

Improvement, Enrichment, Not Politics, Aim of CCOG

The Concerned Citizens of Georgetown stirred up enough concern among the cit-

zens to attract over one hundred people to their first public meeting in Wrigglesworth

auditorium last week. Ron Dodokin, acting chairman, stressed the apolitical

nature of the group, & stated their aims were the improvement and enrichment of the

environment, through citizen participation.

He explained that six committees had been set up covering all phases of interest and asked anyone with an interest in a specific committee to speak to the committee leader.

GEORGETOWN A GEM

The committees are roads and downtown, with James Kerr, heading it, a tree committee, with Doug Cole in charge, a parks and recreation committee, with chairman William Firth, a town development committee, with chairman Roger Frost, an historical committee with chairman Mrs. Ruth Applebaum, and a pollution committee headed by John Browne.

Jim Kerr, commented "For anyone who goes into the labyrinths of concrete in Toronto every day, Georgetown is a gem, but we won't be able to keep it that way unless we value it and are willing to take action."

He cited his concerns as the Main Street road widening,

the proposed type of construction on all other roads, easier access to that information, the publicizing of such information and the enhancement of the downtown area.

NATURAL PARK

James Firth, principal of Visual Arts Sheridan College, chairman of the parks and recreation committee, stated the prime objective was to retain present park land and acquire more. He particularly mentioned the land between Guelph Street and Holy Cross school which at one time had been known as Wilbur Lake. "It would be a tremendous asset if it were cleared of all the old automobiles and junk, and acquired by the town" he remarked.

His committee also strongly urged the town owned land on Princess Anne, at least six acres of it, be retained as a prime site for a natural park.

NERVE CENTRE

Roger Frost, heading the town development committee said they had devoted all

their time so far to the proposed Brumac Development.

They advocated the table land be designated a neighbourhood centre, with stores, recreational facilities and schools. By combining them the costs of parking and utilities would be reduced, but more important would create a nerve centre for the community.

Frost questioned the wisdom of erecting high-rise apartments on the highest ground, and suggested they be on the slopes, where they could be partially screened by trees, and would blend into the rural surroundings. He maintained that Hungry Hollow should be set aside as a regional park, with walking trails marked.

All services should be underground, he continued, and a garbage disposal site created.

SAVE THE TREES

Doug Cole, chairman of the Tree Committee, pointed out that preservative must be applied to trees when the limbs are trimmed, or the

tree will die in a few years. He contended larger trees should be required from developers, both for shade purposes and better chance of survival.

Mrs. Ruth Applebaum of the historical committee was not present, but Ron Dodokin in her place, asked for everyone's co-operation in gathering the town's history. "Knowing the history and roots of a town help give a sense of identity," he commented.

Dave Wheldon, speaking for John Browne, chairman of the pollution committee, said the committee has chosen to investigate specific areas within the community to determine who is polluting the environment and to determine their willingness to cease that pollution.

Warren Wright's impressive movie The Many Faces of Hungry Hollow with a singularly appropriate sound track, showed the beauty of the area, and the desecration in some spots.



Wearing CCOG badges identifying them as concerned citizens are Betty-Ann Tripp, left, and Deborah Caruso. Behind them are Stan Arrowsmith and Helen Corris.

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No Sizeable Development Until Sewage Treatment Plant Expands

The sewage disposal plant must be expanded before any sizeable development can take place in town, Cr. Ernie Sykes told council, at a committee meeting last Thursday night. Reporting on a meeting with the O.W.R.C., Cr. Sykes said only one plan, the one calling for a million dollar tertiary treatment plant which could serve a population of 30,000, could be developed.

Works superintendent Frank Morette explained that the first phase of the trunk sanitary sewer project had reduced infiltration of water from Silver Creek, and the second phase would reduce it more. The second phase is being held up until the expropriation of the Municipal property on John Street for an easement is concluded, said Mr. Morette.

Cr. Sykes pointed out the plant could be financed either through debenture or through a Provincial financing scheme.

Cr. Hyde suggested the new town engineer be asked to familiarize himself with the situation and ask the OWRC to come back for another meeting. Council in committee agreed to this suggestion.

MISSING MONTH, FIND MAN'S BODY LUMBERYARD CORNER

The body of a Georgetown man missing for almost a month was discovered in the snow in a lumber yard on the south side of James Street, Thursday afternoon.

