

Pool Agreement And Drawings Given Okay By Council

Uncertainty about the status of capital commitments on the eve of regional government continues to shroud Georgetown plans for an enclosed swimming pool and recreation complex.

Monday, council took two more steps to bring both about, while still awaiting a legal opinion that could determine whether or not tender calls can be made before the end of the year.

Council gave approval for preparation of conceptual drawings for the pool and recreation site and also gave third and final reading to a bylaw to execute a swimming pool agreement with the Halton County Board of Education.

The swimming pool is to be constructed at Georgetown District High School, while the recreation complex will be built on rezoned land off Guelph Street.

The swimming pool agreement bylaw passed on a split vote, five to four, one of three such votes during the evening meeting.

Coun. Harry Levy argued that certain legal recommendations remained to be discussed, and the matter of the agreement should be delayed for consideration at a committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Coun. Ern Hyde disagreed, saying no major problems

stood in the way of the pool agreement. Technicalities should not hold up the pool, he said.

It was Coun. Hyde who drew an analogy between marriage and divorce, and the pool agreement between town and school board. Nothing is absolute, he declared. Changes could always be made.

Coun. Phil Siddall was quick to reply that he did not see how a swimming pool could be

divorced from the school, and he once more declared his opposition to the school location.

Coun. Siddall said he encountered public opposition to the school location while he was campaigning for the Oct. 1 regional vote.

Coun. Roy Booth disagreed with Coun. Siddall, saying his campaign activities led him to conclude that people of Georgetown wanted an en-

closed swimming pool, and the high school site met with their approval. "It's time to get going," he told council.

Mayor Bill Smith added support to Coun. Booth's comments, saying "people had views about where the pool should go, but the main concern was to have one."

The mayor's affirmative vote decided the issue. In a recorded vote, one of three during the council meeting, the mayor and

councillors Mike Armstrong, and Hyde, and Booth and deputy reeve Ernie Sykes voted in favor. Opposed were councillors Levy, Siddall and Bill Hunter and Reeve Ric Morrow.

Conceptual drawings for the pool and the recreation site will be prepared by Canadian Swimming Pool Company of Windsor and Dundas. Before decision was made to go ahead with this feature, council held a long, closed session with

recreation director Doug Collison.

Conceptual drawings will show site locations and floor plans but will not give detailed construction specifications. Mr. Collison said Tuesday he would estimate cost of the drawings would be about \$4,000 or \$5,000.

Council could have gone for a project proposal, but has been leery about the question of commitment under regional government for the projects.

On Jan. 1, Halton Hills is the new town that incorporates the former municipalities of Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing Township.

If legal ground can be cleared soon, possibly this week, to permit a project start, Mr. Collison said tender calls could be made before the end of the year.

The swimming pool will be shared by public and students.

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NEILSON COMPANY BIDS FOR GEORGETOWN PLANT

Plant Available On Guelph Street

William Neilson Ltd. of Toronto has submitted a bid for the Georgetown premises of the General Fireproofing Company.

General Fireproofing ended its Georgetown operation in the spring of this year, after about three years of production in its own plant on Guelph Street. The company manufactured metal office furniture.

No deal has been sealed for the Georgetown plant, and several firms are known to have expressed interest in it. A source close to the Neilson company said a bid has been

submitted, and this was confirmed in Georgetown. But all sources stress that no agreement has been reached yet.

The Neilson company is one of Canada's largest producers of chocolate confections and ice cream products. Anyone who has ever bit into a Crispy Crunch or Jersey Nut, to name only two, is familiar with the company.

General Fireproofing announced its closing more than a year ago, and helped relocate its employees.

Fire in Leaves, Heater Ruin Department Record

Two mid-month fire calls have interrupted Georgetown Fire Department's perfect Fire Prevention Month record.

A burning pile of leaves and a fire in a homemade heater in a garage are to blame.

The heater was too close to the structural members of a garage. Fire Chief Ken Bulkema reported. It was constructed from two 45-gallon drums, one serving as a firebox and the other as a heat collector. Damage was limited.

A pile of leaves burning on Durham Street was extinguished with no damage done.

Marshall's office.

Coun. Ern Hyde suggested the matter should be discussed at a fire committee meeting. Referring to the advent of regional government, he said, "there are implications in this."

