Validity of 25-year plan questioned at meeting

At an open forum Thursday at Gordon Alcott arena discussing the development concepts for Halton's future official plan the question was raised of the validity of forecasting on a 25-year basis.

Rash Mohammed, senior policy planner for the region sald effective solutions take a long time to work out which costs so much money, and every five or six years the plan will be assessed according to the different attitudes of the people.

About 30 people were present at the open house and were asked to fill-in a questionnaire on the four development concepts for Halton.

The four concepts are: TRENDS: This concept reflects a high population and employment forecast. For the

pared to the present 65,000.

LOCAL-PROVINCIAL: This forecast is of medium future population and employment. For year 2001 population is expected to be 460,000 and

relatively low.

AREA PLANNING: An adjustment of the previous concept is made representing de-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Reader dismayed over comments

To the editor of The Herald: I read with dismay and from Mr. George Gray, Chairman of the Halton Board of Health and P.C. candidate for Halton-Burlington) in the June 9th Prov. election, in the May 11th edition of the Toronto Daily Star, "shocking" that there are no nursing home beds anywhere premises don't meet Ministry of Health Standards, its licence has been suspended almain there as boarders." Mr. Gray, in the Toronto Star article said the situation in Halton Hills deserves special

consideration. interesting. No. 1, Mrs. K. Kelly's licence was never suspended and the 30 Senior Citizens mentioned are not in a Nursing Home but a Rest Home, an entirely separate entity. No. 2, as far back as 1974, Mrs. Kelly's application to increase her Nursing Home capacity to a 60 bed unit was denied in July 1974 by Frank Miller, then Minister of Health. Quote "on the basis the increase was not in the public interest at the time" at the present, Halton Region has a surplus of 155 Nursing Home beds, based on the guideline presently used by the ministry."

At that time there were seven doctors in Acton serving 15,000 people and I don't believe too many Acton or district people were sent to Georgetown Hospital, but used the Guelph facilities. Being a patient there myself (Guelph) I certainly had no desire to be sent to Georgetown.

In 1975, Mrs. Kelly's application to the Ministry of Helath, with the result of no action as of April 22, 1975 was again noted.

In June 1975, the Ministry of Health again found "it would not be in the public interest to approve request for additional beds at this time." In Aug. 20, 1974, the Hon, Geo, Kerr "was most concerned that adequate Nursing Home facilities be provided in Halton Hills" and asked Mr. G. Hampson.

Executive Assistant to Dr. F.H. Ellingham, Ministry of Health to review Mrs. Kelly's application as "I believe this is the only nursing home currently in operation in the Acton area of the Municipality.

In April 1975, Mrs. Kelly was informed by the Ministry of Health "that the supply of Nursing home beds is decided on a county or regional basis, depending upon the need in

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year 2001, the population for the Region is portrayed as 525,000. The present level is 228,000. The employment figure is forecast at 183,000 com-

employment 162,000.

HALTON OBJECTIVES: These objectives were derived from staff interpretations of the public's opinions during the goals and objectives project in the fall of 1976. The population figure is 376,000 employment 147,000; both are

velopment committments on

that particular geographical location," Now, here in 1977 outright indignation a quote with a provincial election coming up, all of a sudden, Mr.

Gray finds the lack of nursing-

home beds "shocking," after

Mrs. Kelly battled those years

for an extension to her 10 bed

operation, and was turned down, time after time. As a former employee and personal friend of Mrs. Kelly's north of Highway 401 in Hal- for many years I strongly ton. He said there used to be resent the remarks in the 10-beds in a private nursing Toronto Star. With the enorhome at Acton but because the mous circulation of that paper I feel that even living over 100 miles from Acton, I am still most interested in what is though 30 Senior Citizens re- going on down there. And to tell the truth, I don't like it. when statements are made without verification.

Well, an election is thrust upon us, a giant rip-off and for A few facts might prove which we'll dearly pay; and I suppose any publicity helps a

> So Georgetown will likely get a 100-bed Nursing Home, Acton as usual will be out on the -limb to help defray the costs, and the P.C. will keep trying to close our little hospitals in Chesley Durham etc. God help

The TV coverage of the Ontario Budget disgusted me to watch the so called elite of the members of the provincial parties act in the undisciplined ways of a bunch of monkeys.

the local scene, involving moderate growth increases. Population figures are 412,000 and employment figures 154,000.

Chairman Mike Armstrong introduced members of the regional staff who were present: Ed Cumming, director of regional planning, Rash Mohammed, senior policy planner, Bob White policy planner, Dave McCleary, transportation planner, Carol Murr, representative social and family services, Rennie Vivien administrator for social and family planning, and a student

Councillors present were Marilyn Serjeantson, Pete Pomeroy, Walter Biehn and George Maltby, and town planner Mario Venditti.

