

Letters to the Editor

'Have we lost all our land rights?'

(Following is a copy of a letter sent by Halton Hills businessman I.G. Goddard to Premier William Davis.)
Dear Premier Davis:
In January of this year I received notice of an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing concerning the matter of an application by the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for approval of its restricted area By-law 74-51.
I attended this hearing, at which Mr. W. T. Shriver acted as Chairman. We spent the first full day and a half listening to lawyers with poorly prepared briefs and rambling incoherent proposals. The worst of these was John

Yaremko, who took up the whole afternoon of the meeting with a completely irrelevant matter not being dealt with by the Board. Many of the landowners and farmers, (referred to as the Public), left after the first morning hearing.
On November 27, 1974, I wrote a letter to the Chief Administrator, Mr. G. W. Pritchard, of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills and I am attaching a copy of this letter. I read this letter at the hearing, and made further comments to the Board along the lines which I am writing. It has been recognized by the

Governments that land is valued for its use on the basis of "highest and best" use, and to me this makes sense. We have a condition here in Halton Hills where a planner, trained in another locality, has elected to draw a plan of the community and in his own words, admits it is a record merely of what is existing and suggests no changes. In other words, what he is trying to do is to sterilize or freeze this property which consists of about 90 percent or more of the Town of Halton Hills, and thereby destroying its potential.
As you may be aware, a similar situation existed in

Mississauga. Through equally poor planning and vision, in my opinion, the planners sterilized or froze the centre core of the Mississauga area. In this core, land seven and eight years old, sold for approximately \$16,000.00 an acre. Now there is a high acreage of land available at somewhere between \$6,000.00 and \$9,000.00 an acre in this depressed location.
On the other hand, the south west in Erin Mills and North York, properties were developed and the land there is selling for prices at between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 I know of one parcel where the

asking price is \$175,000.00 an acre.
There is no question in any of our minds that "RU holding" zone or freezing designation has serious and far-reaching implications. One, it sterilizes the use of land, possibly permanently; two, it increases the value of other lands, thereby making housing even more expensive. It gives the Government a more opportunist opportunity for involvement in our business. I am thinking of land banking at agricultural prices and reselling at development prices. I know you will say, "Oh no, the Government would never do

that," but just look at what has been done by Prime Minister Trudeau with some of his measures, and in Ontario with Pickering and the insidious part he has in the landowners are concerned.
Have we lost all our land rights? More than a few of us have our life savings invested in the future of these lands. Must we be victims of the whims of planners who have no financial interest, and nothing to lose no matter what happens? Is this the first step in state ownership of land? Why can we not have a progressive attitude towards growth rather than a completely negative,

restrictive control concept? Why is there not some designation such as "development opportunity" or "potential lands", etc.? Lands which have been purchased in Halton Hills recently have been purchased at prices higher than that which make them usable for agriculture alone. We have already paid a fair price for the potential of these lands which is now being destroyed by Government action.
Most assets, and yes, most talents that we possess, are permitted to be employed for their "highest and best" use. Who would buy a car if he were permitted to drive it only on the street where he lives? I am sure that this land, if this By-law is passed, will end up exactly the same as the Centre Core in Mississauga, only worse. At a meeting in Esquewago about a year ago, there were nearly two hundred landowners in attendance and only two of them were in favour of this most unfair By-law.

It is not only my belief, but that of many others, that the Government has more than enough control & power without this By-law which is loaded with so many inaccuracies and omissions. I am hopeful that it will be discarded so that the normal and reasonable development of a fine community can grow and prosper, serving the people according to their true needs.
Yours very truly,
I. G. Goddard,
President,
Meadowlands Nursery.

\$25,692 grant for Lions

A \$25,692 grant has been received by the Georgetown Lions Club to assist in paying for the construction of the club's outdoor swimming pool on Mill Street.
The announcement of the grant was made last week by culture and recreation minister Robert Welch. The assistance is provided through the Community Recreation Centres Act, administered by the ministry.
Announcing the approval of the grant, Mr. Welch said the new ministry has sincere interest in the development of local recreation opportunities and he was pleased to have a personal involvement in this Halton Hills community project.

Guides, Brownies news

The 7th Georgetown East Brownies Pack have been busy with test work, badges earned and craft work completed. Recently 12 Brownies from this pack accompanied Brown Owl and Tawny Owl on a visit to the 5th Georgetown East Girl Guide Company as part of their test work.
Two transfer Brownies were welcomed to this pack, Carolyn and Deborah McConnell. Two new Brownies were enrolled on April 8, Vanessa Jowett and Nicole Hawthorn.
The following girls earned badges: Kim Nelson, Cook, Writer and Space; Kirsten Bjerkelund, Writer, Cook and Housekeeper; Cathy Beecham, Bandworker; Jackie McArthur, Cook.
The 5th Georgetown East Girl Guide Company had a mother-daughter banquet recently. The food was prepared by the girls themselves. Special thanks went to mothers Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Laughlin for helping to make the banquet a great success.
The All Round cord was presented to Debbie Gillespie. Interest badges were presented to Elizabeth Groskorth, Photographer; Lynn Cox, Collector and Laundress; Heather Wallace and Eliza Alexander, Collectors.
This Guide Company recently had Brownies attend their Guide meeting to see all the things the Girl Guides do.