Confirm Win For McKenzie

Recount, Monday, conducted in Esquesing Township office, has left Garnet McKenzie, Acton reeve, as winner of the regional councillor position for Ward 1, Halton Hills.

The McKenzie win margin was increased from two to eight votes. Voting for the position was done Oct. 1. At that time, McKenzie polled 874 votes to 872 for deputy reeve Peter Marks.

This week at council, an amended fire department bylaw was approved. It revises last year's fire department bylaw, and tightens medical provisions and makes some operational changes. Intent of the bylaw remains the same.

And still with fire, council, by a five-to-four vote, decided to request a fire protection survey of the town, by the Ontario Fire

Judge Sprague's tally gave McKenzie 883 votes, and Marks, 875.

The recount was conducted in time for the inaugural meeting of the new regional government, today. The meeting is being held in Burlington Central High School, in the presence of Ontario's lieutenant-governor, W. Ross Macdonald.

Another Look At Pylon Sign

General committee recommended refusal, but Georgetown council in committee-of-the-whole will take another look at a sign request from DeBoer Movers and Storage.

The company wants to erect a pylon sign to indicate its location at 384 Guelph Street.

Coun. Ern Hyde, committee chairman, objected to the committee's refusal, and repeated his objection this week before council. The councillor said he favored erection of the sign, with a 15-foot setback, and pointed out that no other form of sign can be erected because the firm is located in premises at the rear of the former Bliss plant.

Mayor Bill Smith suggested council review the request in committee-of-the-whole, and ask to see plans of the sign. Council agreed.

2 Are Winners In Art Contest

Two Georgetown residents were winners in the Heritage Halton Art Contest held by Halton County Council.

The contest was launched last spring by warden Anne MacArthur, to involve residents of the county in recording through paintings and photographs the history of the county. Seventy-six entries were judged by Mrs. Florence Myers, Alice Waywell and Harry Howard. They were put on display during the weekend at the county museum at Kelso Conservation Area.

David Vance of Georgetown won first prize of \$100 for his painting of Georgetown railway station. His work was entered

in the category for adult watercolor or oil painting.

In the high school division of painting or photography, Brian Gibson of Georgetown won the \$50 first prize with a painting of Georgetown Library.

Two other Georgetown residents also placed in the competition. Vicki Montgomery placed second in elementary school painting or photography and Gilbert Libotte placed third in the adult photography division.

In adult photography, Ron Blanche of Oakville won, and in elementary school painting or photography, winner was Matthew Robinson of Oakville.

Parents Are Invited To Pre-School Classes

Pre-school classes for parents of young children will be introduced in Georgetown, later this month by Halton County Health Unit.

First series will open Oct. 25, at St. Andrew's United Church, where space is being provided. The series will be composed of six classes.

The gatherings will be informal, and will deal with the role of the parent, toilet training, safety, discipline, parental concerns—and many other topics.

Leadership will be provided by a community nurse. Babysitting service will be provided by interested volunteers. Object of the classes is to provide scientific

information, open discussion and practical assistance, to help parents reach informed decisions about child raising.

There are six classes to a series. Fathers as well as mothers are invited to attend. Cost is \$2 per person. Classes will run from 10 to 11.30 a.m. and the first series will end Nov. 29.

Such classes have been held regularly in Burlington and Oakville and were tried in Milton, with success, last year. This year, it was decided to begin the classes in Georgetown.

A second series of classes will be offered sometime next spring.

Esquesing Crash Kills Woman, 18

An Acton woman was pronounced dead on arrival at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, following a mishap on 17 Sideroad in Esquesing Township, Monday.

Dead is Miss Lynne Van Fleet, 18. She was pronounced dead by coroner Dr. A. E. Macintosh. Post mortem examination was scheduled to take place Tuesday.

Miss Van Fleet was a passenger in a truck driven by Susan McPhail.

The mishap occurred when the vehicle driven by Miss McPhail, 16 of Acton, went out of control and rolled over. Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police estimated damage to the truck, owned by Elma McPhail, mother of Miss McPhail, at \$1,000.

Miss McPhail was treated at Georgetown hospital and released.

In Georgetown, traffic mishaps during the past week produced some costly crashes. Damage was placed at \$1,900 in a collision involving vehicles driven by Gary Post, R.R. 1, Hillsburgh, and Robert Stuart Barber, 50 Market Street, Georgetown. Collision occurred on Maple Avenue, near Parkview.

