

Library Plans Stalled Again, Booth is Sore

Council in Halton Hills has refused to proceed on faith by authorizing an addition to the Georgetown library that was approved in principle last year by the Georgetown Council.

Instead, it will meet with Toronto architect Paul Martel in a special council session to hear study plans for the building. The decision was made in spite of an outburst from Coun. Roy Booth asking for fast action on the issue.

"I'm so fed up with having this thing delayed, stalled, and put off everyone is in favor of the addition, everyone wants to have it done, but it never gets going," he said.

Mr. Booth told council that the issue came frequently before the Georgetown Council.

"The subject just about makes me ill," he said. "We sat there since March with this man. He's been back and forth, back and forth."

Mr. Booth asked the council to give a third reading to bylaw 74-31, a bylaw to authorize an agreement with the architect for the library alterations and addition.

The request was turned down, but it prompted an outburst from Mayor Tom Hill.

"I'm pretty disturbed when I see this project left until 1974," he said, noting that construction of a new theatre arena complex in Georgetown was well among the unfinished business of the Georgetown council.

"It was all left until 1974, when Roy had all this before you in 1973," he said.

Later, Mr. Booth said, "This could have been going to tender now. We could be taking advantage of winter works grants from the government to cut the costs."

NEW BUILDING
The proposed addition will cost an estimated \$250,000. It will contain 10,000 square feet in its three floors of space.

"There will be a lower, middle and upper floors," explained Paul Martel, the architect. "We are trying to retain as much of the old building as possible, including the stain-glass windows."

The library functions will be divided into both parts of the building. In the basement of the new addition, a children's library will be housed. The main floor will be a multi-purpose room: while the upper floor will contain rare books and a reference department.

"The multi-purpose room will be constructed so it can operate after the library is closed. This is to allow community use of the room," explained Mr. Martel.

In the basement of the old library, there will be book storage. The main floor will contain circulation and a reading room for adults.

"A book lift will connect the two parts," added Mr. Martel. "In the present library, we are going to take down the false ceiling and allow the original arches of the churen to show."

A ramp from the outside will lead to the main floor of the addition. This is to allow easy access for anyone using a wheelchair. The addition will have fire-proof construction; while the old building will have a few additions for better fire protection.

"We'll be doing some landscaping also. There will be a walkway from the children's library on the south side to a terraced part of the grounds."

The addition will have pre-cast concrete as an outer material to accent the present building. Inside, the finish will be plaster with carpeting throughout the building.

Rabies Confirmed On Norval Farm
Rabies have been confirmed in a sheep owned by Frank and Chester Early, said a spokesman for the Department of Animals in Brampton.

The report was sent to Brampton from Hull, the Animal Diseases Research Institute.

The Early brothers found the sheep last week, frothing at the mouth. "She'd go for you like a mad bull," explained Frank Early. "We thought we'd shoot her, but the doc said no, so we penned her up till she croaked."

A veterinarian from the Department of Animals went to the farm and removed the sheep's brain for testing.

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Halton Okays New Offer To Dump County Building

A last-ditch stand by Halton Hills regional representatives to preserve Halton ownership of the former county administration building was overcome Wednesday.

Regional council approved acceptance of a new provincial offer of \$1,728,050 for the three-storey building. The price is an increase over the original bid of \$1,615,000, but less than the asking price agreed upon by regional council in December—\$1,850,000.

The new agreement was hammered out last week in a meeting between members of the regional administration committee, Halton MPP James Kerr and Provincial Minister of Public Services James Snow.

The deal was approved by council Wednesday despite an appeal from Halton Hills council asking for a postponement until the council could meet with Mr. Snow and Provincial Treasurer John White.

ONLY SEVEN
Only seven of the 25 regional representatives voted in favor of the postponement, all of them from Milton or Halton Hills. Only Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur, former county warden, broke ranks with the northern councils.

Her vote against the delaying action was a departure from her stands in the past whenever the fate of the administration building has been in question. At meetings of the council elect, in 1973, she joined the common front of northern politicians who fear that the sale of the building is the first step in a move by Oakville and Burlington representatives to move the regional headquarters into the populous southern portion of the region.

Mrs. MacArthur, a member of the administration committee which worked out the new price, responded angrily to a charge by Halton Hills

councillor Ernie Sykes that the committee was attempting to "railroad through the issue today."

"It's not fair to have that charge levelled at us," she replied.

She acknowledged her concern that the regional administrative centre would be moved south, but said the issue should be settled one way or the other.

LOTS OF TALK
"We've been dealing with this problem since last October," she said. "We've talked about this, rehearsed this, and talked more about it since 1969. If we're going to do a job here we'd better make some decisions. We haven't made any decisions to speak of since we started here."

In an introduction to the Halton Hills motion for a postponement, Councillor Sykes noted: "This building is ideally situated for the purpose for which it was intended."

