

Housing and land use issues dominate plan meeting

The issues of housing and land use dominated discussions at the open house in Georgetown Wednesday hosted by the regional planning department for input on the official plan.

Because of what regional planning director Ed Cumming called, "an impressive turnout—one of the best so far", the 60 people in atten-

dance were divided into three groups following a general comment-question period. Each group was delegated a section of the report on draft goals and objectives to comment on, to give Georgetown a voice in the preparation of the regional official plan.

Although the 12 key issues which affect the future of Halton were touched upon,

housing and land use seemed to emerge as main concerns in every group. Decisions on these planning areas appear to form the nucleus of decisions in other areas: population growth, settlement, industrial and commercial development, environmental protection, agriculture, recreation, mineral resources, transportation and utilities.

There are so many choices as to what to do with a parcel of land. Use it for a garbage dump? Zone it agricultural? Build a suburb on it? Or a highway through it? Conserve it as parkland?

And there's a lot of land in North Halton which is undeveloped, and requires planned development. Some of the farmers at the

meeting, Pat Patterson of Norval for one are concerned that zoning land agricultural would deprive them of the nest egg farmers traditionally get upon sale of their farm at retirement age in lieu of a company pension.

The consensus of farmers at the meeting was that the food shortage was exactly that, since they are forced to over-

produce and "pour milk down the drain" as one farmer put it, or underproduced to live with market demand, thereby reducing profits.

Others are concerned with the rising cost of rural and serviced land, and the quality and price of urban housing.

Others worried that the regional official plan would turn North Halton into either a park to entertain the "southerners" (which would augment the housing shortage problem) or into a suburban dormitory city for the larger area centres.

Ed Cumming, regional planning director, pointed out that without approval of the majority of Halton residents and justification of the official plan, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) will not accept it.

He added that issues and problems unique to each community within the region are under the jurisdiction of municipal official plans although

the plans at both tiers of government must be complementary.

Voting the idea of phasing out Halton Hills official plan and replacing it with the regional one, Mr. Cumming said, "We do not have adequate contact with the community at the local level to plan their immediate environment...our job is to get an overall planning picture of the region."

Official plan is first in Ontario to include social, physical goals

Halton Region is the first Ontario government body to design an official plan integrating physical, environmental goals and objectives with social ones, said a regional spokesman.

"Official plans are usually hard land use documents," said Rash Mohammed, the region's senior policy planner, "but an official plan can be anything you want it to be."

Metropolitan Toronto, born 22 years ago will launch an experimental system of integrating human service and physical planning for the first time in October, said Mr. Mohammed. Toronto's new system, similar to Halton's will also have public meetings to discuss the official plan.

Being a young region faced with the task of creating the first real official plan to replace a temporary interim report, Mr. Mohammed emphasized Halton should start off right.

This means encouraging public participation through good communication, he said. A variety of methods were used to arouse the interest and involvement of Halton residents in the creation of their official plan.

Mr. Mohammed — the man who literally writes the official plan and other literature connected with it by collating information — prepared the tabloid 60,000 Halton citizens received with a local newspaper early in September. Copies were also sent to 267 social and service groups.

The tabloid, outlining regional issues, goals, and objectives, also contains a questionnaire to solicit answers to the key question, "Will Halton be your type of region?"

Other catalysts for thought

are the four displays which rotate throughout prime locations, including municipal offices, in the region.

All the 14 community meetings, (the last one held Sept. 30), reports on tentative regional issues and objectives written by Mr. Mohammed for the planning department were circulated.

By outlining 104 regional issues or problems and possible objectives or solutions, the report serves as food for thought, stimulating feedback from the public at the special meetings hosted by the regional planning department and local councillors.

It covers 12 major areas of concern: Growth and settlement; economic development; housing; environmental protection; agriculture; recreation-open space; social; transportation; finance; government administration; utilities; mineral resources.

Mr. Mohammed added that this report is not the official plan; it is an accumulation of suggestions for the official plan, some of which will be incorporated into it according to the best interests of the majority of people in Halton region.

All the comments, criticisms ideas presented by the people in attendance at the region's official plan forums were recorded.

This information will be compiled into a third report, its results used as the basis for three major planning alternatives.

When the next session of community meeting is held in the spring (maybe March), Mr. Mohammed said video tapes of these alternatives will be shown. By gauging public response to the different directions the regional planning department may take, the

official plan will be written by Rash Mohammed, who joined the staff at Halton region last year with degrees in economics and planning (the subjects he taught at University), and extensive experience as a technical writer.

He said he enjoys nothing more than reading a book on

First fall meeting held for Holy Cross CWL

The C.W.L. held its first fall meeting on Sept. 20 at Holy Cross Rectory.