A \$450 crash on Weber Drive involved John A. English, 27 Weber Dr., and Andy Malenfant, 82 Weber Dr.

Other collisions, damage was \$230, in a crash on Mountainview Road between vehicles driven by Arthur M. Klee, Glen Williams, and Neil Best, Glen Williams.



NEW PROPRIETORS
Georgetown. The store reopened this week as Lee Brothers Supermarket. Peter has operated an import-export business in Toronto and Edward was with the A&P chain.

Landfill Tender Okayed But No Figure Is Quoted

By a split vote, five to four, Georgetown council has voted to approve a tender for sanitary landfill site preparation, without knowing exactly what amount the tender is.

Council earlier had approved an expenditure of \$50,000 for the work.

Monday, council considered the tender, from Graham Brothers, and after some impassioned persuasion from Reeve Ric Morrow, moved to give it okay.

Deputy reeve Ernie Sykes said the tender, expressed in units, such as hourly machine rentals, was studied by hydrologists and was the low, over-all bid.

Coun. Ern Hyde said he understood the unit prices would have to come within the budgeted amount.

Reeve Morrow declared the town has a site approved and

"we need it desperately." Whether the work is in or out of the budget, it has to be done, he said.

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved the capital expenditure, he said, but it is hoped that before debentures ever have to be issued, regional government will assume the project.

On top of this, under regional government, extra expense at the site could be borne by the region for installation of shredders and compactors, the reeve suggested.

Mayor Bill Smith, who voted in favor of the tender award, if it stays within budget, complained that Georgetown foresight will result in a garbage flow from other areas of the region. "We prepare a site and it looks like garbage will be trucked into Georgetown from Central Halton," he said.

"A lot of our work will go to look after Milton and Nasagaweya problems," he said.

Coun. Phil Siddall, who opposed the tender award without knowing what figures are involved, said he objected to "trucking garbage to our landfill site."

Other councillors opposing the decision were Bill Hunter, Harry Levy and Mike Armstrong.

Coun. Levy protested that "without something in writing, council could not know 'how much we're going to spend.'"

Mayor Bill Smith, Reeve Morrow, deputy reeve Sykes and councillors Hyde and Roy Booth voted in the affirmative.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MRS. VAL SHECKY of Georgetown, service-to-patient chairman of the Canadian Cancer Society's Georgetown unit, attended a two-day conference of society volunteer workers in Toronto. The training seminar offered volunteers information about organization of local committees, and presented details about a number of volunteer services of the society, such as transportation, home and hospital visiting, activity program and service in lodges and clinics.

WINNER OF THIS year's 50-50 draw of the Georgetown Minor Soccer Association is G. Kelly of 24 Faldout Dr., who receives a prize of \$72.05. Scott Selby will receive a prize of \$50 for selling the most books of tickets and Karen Kelly wins \$10 for selling the winning ticket. Cup final reports and report from the mosquito tournament will appear in next week's paper.

GEORGETOWN INDUSTRIAL Commission has rescinded a recommendation put off two weeks ago by council about sale of a parcel of industrial land. Council felt the price suggested, \$3,500 was too low, and withheld approval, but this week, it was learned two more bids on the land have been received and the commission will give the matter further review.

GEORGETOWN COUNCIL, Monday, passed a bylaw to regulate and licence exhibitions and carnivals and the sale of food and refreshments at them. The bylaw provides for a \$200 licence fee, plus a daily operating fee of \$10. The bylaw grew out of a ruckus in the spring at a midway playing in Georgetown.

Norval Bridge Is Open

Traffic on Highway 7 through Norval is using the new bridge over the Credit River. Fernar Paving Ltd., this week, began wrapping up its construction operations, as final layer of asphalt went down and sod was placed along the right of way.

Extra Provincial Dollars Will Assist Region

Halton Hills will receive \$1.4 million more in provincial funds in 1974, to help in the transition from county to regional government.

Arthur Meen, parliamentary assistant to Ontario cabinet minister John White, treasurer and minister of economics and intergovernmental affairs, told the fall meeting of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, last week, that extra monies are being allocated.

