of inability to pay as the fee may be reduced or even waived if necessary. Voluntary and government funds assist in maintaining this service.

Twenty-five local residents look advantage of this service last year, totalling 900 visits.

Mrs. Biddome stressed that they are very pleased to answer any questions or give any information that is asked for.

During the business portion of the meeting it was reported that the golf club was not available on the night the members had planned to hold their Wine and Cheese party so that it was cancelled for the present.

Another report showed plumbing fees totalling \$55 for the month, and septic tank fees \$28.

Six tenders were received for gas and oil, including the installation of pumps and tanks. The cost of heating and cleaning the downstairs area of the municipal building, the dispute arose. Council decided to investigate the matter further.

At the same meeting:

Council accepted the building inspector's report showing a total of \$73,000 in building permits issued during January. All permits were for private homes.

Will Discuss Mushroom Plant Building Proposal

At a committee meeting Thursday night, council went along with a proposal by Cr. Ern Hyde that Planning Board meet with Ernie Skrow, owner of Meadow Glen Growers, on Mountainview Road, to discuss an overall plan.

The aim of the meeting is to find a solution satisfactory to both the mushroom plant and residents of the area, who have already presented a petition opposing the canning factory.

Council Cautious on Metro Free Calling

Last week an Eden Place resident, Mrs. Norman Bigg, wrote council saying Georgetown has been left out of a Bell Canada plan for free calling to metro Toronto.

She had contacted the company, she said, and was told the best method of obtaining this service is to have town council submit a brief to the local MP who in turn should contact the Canadian Transport Commission.

On Monday this was discussed briefly at a council committee meeting.

Cr. Ern Hyde said that while, as one who calls the city frequently, he would be pleased to see it, council should not initiate it without a consensus of public opinion.

OBJECTING

Mayor Smith said he had told anyone interested to present a petition.

"Brampton is in a real jam-pot" he said, "with that town's council objecting to the Bell's plans."

Reeve Morrow said he understood the Brampton proposal would allow toll free calls only to the west part of Toronto, and has many opponents because of the increased rates.

Want Unused Railway Lands

Esquesing council endorsed a resolution passed by Grey County, late last year, that the CN and CP railways be required to revert the property not under tracks, back to the municipality in which they are located.

The resolution also pointed out that the both railroads had been granted permission to discontinue passenger service over lands which they originally acquired at little or no cost. They stressed also the fact the land was not being maintained, and contributing to the lowering of value of private adjoining land.

Last week a ratepayer termed the whole of council "a bunch of boys."