

## Norval group wants lease

Not willing to give up and determined to fight to the end, the Norval Community Association is presently drafting another proposal to be presented to the Halton County Board of Education concerning the leasing of the closed Norval Public School.

The town of Halton Hills could not agree with the terms in the original lease drawn up by the board and, with much regret, told the Norval association that the lease could not be accepted. However, Norval residents are not going to let this stop them.

Julian Reed, a member of the Norval Community Association, in charge of negotiations concerning the closed school, explained that, hopefully, the board of education will agree to lease the school and the grounds to the community association.

Needless to say, said Mr. Reed, the Norval Community Association and the residents of Norval experienced great disappointment when the lease was rejected by the town. However, he explained that he could understand why the town was forced not to accept the proposed leasing arrangements.

"I'm convinced that the board wants every pound of flesh in terms of getting the full retail price for the school and the grounds and that the town can't see fit to pay that price. I sympathize with the town on that point.

"The appraised value of the property was based on the fact that the zoning would be changed, however, the zoning was not changed so the value appraised is not accurate. We've been trying to tell the board that the property was already paid for by the tax payers before regional government was established. This would mean that the tax payers would pay twice for the property. I do understand that there has to be some type of money transaction, but not the amount that has been set," further Mr. Reed.

He expressed great disappointment with the decisions made and with the Halton Board of Education.

"I'm very disappointed for the sake of the people in Norval. We had a program set up for the summer, we sent Randy Findley to a leadership training course—at our expense—and all this evaporated because of the stubbornness of a few people. It's the same type of garbage we've been dealing with for the past four years. We thought we had it in the bag. But this has been a continuous happening, we think we are getting somewhere then someone stomps on us."

Mr. Reed's main "beef" with the board was that the members are only thinking of themselves and neglecting the needs of the Norval residents.

"I think that the board has forgotten that there are people down here. I have lost all faith in that type of remote control government. The thing which the school board has to realize is that they can't keep imposing policies on people without some elasticity. There is no compassion or thought of the people affected by these policies," he concluded.

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Nothing like good Canadian pizza!

GOOD OLD-FASHIONED CANADIAN Lewis Humphries enjoyed the great FOOD. After the reception was over, Lorraine Ballantine, Wm., Bill, Margot and Canadian custom of take-out food with their guest, Elias Mercado.

## Food stores open on Sunday

The personnel and finance committee will recommend to council next week that all food stores in Halton Hills be allowed to stay open seven days a week.

The committee's decision, however, is not so much their final decision, but perhaps their only method to solve the problem of what stores should be allowed to stay open in town on Sunday? That question has been plaguing the committee for the past three weeks.

Councillor Pat McKenzie, in recommending the idea to council, noted that he was doing it basically to get the matter before council where a possible alternative solution to the problem might be found.

Committee chairman Harry Levy supported the suggestion. "This would then be permissive legislation and not prohibitive. If stores like IGA, Loblaws or A&P wanted to open on Sunday they could. If they didn't want to they wouldn't have to."

The committee members had noted that several other businesses, such as car dealerships and barber and beauty shops could legally open under present municipal legislation but, because of agreements among owners of such businesses, they chose not to open their doors on Sundays.

Food stores would be included in that list of businesses permitted to operate in Halton Hills seven days a week. This list also includes drug stores, confectionery stores, delicatessans, farm implement stores, gas and service stations, and milk stores.

Defining exactly what a milk or convenience store is created Monday night's lengthy discussion. According to a report from the town's solicitors, a milk store is legally one in which 70 percent of the business consists of the sale of either milk or milk by-products.

"A lot of stores have been hiding under the title convenience stores," said Councillor Ernie Sykes, noting specifically the Mac's Milk store in Georgetown's Moore Park Plaza. "That's now a general supermarket, not just a milk store," he said.

It was because of such stores as that, he added, some of the larger supermarkets in Georgetown have decided to try to open on Sunday also.

Two weeks ago the IGA supermarket on Guelph Street was charged by regional police for staying open on Sundays.

Georgetown's bylaws are being adapted to apply throughout the entire town creating problems over the question of what is the legal difference between a convenience or milk store and a general store such as those serving smaller villages such as Speyside, Ballinacald and Hornby.

"It's simply a matter of not having an exact definition of what convenience stores are," said Councillor Sykes. "I would be in favor of it being more restrictive if we could spell out what stores could remain open and what those stores could sell."

The entire matter will now come before town council next Monday night. The committee members noted that input from merchants groups had so far been minimal.

## Town considers selling 'Reservoir' to CVCA

"The Reservoir" a unique, 40-acre parcel of Ontario fauna and natural life located in the Silver Creek area, could become a prominent provincial wildlife area if the town should decide to sell the property to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Two years ago the town attempted to sell the 40 acres to the CVCA for \$1,000 per acre

but the province, through the ministry of natural resources, thought the price too high and turned down the offer.