Robert Martin, 58, of 10 Churchill Crescent, had been missing since the end of January.

George Wilson, a Mackenzie Lumber Company employee, found the body shortly before 4 o'clock when he went to a remote corner of the yard to get some material.

SNAGGED ON FENCE

Mr. Martin was completely covered by snow except for one leg which snagged on barbed wire running along the top of the lumber yard fence.

The fence runs close to an embankment on the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service property side. A number of skids are stacked four feet inside the fence. From appearances, Mr. Martin was cutting through the GVAS property, fell over the embankment and fence and struck his head on the skids as he fell the five feet to the ground.

AUTOPSY

Results of an autopsy conducted in Peel Memorial Hospital



ROBERT MARTIN

in Brampton were not available at press time, however, it appears Mr. Martin froze to death after being knocked unconscious.

Mr. Martin, who was a member of the Smith & Stone Ltd., 25 Year Club, leaves his wife Margaret and a son Danny.

Funeral service was Saturday afternoon at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home with interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

R. R. 2 Contractor Without Portfolio

SNOW APPOINTED TO DAVIS CABINET

Store Hours, Meters, Vary

The new five and ten cent meters now installed on Main Street have operating hours marked on them, which are in conflict with the new store hours, or even the old store hours.

The meters are marked in operation from nine a.m. till six p.m., but the stores can open from nine a.m. till nine p.m.

STUMP BURNS

A tree stump burning on Metcalfe Court Sunday afternoon resulted in the only disturbance of Georgetown firefighters peace and quiet this week.

Jim Snow, of R. R. 2, Georgetown, Halton East MPP was one of seven new faces named Monday to the Ontario cabinet by Premier William Davis.

Snow's promotion from the back benches to minister without portfolio gives Halton County two cabinet members. George Kerr, who represents Halton West, is energy and resources minister.

Snow was first elected to Queen's Park three and a half years ago and since taking his seat to represent the new riding of Halton East has served on several government committees and is currently the government spokesman on the Ontario Housing Corporation.

DRAFTED BUILDING CODE

As a backbencher Snow gained notice when the legislature adopted a standardized building code bill he drafted.

During the leadership campaign, Snow left a hospital bed to help William Davis campaign across Ontario.

He was one of the first backbenchers to publicly declare his support for Davis. At the time he was in hospital for an operation.

Award Tender, St. Francis School Opens in September

Halton County Roman Catholic Separate School Board has given final approval to construction of St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School in Georgetown.

Total cost of the project will be \$343,374.

The board accepted a low tender of \$264,202 or \$13.50 per square foot for construction.

Initial enrolment in the school will be 355 children from kindergarten to grade six. Five classrooms may later be added to the school.

St. Francis of Assisi is scheduled to open September 7, 1971.

SINGLE STORY

This is a new elementary school of 19,560 sq. ft. designed by Michael J. Torney, Architect, of Hamilton. Walter, Eull and Elliott Ltd. are the Mechanical and Electrical consultants.

Whitney Construction of Brampton submitted the low tender.

The single storey building

will be of brick and block construction with steel roof deck and joists.

OPEN AREAS

There will be acoustic lay-in-tile ceilings throughout, except in the general purpose room, carpeting on floors of teaching area and in the library resource centre, terrazzo floors and vinyl asbestos tile on floors in other areas.

The roof-mounted heating and air handling system includes air cooling. Cable TV outlets will be provided for all areas.

The design features eight open teaching areas in two rectangular shaped rooms with a 'wet' area in each room for such activities as painting and other art work.

DEMOUNTABLE

A large separate room is provided for music lessons and oral instructions, and a smaller separate room is provided for seminar purposes.

The kindergarten room is located next to the open teaching area. A demountable

wall panel permits integration with the next level of learning as soon as the pupils have advanced sufficiently to participate in some of the work.

The general purpose room is centrally located and has both change and washrooms close by for minimum disturbance from classes walking up and down corridors. The library resource centre is located between the two open teaching areas.



HON. ROBERT WELCH COMES TO DINNER

Hon. Robert Welch, newly appointed Minister of Education, chats with Esquering Reeve Tom Hill prior to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce dinner at North Halton Country Club last Thursday. Welch was Ontario's provincial secretary and Minister of Citizenship.