"Our concern is that the people of Halton Hills are not being considered," he said.

"The development of regional government is for the benefit of all the people of Halton. Development is coming north. This is becoming more and more of a central location. We're not just dealing with property, or with a building, but with the lifestyle of all the people of Halton."

The Halton Hills motion for a postponement to allow time for a municipal delegation to meet with provincial representatives came under fire for the precedent that Oakville councillor Terry Mannell said "could bring this government to its knees."

The right to deal with the government on regional matters should remain exclusively the privilege of the regional council rather than of the individual municipalities, he said.

Council Will Move Out But Where Will It Go?

The regional council has agreed to move out of the former county administration building but it still does not know where it plans to go.

At a meeting in January, council all agreed to lease a property in Burlington as a temporary headquarters but even that arrangement no longer seems final.

Instead, the council has agreed to accept new offers on the Burlington property, and for three buildings all located in Oakville. Draft leases are to be submitted to the administration and finance committee by Feb. 11, to be reviewed at a meeting of the committee Feb. 13.

Council agreed last month to seek a temporary location for the regional headquarters. According to the council scheme, a lease will be taken out on the property for three years, during which time a site is to be selected and construction completed on a new administration building owned by the region.

The former county administration building is to be sold to the province for \$1,728,050 and will be turned over to the Ministry of Justice. Presently, 80 per cent of the space in the building is occupied by courts and legal offices.

Other areas which Union Gas services have not been as lucky. In Essex County, 85 people were cut off their gas when vandals shut a regulator valve.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A FIRE at Murt Allison Equipment, R.R. 1 Georgetown, destroyed a snowmobile and caused damage to other contents and the building. There is no estimate of the cost. The Georgetown fire department had no other calls during the week.

TWO ROCKWOOD MEN have been charged with assaulting a police officer. The offence occurred when their vehicle was stopped for speeding on Highway 7, west of Acton. Corporal Robert Armour of the Acton detachment did not identify the officer. He said the incident occurred at 1:15 a.m., Feb. 9. Charges were laid against Malcolm MacMillan, 19, of RR 2 Rockwood, the driver of the vehicle, and against Michael Blake, RR 2 Rockwood, 20, a passenger. The two men were held overnight in the Milton Jail, and will appear before the provincial court on Wednesday.

FILMS WILL BE shown and refreshments served at the open forum, Sunday evening, Feb. 10 at Knox Church, Acton. An inter-church committee representing several Acton churches plan the evening to learn about and discuss third value development problems.

ACTON Y'S MENETTES are sponsoring a book sale and flea market, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the YMCA.

Clarification Expected About Third Fire Chief

Halton region and Halton Hills have been given a deadline to clean up a 15-acre waste disposal site located near Georgetown.

According to Paul Isles, an engineer with the ministry of the environment, regional and municipal representatives were given a list of 13 items that must be attended to at the dump, within the year, each item with its own final date for reconciliation.

Included in the list, he said, were a monitoring program to check ground water runoff from the dump, construction of ground sumps to divert the runoff, and a collector system to direct ground water.

As well, he said, a larger bulldozer than the one now being used, must be acquired to control waste drop offs at the site.

The meeting, Wednesday, was attended by Peter Morris, Halton Hills engineer, D. J. Corbett, Halton regional engineer, and Frank Rover, a consulting engineer with Hydrological Consultants Ltd.

It was agreed at the meeting, Mr. Isles said, that Mr. Rover would spend at least one hour per day supervising operations at the sites.

Earlier this week, the site was described as being a "19th century dump," by Sheila Watson, a project planner with

the Credit Valley Authority. "We've been aware of its condition for three weeks, now," Mrs. Watson said.

"We gave permission for two water courses on the understanding that the ministry of the environment would monitor the runoff to make sure that all was well."

"Since then we have found that all was not well."

The authority's concern was heightened by the site's location, adjacent to the Credit River, she said.

Miss Watson complained that improvements at the site were delayed by "disagreement between the region and municipality" about who holds

responsibility for conditions there.

Mr. Morris explained that ownership of the site was transferred from the Town of Georgetown to the regional government, on Jan. 1, when the government was established.

The site is used exclusively by Georgetown and operated by Halton Hills on a charge-back basis to the region, he explained.

He added, that operations might be expanded so that the site could serve a larger regional area.

"It is possible that it might become a regional site," he



LAST VALENTINES FROM CHAPEL STREET SCHOOL (Herald Photo)

For the past 103 years, students have been bringing home valentines to parents and loved ones from Chapel Street School in Georgetown. This is the last year for valentines for Chapel Street

students as the school is slated to close at the end of this school year. How many people have found joy in a hand-crafted valentine, often smudged by a damp mitten,

that a youngster has lotted home? A gift of pure, innocent love. And there has been no slacking this year in the Valentine department. Above, Pat Hatcher, 8, Pan

Hurren, 8, and Tina Fendley, 8, display their valentines. They are students in the grades three and four class of Mrs. Lynn Urch at Chapel Street.

