

**SITE F DECISION**

## 'Atrocity' committed, MacArthur charges

Regional council's decision three weeks ago to proceed with further exploration of site F without possible alternative unless the site is found unsuitable for waste disposal was termed an "atrocity" Wednesday by Milton

### Street lighting, arena costs investigated

Town treasurer Ray King will report on comparative rates for electricity used in other municipalities for arenas. Finance committee Monday sought the information after it was disclosed during accounts discussion that hydro costs at the Acton Arena in September almost matched the cost of street lighting in the community. Cost of hydro for the arena is \$661. Cost of street lighting is \$285. Committee members also wish clarification on whether the town receives a discount for streetlighting electrical consumption.

## Hydro hearings Nov. 22

Ontario Hydro's attempt to gain property acquisition along the Bradley-to-Georgetown high voltage hydro corridor on Halton Hills concession five will go before a hearing of necessity Nov. 22 at the Acton Legion.

Hearings of necessity are held when landowners affected by government action object, or seek higher compensation than that offered. Dick Howitt, counsel for several landowners, said the hearings can be expected to take as much as eight days, the length of time required for similar hearings earlier this year at Durham.

It is reported that the tentative date of the hearings reported last week as Nov. 15 had been changed because of conflict with the annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Mr. Howitt said D.F. Meyrick, Q.C. of Toronto has been appointed hearing officer.

Hearings for the section of the route from Halton Hills northerly boundary through Erin and East Garafraxa Townships to Colbeck will not be held until later this year or early in 1977, a hydro spokesman said.

Mr. Howitt said that initial evidence at the hearings will come from Ontario Hydro to justify their need for the land for the high power corridor. He said he expects some procedural clashes over the introduction of some opposing evidence.

Mayor Anne MacArthur. Mrs. MacArthur, speaking during the confirmation of minutes of the Oct. 6 meeting during last week's regional council meeting suggested that further attempts may be made to block the site F location from being used as a regional waste disposal site. Site F is located in the Tremaine-Britannia area of Milton and the proposed waste site encompasses about 500 acres of farmland. A group of citizens is now opposing the selection of the site.

"This was a very poor thing to do," Mrs. MacArthur said. "They knew," she added, referring to members of public works committee, "they mayor of Milton was not going to be at the meeting and it is the first meeting I have missed since I broke my arm."

Mrs. MacArthur said she was absent attending a function in Bavaria which had been scheduled for over a year.

Burlington Coun. Tom Sutherland, however, proponent of the site F selection and works committee member argued that no atrocity had occurred.

He said council one month ago had sought the cost estimates for drilling on three alternative sites, but council "at the Oct. 6 meeting decided against continuing on sites B and D, not the public works committee."

"There has been no atrocity," he said. Mrs. MacArthur said a notice of motion will be filed at the council meeting next week, but the intent or the wording of the motion is not known.

Mrs. MacArthur said members of her council (Milton) and members of the Tremaine-Britannia citizens groups will meet shortly to determine strategy.

Oakville Coun. McLean Anderson tried to make a point of order, but Mrs. MacArthur out-shouted him saying, "I don't care what your point of order is. I'm sick of them."

Coun. Sutherland knew I was going to Bavaria. I hope he is not going senile."

Mrs. MacArthur said following the meeting that regional council "has not realized the error of its decision."

"I understand that it (site F) may be 2,000 acres eventually and with the CNR main line running through it, Halton Region could be the dumping place for cities like Toronto."

She said council should have sought information on all alternative sites prior to making any decision.

## Halloween observance Saturday

Youngsters and ghosts, goblins and spooks will take to the streets Saturday evening to observe Halloween. Halton Hills, following the lead of several other communities across the province, will observe the annual event one day ahead of schedule because of the conflict with school and religious beliefs.



WHAT'S THIS, PRAY, TELL?

Hold on just one minute! That looks like a Halton Regional Police car, an American car and Knox Presbyterian Church, but that sign is decidedly British. Actually it is all part of

the facelifting given to downtown Georgetown Monday for filming of segments of the United Artists film Equus. See story opposite.

## POLICE URGE CAUTION

The coincidence of Halloween with the first evening of Standard Time Sunday means motorists must be more cautious of "trick or treaters" wearing masks and costumes which may obstruct their sight, police Superintendent Floyd Schwantz said Friday.

"On Sunday it will be fairly dark at six o'clock," Schwantz said. "People may not expect the change of driving practice that early in the evening."