The region will receive \$3.13 million in provincial funds in 1974, an increase of 80 per cent over the 1973 county allocation of \$1.75 million. Transitional grants are limited to five years and increase on a linear basis from 100 per cent of impact.

"This money is not a gift or a goody," Mr. Meen told his listeners. He said the funds are being made available because

the new regional government, which assumes office Jan. 1, will assume responsibilities never before faced by the county level of administration.

Mr. Meen drew a comparison between county and regional government, saying residents should find the transition natural because the regional setup is a remodelled county government.

He told his listeners that while the new regional government will possess the potential for achievement, it should not be regarded as a magic answer. "It is no panacea," he said.

And a certain amount of confusion can be expected during the transfer, he cautioned, but he said he did not subscribe to some criticisms that old problems are being exchanged for new ones. Civic leaders, he said, are making

good progress, "cranking up the machine" and their efforts "deserve" warm commendation.

He outlined a number of regional responsibilities, from integration of municipal staff to accessibility of services, and warned that any increase in taxes should not necessarily be tied to regional government, or regarded as a feature of such government.

"Better services cost more money," he said.

At the same time, some services may operate at a lower standard than previously experienced. He cited as an example twice-weekly garbage collection. Under regional government, "it might be decided that service would be fairer on a weekly basis."

FAIR SERVICE
"Fair service for everyone,"

the speaker said, "can mean a downgrading for some and an upgrading for others."

He urged the chamber and its members to think on a broad plain, to help avoid parochialism, and to foster a continuing sense of competition among member areas of Halton Hills. "Keep healthy rivalry," he said, citing place names, service club activities, and the like, as well as sports competitions.

"We don't need parochialism based on old town boundaries," he told his listeners.

During a question and answer period, Mr. Meen was asked by former municipal politician Jack Armstrong why the province decided the selection of three names for a plebiscite. Mr. Meen said the province favored a limited selection, to make a choice meaningful, but it did not pick the names for the

ballot.

Mayor Bill Smith later explained that of the three names on the ballot, Acton residents chose North Halton, Esquesing and the Georgetown choice was Halton Hills, which subsequently won. No one in Georgetown, he said, publicly suggested Georgetown.

Reeve Ric Morrow asked Mr. Meen why a province appointee had to head the regional government. Why not have made the appointment for one year, then permit the regional council to choose a successor, he asked.

Mr. Meen said many dissident factions must be moulded into regional functionality in any area of new administration, and everyone has parochial instincts which take time to disappear. The province has "got excellent service"

from its regional appointees, he said, and in most cases, the men appointed have been returned to office for additional terms.

Mr. Meen had extensive civil service experience in Ontario prior to his entrance into the political ring in 1967. He was re-elected in 1971.

Mr. Armstrong introduced Mr. Meen, and he was thanked by chamber treasurer Tracy Barrager, who presented him with a reproduction of the Halton County atlas.

Master of ceremonies for the chamber meeting, which drew about four dozen dinner participants, was president Ken Faulkner.

During his report, Mr. Barrager said the chamber was solvent, to the tune of slightly more than \$227. Meeting was held at North Halton Golf and Country Club.



(Herald Photo)

TOPS IN BATON

Dawn Adams, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alister Adams, 15 Chipper Ct., is Miss Kitchener-Waterloo Junior Olymberfest in baton. She won seven trophies in the recent competition and placed in eight categories. Dawn studies baton in Kitchener, and also is a student of dance. She has accumulated many trophies in a variety of baton competitions.

Pools Are Popular As More Are Built

No new permits were issued for single-family dwellings in September, by the Georgetown building department; but there were seven permits issued for swimming pools.

To date, in 1973, 39 pool permits have been issued, for estimated value of \$241,562, or more than a quarter of a million dollars.

New single-family housing starts for the year number 20, with value pegged at \$365,000. Other residential dwellings, under three permits, total \$914,100.

CENTS-ALIVE

We like the story of the weekly newspaperman who retired at 70 with a nice nest egg of \$50,000. Seems he owed it all to thrift, wise investments, sensible living and a \$49,997 bequest from a rich uncle.



ARTHUR MEEN, parliamentary assistant to Ontario cabinet minister John White, receives a copy of the reproduced Halton County atlas. Mr. Meen was speaker at the fall meeting of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. Tracy Barrager, right, chamber treasurer, made the presentation.