Mother, Son Get Treatment For Cat Bites

A Campbellville mother and her nine-year-old son are receiving needles to counteract bites from their rabid pet cat.

Snoopy, the cat, had returned to the house, January 27, after being out during the week-end. "He is a tom-cat and had a habit of going out for long periods of time," explained Mrs. Baynton.

"We never noticed anything unusual about him until Tuesday night," she added. "His back legs seemed to be paralyzed, while checking, I must have touched a certain spot and he bit me."

On Monday, January 28, Snoopy had bit Rick. "Since Snoopy couldn't walk properly, we called the vet," Mrs. Baynton said.

Dr. Clifford Young of Campbellville saw the cat Wednesday. Snoopy was still walking, but its back legs were almost completely paralyzed.

"Dr. Young told me to go to a doctor because my hand had swollen. He picked up Snoopy to examine him and the cat never made any attempt to bite him," Mrs. Baynton noted.

Snoopy had not eaten since coming home on Sunday and its back legs were completely paralyzed. He crawled around the basement, dragging his back legs.

"Rabies were only suspected. Dr. Young wasn't sure because of Snoopy's behaviour, so he called the Department of Animals," explained Mrs. Baynton. "Dr. Beattie came to look at Snoopy, but the cat died on Friday."

Dr. Beattie removed Snoopy's brain and sent it to Hull to the Animal Diseases Research Institute to test for rabies.

"On Tuesday, (February 5) we received a phone call from Brampton that the tests were positive and we had better start getting shots," Mrs. Baynton explained.

Mrs. Baynton and Rick will be receiving needles until February 19.

Region and Area Given Deadline For Sanitary Landfill Clean-Up

Halton Hills council, Monday, is expected to clarify its position about a third fire chief, a chief of chiefs.

Clerk-administrator G. D. Pritchard will bring to council a resolution calling for advertising to proceed to fill the position. Early in January, council authorized such advertising, after it created the positions of district fire chiefs.

But then council dropped the word district from the new appellation, and the original intent became clouded. Mr. Pritchard is seeking council clarification.

The two positions of fire chief, on an area basis, are filled by Mick Holmes of Acton and Ken Buikema of

Georgetown. Mr. Buikema is fire chief of area one, consisting of wards two, three and four. Mr. Holmes is chief of area two, consisting of ward one, and he has responsibility for some areas lying outside the ward.

Both men belong to the Halton Hills Fire Department but are chief of two separate branches. The branches consist of volunteer firefighters.

When council reached its original decision to advertise for an over-all chief, it set a deadline of March 1. If council should decide not to hire a third chief, responsibility, mainly administrative, would fall on the shoulders of the two men now serving as area chiefs.

Last week, Mayor Tom Hill was critical of The Herald's Layman's Guide to the New Halton Hills Area Government and its treatment of the possible position of over-all fire chief. There was also a mix-up in two pictures, those of councillors Les Duby and Garnet McKenzie.

Last Thursday, during an in-camera session of council, an attempt was made to deal with the question of a fire chief but discussion was held up by some council opposition. The council meeting was called ostensibly to deal with an addition to the public library and objections were raised when council

business was directed from a closed session to an open one, with no members of the news

media present. The media had been told the meeting was closed.

Regional Government Is Blamed for Delay

Regional government has been blamed for the delay in setting a date for an inquest into the death of a two and half year old Georgetown baby.

"Everything in the region has changed, and it takes more time," explained Dr. J. E. Inglis, coroner in Brampton. "We still don't have an exact time, but we're looking towards the end of March."

The baby, Robin Lee, died en route to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, in November. Dr. A. E. MacIntosh of Georgetown was asked to preside over the inquest but declined because he felt he was too close to the situation. The

case was then referred to Dr. J. E. Inglis.

"The family is anxious, and I can well understand this," said Dr. Inglis. "But briefs have to be prepared to help clarify the circumstances. There is a responsibility to the family, so we only have to do this once, properly."

Dr. Inglis noted that a definite date would be set when everyone is available. "We have to arrange court room space, have the Crown Attorney present and have expert medical witnesses to help advise the jury. The jury will be called when the date is set."

Police Report

Two new homes were damaged on John Street on February 7. An estimated \$350 damage was done. The houses had dents to the siding and holes kicked in the interior walls.

Police charged two people in Georgetown this week with impaired driving. The first was laid against a Main Street resident on February 8. A James Street resident was charged in a second incident on February 8.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Well, it's all part of Variety Night, held last week at Georgetown District High School. For more pictures, see page 6, Section A.

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