Since then, however, there have been changes in attitudes on both sides.

The ministry of natural resources with some behind the scenes pushing from the Garden Club of Hamilton who would like to see the area preserved might be willing to reconsider the price.

Now the town would like to take a second look at the property and possibly the price it has set on the land. The general administration committee will be taking a tour of the land in the near future to see exactly

what they have on their minds and what they feel it's worth.

Councillor Len Cox, admitted that, "In all honesty I don't think that land has gained a great deal of value strictly because it's on the escarpment. If it's any indication the Halton Region Conservation Authority has just closed a deal on a piece of escarpment property for \$950 per acre."

The indications are that the ministry of natural resources might be in a buying mood. Councillor Ernie Sykes noted that the town was hopeful that the property could be sold to the CVCA complete, freeing Halton Hills from any responsibilities of being "the

benefitting municipality. That way we would have nothing to do with it whatsoever."

Mayor Tom Hill chairman of the CVCA's parks and recreation advisory committee, explained that if the ministry accepts the offer on the town's terms the authority would be eligible for a 75 percent grant.

He cautioned that people were still drawing water from the reservoir and would have to be considered in the negotiations. To that Councillor Ernie Sykes replied that when the suggestion of developing "The Reservoir" as a wildlife area was first proposed two years ago a study showed that the water supplies from it would not be affected.

Until the general administration committee tours the site, however, the fate of "The Reservoir" will remain up in the air.

## Petition to have dam removed

A petition calling for the removal of the Paper Mill Dam from the Credit River is now being circulated. Herald outdoors writer, Bob Ollivier, in today's Ontario Outdoors column, located elsewhere in this paper, reports that he has begun to circulate the petition throughout Georgetown.

"One hundred of those people voicing an opinion will go a long way to showing the feeling of the people in general in regards to the Credit River dams."

"Rivers are owned by the people, dams by individuals or companies. Sometimes a dam is owned or maintained by a town or city council. If this is the case then a letter or word to those in authority could do the job," Mr. Ollivier stated.

Copies of the petition calling for the removal of the dam will be located in the Herald office at 103 Main Street South, North Halton Sports or by calling Mr. Ollivier.

# Georgetown the garbage centre of north

Georgetown's going to be the garbage centre for north Halton and, while environmentalists are not particularly concerned with the growing problem, politicians from Milton, Acton and Georgetown definitely are.

Municipal representatives from those centres have all expressed their concerns about plans, formulated by the region of Halton, to use Georgetown's landfill site to dump garbage from north Halton's three urban centres. Already Milton annually dumps 3,200 tons of garbage in the Georgetown site, and as of September 1, Acton will begin shipping its garbage here also.

The possible over-use of the Georgetown dump has spurred some local officials to call for a waste management study for Halton Hills. The study, according to those officials, would be aimed at avoiding the premature filling of the Georgetown site as well as finding more economical and environmentally acceptable methods of disposing of north Halton's waste.

"It is hoped that before the Acton dump is officially closed that we will have set the wheels in motion," explained Councillor Len Cox. Cost for the study into proper waste management will be paid for by the ministry of environment with the actual implementation of the plan being the responsibility of the region.

One of the main objections to transporting the garbage to the Armstrong Avenue site is the high cost. No official estimates have been released although predictions based upon figures of the Burlington operation indicate costs can be as high as \$9 per ton compared to the \$3 to \$4 costs incurred when local landfill sites are available.

The recent McLaren report, vetoed by regional council due to the lack of fill for the proposed Milton quarry site, will be followed shortly by a second report outlining further probable sites in the area that could serve the needs of Milton and perhaps north Halton.

"We can't release the locations indicated in the report yet, but there will be public meetings before any action is taken," explained Councillor Cox. Councillor Cox lives in Ashgrove, one of the sites suggested in an earlier report as being suitable for a landfill operation.

While serving the people of Esqueaux, prior to regional government, Councillor Cox would have not been in favour of using the quarry site as a landfill operation but now that the boundaries have been re-defined it is now within the town of Milton and Councillor Cox would be in favour of such a move.

"You should keep your garbage at home," furthered Councillor Cox. "I am opposed to central processing due to the costs of handling the garbage."

"Land and people, plus the equipment to provide efficient waste disposal, are expensive no matter where the location is, but there is no need to add to the problem with undue distance."

The high cost of the lengthy journey that must be paid for by the taxpayer is one of the concerns of Joe Hurst, representative of Acton, and chairman of the town's works committee.

"We must dump where the region says to dump," explained Councillor Hurst. "The present site is filled to capacity but we must put the garbage somewhere."

Until Halton region begins recycling all garbage produced within its boundaries there must be sanitary landfill sites.