The president Louise Arts opened it with a prayer and a poem was read by Sienna Van Hoeklen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Pauline Miller and the treasurer's report given by Wyn Ingham.

The Christmas Bazaar being held on November 20th was discussed and more plans were made and tickets given out.

Miss Martha Velhuis of Velhuis Nurseries in Dundas, Ontario was guest speaker. She brought a varied array of

beautiful plants from all parts of the world such as China and Australia, plants such as grafted orange trees to Chinese evergreen, the pineapple plant and many cacti such as Bishop hat and living stone.

These plants were for sale after the meeting and many of the ladies purchased several. Miss Velhuis compared us to plants saying that as all plants are uniquely made by God so are we humans all unique, each with a different personality, no two looking alike.

The warm personality and friendliness of Miss Velhuis was enjoyed by all. Tea-coffee and cookies were served to complete the evening.

CVCA okays dam study

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) decided last week to go ahead with the proposed study on Glen Williams paper mill dam.

The project, undertaken by William Coates engineering consulting firm, will cost \$12,500 said CVCA Information officer Joan Rollings.

A government grant will cover 75 per cent of the cost. Halton region, the benefiting

municipality, has agreed to split the remainder of the bill with the CVCA. Mrs. Rollings estimated the town would pay under \$3,000.

The purpose of the study is to determine whether the dam causes spring flooding, and if this problem would be alleviated by removing it.

If the dam is not responsible for slow ice breakup and flooding, the CVCA wants to know what is.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL Mixed reaction by parents to 'babysitting' suggestion

A suggestion by the president of the Holy Cross separate school parents association that parent volunteers "babysit" children who live near the school but stay for lunch caused mixed reactions at a meeting Wednesday.

Tom Ramautarsingh explained that each child should bring 25 or 50 cents daily for this service, and the money would go into the parents association fund. He added this system works well at George Kennedy school.

One parent, whose children participate in sports activities at noon instead of going to their nearby home for lunch, called this idea "discrimination."

Another parent agreed with principal Harry Gowan that teachers should not be obligated to sacrifice their lunch hours for yard duty or student supervision in the lunch room.

Mr. Ramautarsingh also outlined other plans for the 1976-77 school year. A gate is to be installed in the fence dividing Holy Cross and Sacre Coeur schools, "to permit free movement" for the children.

Pointing out that the best jobs are awarded to bilingual people, Mr. Ramautarsingh said Holy Cross is working toward the establishment of a French language program at the earliest possible grade.

Another idea is to translate parts of newsletters into Portuguese for the benefit of parents, many who immigrated from Portugal.

Mr. Ramautarsingh highlighted last year's activities also.

Two of the major concerns were bus services and school crossing guards.

A wine and cheese party for the parents association executives and teachers of Holy Cross and Sacre Coeur schools highlighted by guest speaker Hartley Coles, took place last spring.

Mr. Ramautarsingh emphasized and encouraged even more participation.

"We have such a golden opportunity to work for things that are positive and in the interest of our children, our most precious products," he said to almost 100 parents.

During the meeting, the 1976-77 parents' association executive was elected.

Elected are: Tom Ramautarsingh, president; Colin Whitehead, vice president; Evelyn Fisher, second vice president; Alice Frazer secretary; Anthony Dalton, treasurer; committee directors John Wepuk, class size; Con Papenbuzen, building fixtures; Aldora Pereira, school organization; Peter McCarthy, programs; Kay d'Entremont, social.

Throughout the meeting, students entertained parents and teachers with musical and dance performances.

Floodplain brochure

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) plans to produce a brochure on the floodplain.

Information officer Joan Rollings, responsible for this project, said the brochure is "long overdue."

It will contain information on the geographic location of the floodplain including all lakes and rivers. Methods of erosion control, problems of building in a floodplain area, and the like will be covered also.

Correction

An article on the front page of the Sept. 29 edition of The Herald incorrectly attributed a comment to Marilyn Simnicks, Georgetown representative of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

APOLOGY

The Herald wishes to extend an apology to Mr. Tom Reid for any inconvenience caused through inaccurate information contained in a news story last week. Galaxy Holdings, a firm owned by Mr. Reid is not the firm involved in a dispute with Halton Region over the alleged illegal installation of services.

Regional officials explained this week that project files held by the region may contain information on more than one project in a specific area. They regret the error caused by naming the company on a report to public works committee and have extended a written apology to Mr. Reid. The project named in the story is owned by Mr. Al Phlitt.



ON THE MIDWAY LORRIE MAGLOUGHLIN WIELDS A BIG HAMMER AND HINGS THE BELL.