Esquering Happy, Would Trade 19 Roads for County's 3 1/2 Miles

Esquering council unanimously approved the recommendations of the Halton County Needs Study, which would see the County take over 19 miles of present township roads, and return 3 1/2 miles of present county roads to the township. Nearly half the mileage is on roads which form boundaries with either Peel or Wellington counties.

The switch is urged in a roads need study report made by the 1970 roads committee, and the Dept. of Highways, with the help of a consulting company.

The final report, after comments from the various municipalities affected, will be considered at the March county council meeting.

ABSORBED BY COUNTY

The 19 miles of road, which may be absorbed into the county system, are:

The Esquering - Nassagaweya boundary from Milton Heights to the Lower Base Line.

No. 5 Sideroad from Highway 25 to the 7th Line.

The 9th Line from 10 sideroad to southern limits of Georgetown.

No. 15 Sideroad to 7th Line.

Esquering - Chinguacousy boundary from Highway, North to the 17 Sideroad.

Brown's line from Highway 7 north and east to the 9th Line.

No. 22 sideroad from Highway 25 to Limehouse.

Esquering - Chinguacousy boundary from lot 28 north to Esquering-Erin boundary.

Esquering - Erin boundary from Esquering - Chinguacousy boundary west to 7th Line at Ballinfad.

Two roads running to the gates of large quarries are among the routes which will revert to Esquering Township.

These are the First Line from No. 3 sideroad from the Base Line north and west to the Esquering - Nassagaweya boundary. The other is the First Line from No. 5 sideroad to the quarry entrance.

A section of the 15 sideroad will also revert to the township should the report be adopted by county council, March 16.

Town Needs Full-time Chief Second Firehall

A full time paid fire chief, a second firehall south of Silver Creek, an aerial pumper fire truck, and an additional two boys with hose drying tower, at the existing fire hall, were some of the recommendations listed in a report unveiled at committee meeting last Thursday night.

The report was the result of a joint meeting with representatives of Georgetown, Esquering and the fire marshal's office.

ALL ELIGIBLE

The report also went along with the firemen's own suggestion that all members of the force be eligible to apply for the position.

All applicants would have to pass a medical, and a qualifying examination set by the office of the Ontario Fire Marshal.

The suggestion that a standing joint committee of Esquering and Georgetown be set up to review budgets and policy, seemed to indicate Esquering does not intend to set up their own fire department.

Cr. Ern Hyde asked flatly, "Is Esquering not going to build their own firehall?"

Cr. Phil Siddall, a member of the fire sub-committee, replied "They would prefer an agreement, if it can be worked out."

Cr. Harry Levy doubted it wisdom of two firehalls, but deputy reeve Arthur Speight, the other member of the sub-committee, pointed out the second firehall would be built on after the development of the south side of Hungry Hollow and would be built in that area.

In answer to a question from Reeve Ric Morrow, Cr. Joe Smith said the fire marshal favoured one joint department or two separate ones.

The committee consisted of deputy reeve A. Speight, chairman and Cr. P. N. Siddall, Georgetown, deputy reeve Bill Miller and Cr. Len Colquhoun, Esquering. N. Atkins and J. I. Alexander of the Fire Marshal's office also attended this meeting.

The committee of the two municipalities will meet on March 10th.

Would Build Townhouses on Mountainview Road

A plan to build 150 townhouses on the land near the old bottling works on Mountainview Road was presented to committee of council last Thursday night.

Samuel Black of Economy Construction asked council to send a letter to Ontario Housing Corporation stating there was a need for such housing in town.

INDICATE BLESSING

Cr. Ern Hyde said the plan had never been approved, as Mr. Black suggested, but only the principle of town housing had been approved. He said access on both River Drive and Mountainview had been recommended when the subject came to council last year.

Both Cr. Harry Levy and Reeve Morrow said they felt a letter to O.H.C. would indicate the town was giving its blessing to the project.

Council decided the matter should go to Planning Board before coming back to council.

Would Boost Land Price to \$5,000

Cr. Joan Smith wants council to raise its asking price for town-owned industrial land to \$5,000 an acre from the present \$1,000.

She told a committee meeting Monday that there is only 7 acres left in the industrial park purchased from Metropolitan Halton Developments some years ago. The land was acquired for \$100 an acre, with the town allowing the firm to proceed with house building on land which had been frozen by a residential-industrial ratio.

The committee agreed that land price should be reviewed and will ask the Industrial Commission to suggest an asking price.