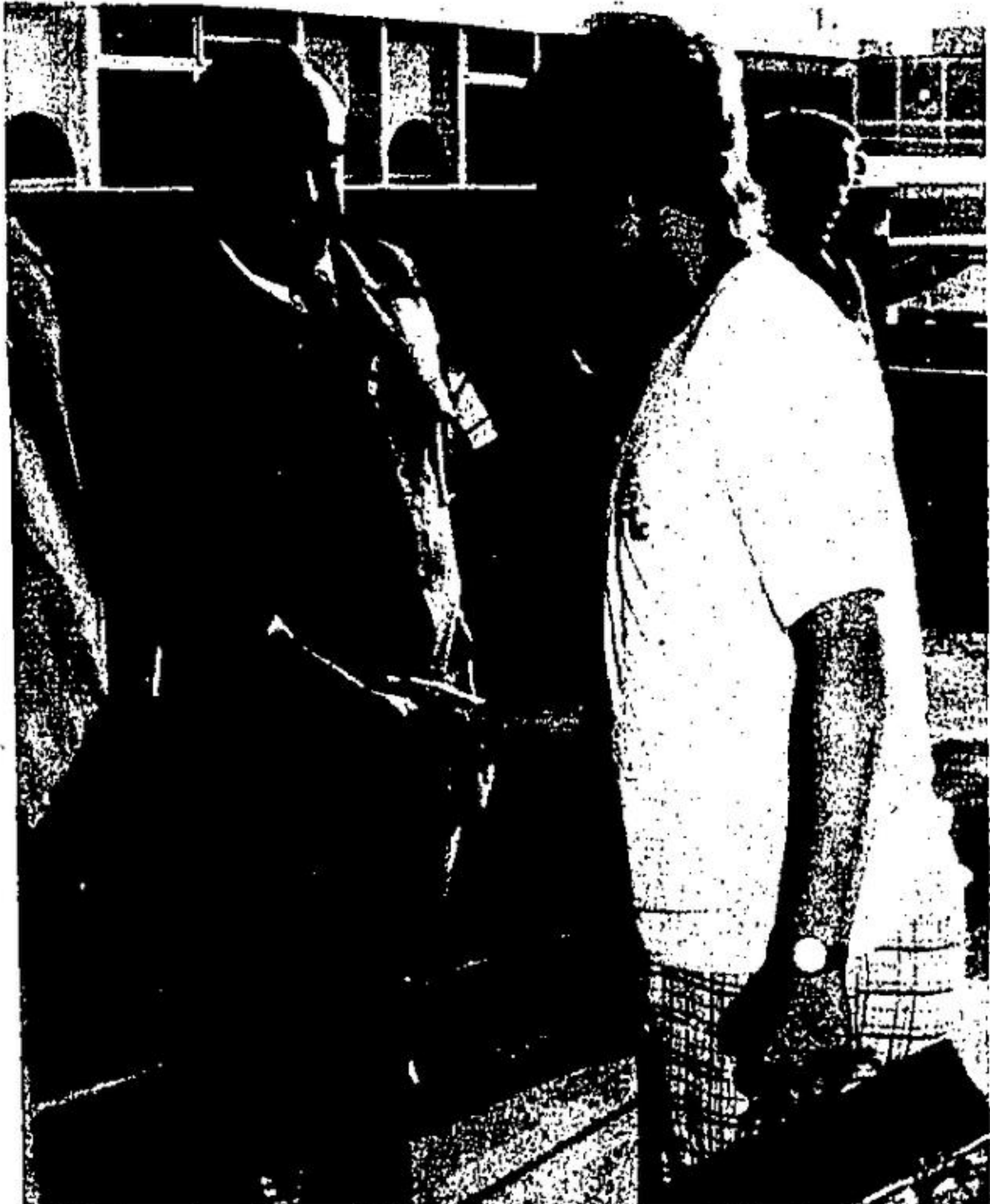
"Without centralization there can be no economical and successful recycling program," stated John Mitchell of Pollution Probe.

Pollution Probe, while concerned about the increased volume of waste being handled at the Georgetown site, are more concerned with the location of the new dump and the methods by which the existing and future dumps will be operated.

When the Georgetown site was selected, according to Mr. Mitchell, it was expected to serve the needs of the community for ten years. With the added load of Milton and Acton, plus the growth of Georgetown itself, Mr. Mitchell foresees three years before Georgetown's site will be full. Perhaps then Georgetown will be in the same situation as Milton.

"No matter where you put the dump, no one wants it near them," concluded Councillor Cox. "There is no such thing as a sanitary landfill operation, but until we can recycle everything there must be some way of handling waste."

## The venerable art...



GETTING AN EARLY START is Bill Johnson, Halton NDP candidate in the upcoming election. Bill was on hand to meet the

early morning commuters at the Go Station Tuesday while Archie Brown, former federal candidate looked on.

Your Morning Smile

Can you describe the man who hit you?

Sure officer, that's what I was doing when he hit me.

## ...of shaking hands



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