Eight Halton 4H's at Royal, all seek win in Queen's Guineas

Eight competitors from North Halton entered in the Queen's Guineas Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Nov. 19.

Showing steers with a minimum weight of 500 pounds will be Cathy Arnold, Keith McKinnon and Nancy McKinnon of Milton, Charlotte Jaffray, James Lindsay, Doug McNeil and Jim McKay of Georgetown, and David Stanley of R.R.2, Rockwood.

There are a record number of entries this year: 441 from 28 counties.

To qualify a steer must weigh at least 850 pounds on Oct. 15, 1976, and record a minimum average gain of 2.1 pounds daily for the five month period prior to the Oct. 15 deadline.

Last year's 1,220 pound Gr-

and Champion sold for \$5 per pound, a \$1 increase from 1974.

All Queen's Guineas Steers are sold in a public auction in the afternoon of the Royal Winter Fair competition.

Site bylaw approval sought

Planning Board Tuesday recommended Council approve three bylaws dealing with site development in Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing. The bylaws, as an interim measure before the town's comprehensive zoning bylaw is completed nearly two years from now, gives council control over aspects of construction and development previously left in the builders' hands.

Included are stipulations regarding construction materials, prospective drawings and architectural data.

Mullen Place, a new single family development in Georgetown, was given town planning board's endorsement last week. The nine-lot subdivision proposed in July requires an amendment to the zoning bylaw for the 40 percent of its area which lies within Georgetown's boundary, where the land is designated agricultural.

Dean scores shooting gold

Tom Dean, of North Bay, won first in the D class preliminary and a first in the C class trap shooting competition held last weekend at Hamilton.

Mr. Dean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dean of Limehouse (formerly of McIntyre Crescent).

The win now puts him into fifth place in the Ontario International Championships.

Earlier this year, Mr. Dean captured a silver award for his effort in the Queen's Games



P/Maj. Virginia Hulme adjust the pipes for Lillian Clayton during a Georgetown Girls Pipe Band appearance

MASSON WINS PLOWING CROWN

Regional chairman Allan Masson may have lost the bathtub race at the Canadian National Exhibition this year but he came out a winner at the International Plowing Match held at Walkerton last week.

Mr. Masson, who concedes he's only plowed twice before, both times in competition, won the divisional crown for county wardens, mayors and regional chairmen.

The regional chairman claimed fame for only having competed in the same division in plowing matches in Durham last year and Halton the year before.

Previous tries had succeeded in his achieving second and third class honors but when he heard an announcer that he had won, he said "I don't know what you're talking about."

Mr. Masson will receive a trophy and a certificate of appreciation for his achievement.

Parking bylaw examination

Town works committee will devote a portion of its next meeting, Oct. 11 to an examination of a proposed consolidated parking bylaw.

The committee decided to conclude its regular business by 9:30 p.m. that evening in order to consider an extensive bylaw incorporating parking

regulations in each area of Halton Hills. Coun. Joe Hurst, who requested council to take the action, said, the bylaw will probably be unable to cover all

aspects of parking, particularly wherever a zoning bylaw would be more applicable.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks expressed for NHL festivities

To The Editor of The Herald: Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending one of the most unique gatherings imaginable. The occasion was a supper and dance commemorating the founding of the Midget N.H.L. forty years ago.

I call this unique because I can safely say that it is likely the only event in the world where approximately 60 men get together to celebrate a happening of which they took a personal part as children.

To-day these men are from all walks of life and in many cases from all parts of Canada - but Friday night they were all children again from 12 to 14 years old as they recalled with scrambles up the ice, saves that were made, or a talk with a celebrity from one of the pro hockey teams.

I am expressly writing this letter on behalf of my family and myself to thank everyone who participated in promoting not only this glorious night, but also the other events which took place throughout the week. I am gratefully indebted to all who spoke honoring the ideals of my brother Gord, relating to efforts he extended to bring sport and character building to the youth in the formation of the Midget N.H.L.

I should also like to thank the media for the wonderful coverage of this event, and finally a heartfelt thanks to the large attendance of the original stars of the league. Their presence was the finest testimony of appreciation to Gord's dream come true.

Gratefully yours Ernie Alcott

Bicentennial gift book presented to Library

Halton Hills Library (Georgetown) was presented with a copy of the Canadian Bicentennial gift to the United States Thursday in a special ceremony at the library. Gary Reading, area film officer for the National Film Board made the presentation of "Between Friends-Entre Amis" to chief librarian Betsy Cornwell.

The large hardcover book represents photographically the undefended border between Canada and the United States from coast-to-coast.

Prime Minister Trudeau presented the book to the

United States President Gerald Ford in a special White House ceremony last spring.