Girls were tested and Kim's Game, Tenderfoot work, Flag of Canada and knots were taught.
The following interest badges were presented: Elizabeth Groskorth, Creative Craft; Skier; Cindy Halonen, Baker and Music Appreciation; Elaine Fenton, Collector and Baker; Loreale Jefferson, Baker; Shelly Foskett, Skater; Arlina Brands, Naturalist History and Thrift; Susan Murray, Naturalist, Thrift and Cook; Judy Van Cleff, Baker; Karen Kennedy, Laundress and Leather Worker; Sandra Lovegrove, Skater; Brenda Turcotte, Singer and Becky Hanson, Music Appreciation and Baker.
Cookie Day will be held May 15, starting then, cookies will be delivered to people who have placed order.

This Guide Company is having a Variety Show sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. This will be on May 13, at Centennial School at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds to charity of the Girl Guides choosing. Everyone is welcome.
The 6th Georgetown East Girl Guide Company recently attended a fly-up from the 5th Georgetown East Brownies. Anne Macdonald is now in Girl Guides. This company has had two craft night making sock monkeys. Interest badges were earned as follows: Karen and Kathy Nicholson, Baker and Hostess; Pamela Douglas, Hostess.
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Timbrell didn't like Reeds press statements

Following is a copy of a letter sent to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed by minister of energy, Dennis Timbrell, a copy of which has been filed by the minister's office with the Herald.
Mr. Julian Reed, M.P.P., Halton-Burlington.
Dear Mr. Reed:
I received a copy of your recent Press Release of 30 March, 1976, following up on your question to me in the Legislature on that same day. I would like to, if I may, respond to the points in your Press Release.
I believe that the second paragraph of your Press Release is most misleading. You refer to remarks made by my predecessor in the Ministry of Energy, The Honourable W. Darcy McKeough and try to leave the impression that Mr. McKeough was referring to the whole of the Bradley-Georgetown route. As I suggested to you in the House on Tuesday, I thought that your reference to Mr. McKeough's remarks was out of context and I find after reading pages 5264 and 5265 of Hansard that this is the case. Mr. McKeough was answering a question from the former Member for York Centre, Mr. Deacon, with respect to the section of the Bradley-Georgetown transmission line which travels between points 33 and 95 (Colbeck to Limehouse).
With regards to my com-

ments on your relative silence, I think you would have to agree that at no time in the more than six months that you have been a Member of the Legislature, have you ever availed yourself of the opportunity either in the Select Committee on hydro rates, or in the Legislature of Ontario to question me on the subject of the Bradley to Georgetown transmission corridor. It was to this silence that I was referring. I am well aware, since I read the transcripts of the Select Committee that you have from time to time, made comments and put questions on this subject but, I repeat never once to me, nor to officials of the Ministry of Energy.
As I indicated in a speech in Milton on the 17th of March, 1976, the representations made to me by the interested citizens group led by Mr. William Mann, have been and continue to be taken very seriously. I went on to indicate that faced with the realities of very expensive delays at the Bruce Generating Station, I had to attempt to strike a balance between interests of people in that immediate area, and the interests of all Hydro consumers in the Province of Ontario. This I have tried to

do, recognizing that it did not fully meet the demands and expectations of the group led by Mr. Mann.
I asked in that address and I put it to you now, are you prepared to recommend that the people of Ontario incur the hundreds of millions of dollars involved in shutting in part of the Bruce "A" Generating Station while several years are taken with the kind of study you are suggesting?
Dennis R. Timbrell
Minister of Energy



SHHELLY SMITH, 11, can't seem to make up her mind which piece of costume jewellery to select at the bazaar held by the Rebekah Lodge Saturday.

Red Cross still below target

To the Editor of the Herald:
On behalf of the Georgetown and District Red Cross Branch I would like to extend congratulations and thanks to all who were concerned with the Red Cross Campaign-for-Funds last month. Special thanks to the Acton organizers and canvassers, who helped make the first house-to-house

campaign a success.
To those who gave, warmest thanks. You may be assured that what you gave will go mainly to help the many activities of our Branch.
At this moment we have received \$10,323.41 (including \$1,730. from Acton), which is still below our target of \$12,000.00. Further con-

tributions to Post Office Box 106, Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4T1, would ensure that we reach our objective, so that we can continue our free services as Emergency Aid (fires, drivers-patients, etc.), Loan of Sickroom Supplies (crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc.) and others.
We would like to take this

opportunity to also thank the various news media for informing the public of the campaign.
Paul Farkas,
Chairman Campaign Committee,
Georgetown and District Branch,
The Canadian Red Cross Society.



If you need us, we're here.
Front row, left to right: Susan, Murray, Gail, Sandra, Terry, Back row: Mary, Lillian, Lynn, Jane, Marlon, Carol, Betty. (Absent were Nicole Campbell and Judy Vetricck). They have the welcome mat out for you to help you

with any of your banking needs. We're at Main and James St., and we're open from 10 until 3, Monday through Wednesday, Thursday 10 am to 8 pm, Friday 10 am to 6 pm. So drop by and say hello, won't you.



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