Liberal MPP incumbent Julian Reed suggested we are entering a no-growth period which he compared to Toronto. but Mr. Mohammed said people are moving out of Toronto into Halten Hills.

Regional planning director Ed Cumming said on a survey of big traffic movements seventy per cent of traffic on Highway 401 does not have a destination for Halton. There is a severe out-flow of traffic of people travelling to jobs, but if employment is higher in Halton Hills the traffic will be reduced.

Transportation planner Dave McCleary forecasted the need for an additional lane on Highway 7, and the need for six lanes on the 401 or an additional lane on Steeles Avenue.

The different subjects summarized in the "Choosing a Future for Halton" are population, housing, jobs, shopping, industrial land, sewerage, roads, agricultural land, environment, health, day care,

A heated argument evolved between local farmers and regional planners since farmers believe strongly that agriculture is "something you can't control."

Mrs. Peter Branch said her land is zoned rural, but in the official plan it may be zoned agriculture, putting a freeze on a severance of their land.

Bob White, policy planner said the problem with allowing farmers to sever land is houses appearing all over the place. Farmers exchanged their life experiences of problems facing retiring farmers, but Mr. White said he deals with problems of severances on a wideranging basis, and the same rules have to be applied to everyone. They are not applied

on individual basis. Ed Cumming reminded the group that the proposals are simply gauges and people can choose the concept they feel is the best. A draft for the future of Halton will be completed in



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school intend to make May 27-29, Janet

Building Products staff

Building Products of Canada Ltd. is still planning to

responsible for the product closer to the operation, he said.

operation, he said.

"It is one thing to go across the road for them" he said "and something else if we have to pay transportation costs on them from Guelph or Georgetown. It will up our costs." In march Building Products closed its plastic pipe

Spokesmen for Acton Wood Products could not be reached for comment on reports the company is closing.

cars .. "When people use the nutomobile for necessary transportation, that is one thing," declared Mayor Michel Crepcau of La Rochelle, France, adding:"But when a man uses it as a sign of social status, that is something else. Then there are also those people who become swine when they get in their cars," Some months ago the mayor put 250 yellow bicycles, bought by the municipality, at the public's disposal,

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The Herald was told this week that a change in management policy will make the Acton plant into a local business by moving both the business and marketing managers for vinyl siding products into the area. At present both men are at the company's head offices in

affected by the closing of Acton Wood Products. They are trying to find a new supplier for the skids they use in their

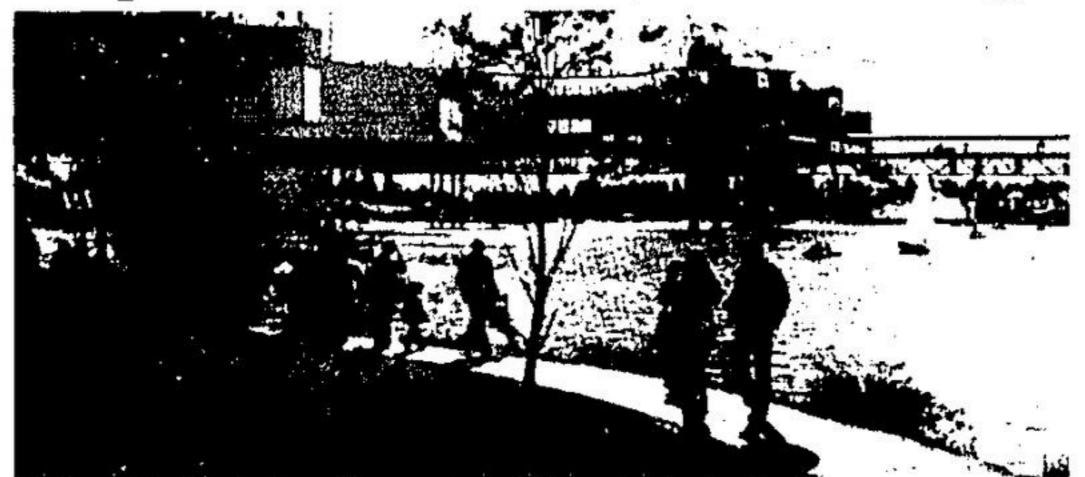
manufacturing section to concentrate on making vinyl

expand its vinyl siding production according to an official

Since Acton is the only company plant manufactur-ing vinyl siding, it seemed reasonable to put the two men Bill Woodland, business manager for vinyl siding, is already looking for a home in Halton Hills he said.

The official admitted Bullding Products will be

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