Schwantz suggested that motorists turn on their headlights earlier and drive with extreme caution.

"Younger children should be accompanied by older teenagers or adults to see they get across the streets safely," Schwantz added. "I want the streets free of any problem that day."

Extra police patrols are scheduled for the Halloween period and the Georgetown Emergency Communication Service will be "keeping their eyes and ears open to aid the police," Schwantz said. Any acts of vandalism that day will be viewed "as a serious matter" by police, he said.

**FILM CREW TAKES OVER**

# Core area transformed to English community

Georgetown became just another community Monday as a facelifting of the downtown core transformed it into an unnamed English town.

Hordes of film industry personnel performed the change in stages from early morning until late in the evening as filming of location shots were carried out by United Artists film crew.

Equus, the story of a young boy recovering from a passion for maiming horses, is produced in Canada by P and B Productions based at Kleinburg.

Hundreds of transient crowds filled the downtown Monday to catch a glimpse of the stars of the film: Richard Burton, Joan Plowright, (Lady Olivier), Peter Firth, Jenny Agutter and Colin Blakely.

But Mr. Burton, who is presently filming The Heretic, did not come. A spokesman for the film crew said Mr. Burton may be in Georgetown Nov. 9 and 10 when further location filming is conducted here. Colin Blakely, Mr. Firth and Miss Agutter completed scenes here.

Georgetown was chosen because of the similarity of the area to an English town. Signs were changed on two shops, a bus stop was erected, English cars parked on the roadway, a postbox erected, and parking meters changed.

To make the filming complete a double-decker English bus was brought to the street set.

Howard Newman, publicist for Equus, said only two scenes were shot on the streets of Halton Hills: a reflection in a shop window of a horse passing while Peter Firth, who plays the 17-year-old boy, watches it pass; and another scene of the boy, his girlfriend and his father waiting to board a bus.

Location shooting Nov. 9 and 10 will be on Mill Street near the Soup Pot and at The Herald where printing equipment will be used. Colin Blakely who plays the father, is a printer in the film.

Mr. Newman said, however, that planning of the location shooting depends primarily on weather. If it is snowing or bitterly cold, it's possible alternative scenes will be shot at the Kleinburg studios or other locations.

Peter Shaffer, author of the play which this month entered its third year on Broadway, was present on the set Monday providing assistance. Equus has also played in London for two runs.

Mr. Shaffer, who journeyed here from New York, said director Sidney Lumet's handling of the film is "just super" and though the story has been opened up somewhat for filming, it has not deviated from the plot.

Mr. Lumet is famous for the recently released films "Murder on the Orient Ex-



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# Program cost is too high, board rejection expected

Halton board of education will decide tomorrow (Thursday) to accept or reject an executive committee recommendation that 44 teachers be hired to do remedial work in the region's public schools.

But remarks made at last week's board meeting, when the 17-page report with its 13 recommendations was tabled, suggest that the trustees will turn it down because in an age of budget restraints, the cost is too great.

The net cost to Halton for the hiring of 44 teachers over two years and a special services support staff of 28 over a period of three years will be \$135,000 in 1977, \$400,000 in 1978, \$318,800 in 1979 and \$249,500 in 1980, a total of \$1,095,700.

The provincial government would add another \$2,287,600 over a four year period. Director of Education Emmerson Lavender said the executive committee had

spent five months thinking about what recommendations to make and delivered them the same day as budget restraints were announced.

In light of that coincidence, "the executive committee felt that the best possible action would be to recommend it (the report) to the board who would decide," Lavender said.

Ernie Bodnar, school trustee for Wards 3 and 4, Halton Hills, said he cannot support the recommendations.

"We're probably deluding ourselves to think more funding is available for these programs as necessary as they might be," he said.

Saying that the marked increase in the number of remedial teachers "disturbs me", Bodnar added that the educational system in Halton "is static. We're not growing, we may

be decreasing." The board had agreed some time ago that if new programs were to come in, others would have to be dropped, Bodnar said.

Trustee Tom Watson, Wards 1 and 2, Halton Hills, said he was sympathetic with the report but the board could not introduce new programs without cutting old ones.

In a later interview Watson told The Herald that the appearance of the report's recommendations along with budget restraints was "untimely. It's unfortunate that is so," but parts of the report that have no financial implications may be passed, he added.

Dr. Helen Howard-Lock a Ward 1 Burlington trustee, said that about 150 teachers in Halton had special qualifications but half were in regular classrooms and could be used as required. She voiced "grave

concern" that the board could never do enough in special education.