About 20,000 gift copies have been distributed throughout North America. Mr. Reading said, The National Film Board supervised publication of the book.

More than 90,000 copies of the book retailed at \$29.50 during the first month of publication. A second edition is available at a cost of \$42.

Georgetown library, which already has a copy of "Between Friends" for circulation will display the souvenir copy.

Chess mess

This week we provide for our readers some information on the Brampton Chess Club. If you live in Georgetown and wish to make Chess your hobby, this is the place to go.

The BCC meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Brampton YMCA and has about 60 members ranging in strength from beginners to "B" class players. It is sponsoring at least three tournaments and one simultaneous exhibition by International Master Z. Vranesic in the next month or two. Dues are \$10 per year for seniors and \$5 a year for juniors. Four Georgetown players currently attend the club, among them Tony Smith, our no. 2 rated player, whose club game from last week is featured below.

White: T. Smith Black: A. Player King's Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.f4 (The Georgetown player has White! The King's Gambit is rapidly becoming a Georgetown specialty. At least three of our top players - Steve MacLeod, Tony Smith and Brian MacLeod favour it above all else with the White pieces. It makes for exciting chess.) 2...e4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 (S. MacLeod-Fredericks, 1976 All-Ontario CH., continued 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Qe7 7.Qe2 and White had the edge.) 4...d5 5.e5 (5.e5 Qxd5 6.Nc2 deserved consideration.) 5...g5 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Bd6 10.a4! (exploiting Black's weakened Q-side.) 10...Be7 (10...b4 may have been better.) 11.ab ab5 12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Nc3 Na7 14.Qd3 c6 15.h4 h6 16.g3 g4 17.Bxf4! (true to the spirit of the opening. This sacrifice is reminiscent of the Muzio Gambit. 1.e4 e5 2.f4 e4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4 5.0-0!?) 17...g3 18.Qx3 b4 19.Na4 Nc5 20.Be3 Qd8 21.Nc5 Bxe5 22.d6 e5 23.Bg5 Qd7 24.Ra1! Nc7? (24...Nc7 was necessary.) 25.Qf6 Ne7? (unfortunate that the game should end this way, but on 25...Rf6 there is the line conclusion 26.Ra8 ch Ne8 27.Rxe8 ch! and wins.) 26.Qxh8 Black resigns. (Notes by Steve MacLeod.)

The "chess event of the week is undoubtedly the Brian MacLeod-Blair Thompson match, to be rated by the C.F.C. It is the second such match (S. MacLeod and B. Gillanders played one last year.) Brian MacLeod, referred to in a recent Toronto Star article as the "Georgetown Chess Whiz" is our no.4 rated player at 1306, though he expects this to be "pushing 1400" in the next rating list. Blair Thompson expects his first rating to be in the neighbourhood of 1150.

Both players have already established themselves as pre-match favourites. MacLeod said last week that "My objective is to win the match by enough points to raise my rating," while Thompson commented, "Brian has said he can beat me. I'm going to prove he can't." The match got underway last Sunday. The winner will be the first to get 6 points with 1 point for a win and 1/2 point for a draw. Details will follow in subsequent columns. For a preview we offer the following game from the Brampton Chess Club.

White: B. MacLeod Black: B. Thompson King's Gambit 1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nc3 e4 4.d4 (So we have another variation.) 4...Qh4 ch 5.Kc2 ("The King is a strong piece." Steinitz.) 5...Bb6 6.Nf3 Qe7 7.Bx14 Nf6 8.Qd3 d5 9.0-0 10.Kd2 Ne4 ch! (A speculative pawn sac.) 11.Nxe4 d4 12.Qxe4 Qh4 ch 13.Kc1 Nf6 14.c3 Qa4 15.Bd5 g6 16.Bh3 Re8 17.h4 Bf5 18.Qe3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Na5 20.h5! (Well played. As is often the case in the King's Gambit and as in the previous game, White sacrifices material for the attack.) 20...Nf3 ch 21.Kb1 Nxa1 22.Kxa Qc5 23.Ng5 Qxg2 24.Rf1 f6 25.h6! f5 26.g7 ch Kh8 27.N7 mate.

Direct enquiries to: Chess Mess, 173 Rexway Drive, Georgetown.

Upcoming Events: (1) Brampton Chess Club Open, 7-round Swiss, starts Mon. Oct. 25.

(2) Bramalea Invitational, Oct. 22-24, 5-round Swiss.

(3) Simultaneous Exhibition by Zvonko Vranesic, I.M. Thurs. Oct. 21 at Brampton City Centre. Information for all of the above available at the Brampton Chess Club or from "Chess Mess" at the above address.

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