Burlington trustee Tony Goodyear noted that hiring more teachers may not necessarily improve education. "Expansion is not necessarily an improvement in special education," he said.

Separate School trustee Bill Priestner said he was "disappointed" in the executive committee's final report.

The report recommends a teacher-pupil ratio at the elementary level of 8:1 for students with specific learning abilities, behavioral problems, the trainable mentally handicapped; 8:16 to 1 for general learning disabilities; 15 to 1 on an itinerant basis for hard of hearing students; 75 to 1 for remedial and not more than 150 to 1 for speech correction. At present the board has 82 and a half teachers in special education classes.

# Three service groups pledge \$7,500 for arena fund

Three Georgetown service clubs pledged more than \$7,500 towards repairing the Georgetown Memorial Arena last Wednesday and others are expected to return to a Nov. 3 meeting of the town's Wintario Committee with more club pledges.

Georgetown's Rotary Club, which is spearheading the campaign to raise \$50,000 by public subscription which will be matched twice by Wintario grants, would turn over to the town "in excess of 3,500" raised by its Skate-a-thon Rotarian Robert Gougeon said.

Rick O'Donnell told the committee the Elks Cl. has pledged \$3,000 while Jaycee president Larry Nicholls added \$1,000 to the pot. The town needs to raise \$50,458 to qualify for \$92,282 in Wintario grants.

With the addition of a provincial Community Centre grant of \$50,000 Halton Hills would have to pay only \$8,750, Wintario Committee chairman Eric Sykes told about 15 representatives of the Lion's Club, Knights of Columbus, Optimists, Georgetown Snowmobile Club, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120 and others. Estimated cost of structural repairs and insulation is \$201,600.

Coun. Sykes said letters inviting up to 50 organizations in Halton Hills to pledge as little as \$100 would be sent in time for them to attend the Nov. 3 meeting.

"Council is just not used to raising funds," Coun. Sykes said. "It's why we turned to the service clubs." The money the town saves under the Wintario grant formula of \$2 for \$1 can be used for other recreation

programs, he said. "The service clubs are the nucleus of the fund raising campaign."

Although the service clubs can take up to three years to honor their pledge, Sykes said, he hoped the \$50,000 would be accounted for by the end of the year. Businesses and industries in Halton Hills had not yet been approached, he said.

Developer Al Pulutti said he would

"blitz" the construction for which the donations would likely be tax deductible. Later, he told the Herald he estimated \$4,000 to \$5,000 could be raised.

Treasurer Ray King said that pledges from individuals are not honored by Wintario until the actual money is turned over to the town. Cheques should be made payable to the Town of Halton Hills, Memorial Arena Fund,

he said. Coun. Sykes said recreation director Glen Gray and his staff would co-ordinate the various service clubs fundraising activities. Town treasurer Ray King is to be the fund's treasurer.

When the arena is opened—construction is expected to be completed by the end of

## "Incredible" arena remains standing: architect

"It was incredible the place was standing up," said Alan Zeegun, the architect who designed the repairs to the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

He was commenting last Wednesday on the state of the arena which the ministry of labor closed this year.

The town's Wintario committee is dedicated to raise \$201,600 to repair and insulate the roof.

"To date we've finished approximately 80 percent of the work," he said.

The roof's steel trusses are "in good condition", he said but the wooden members in between are overstressed. To the arena's roof, built 50 years ago when standards were not as substantial as now, 300 steel channels were added, updating the roof to standards set in 1970, he added.

Installing insulation should increase by two months the ice time at the arena and cut ice-making costs, too, Zeegun said.

As the entire arena had to be brought up to standard - and not just the roof - work to

both floors and the roof of the front entrance correcting these areas "was very tricky," he said.

The low roof at the sides of the arena were strengthened and cracks in the concrete wall path patched. He said the Rose Room's exits were brought up to fire standards, making it available again for public use.

"There's no question it will be completed by the end of November," Zeegun said. With proper maintenance, "It should last you maybe 50 years."

Coun. Eric Hyde told the committee that

all the equipment in the arena had been renewed within the last seven years. The cost of a new boiler is not coming out of the repair fund, he said.

Included in the \$167,000 for roof repairs was a "little bit of a slush fund" amounting to \$12,000, Hyde said. About \$4,000 has been spent. Extra insulation behind the goals where pucks are likely to hit the walls cost \$2,311, he said.

The "slush fund" is for unforeseen expenses which could mean the town would not have money to finish the job.

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