

OMB study suggestions of little effect in Halton

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Changes in the structure of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) recommended by the Ontario report released by the Ontario government last week should have little practical effect on Halton, according to the director of regional planning.

Ed Cumming says the report's recommendation that the OMB be used to arbitrate disputed legislation proposed by municipalities is already

happening in Halton. It used to be that the OMB had to hold a hearing before approving any bylaw a municipality wanted to pass, Cumming said. In recent years that has changed so that now the OMB only holds a hearing if there is valid objection to a piece of planning legislation.

undertaken by a municipality. If the municipal clerk receives no objections, or only frivolous ones, the OMB rubber stamps the legislation and passes it automatically. This rubber stamping function is unnecessary in Cumming's view.

The report presumes that there will be provincial planning

in the not too distant future, Cumming says, and anticipates a time when municipal plans might conflict with provincial ones. It is only in cases of such conflict that the report writers would give the province the power to interfere with municipal planning.

The report also recommends that:

- Provincial planning decisions should be the responsibility of the minister, cabinet or legislature, not civil servants or appointed bodies such as the OMB.
- Municipal planning authority should rest with the elected municipal council and not with appointed planning boards.
- Councils should have the option of using a planning board, but only in an advisory role, and should be free to disband existing boards.
- There should be universal rural zoning bylaws and rural lot-severance policies setting out minimum standards to be applied to rural development where local bylaws or policies are absent or inadequate.
- Municipalities should not require to have comprehensive official plans approved by the province, but should not be allowed to exercise any statutory planning authority (such as zoning or subdivision approval) without a formal policy establishing a basis for that action.
- The province should outlaw zoning practices which use age, marital or family status, income source, lifestyle, or any other personal characteristics to restrict the persons who may live in a dwelling.

The provincial government

called for the report, Cumming said, prior to making changes in the Planning Act. Now they must wait for comments and reactions from municipalities and taxpayers before they act on any of the recommendations.

Venturers reach PEI sometime today

By the time The Herald is on the streets today the First Georgetown Venturers will be in Prince Edward Island.

Ruth Powell, wife of Venturer advisor Howard Powell, received word yesterday that the canoe enthusiasts would be taking the ferry from Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island last night. She said the group is "way ahead of schedule" and in good spirits.

Earlier she told the Herald that since they were a day and a half ahead of schedule for arriving at the Canadian Jamboree, the Venturers had hopes of getting there on July 6, the day that the television cameras were scheduled to film the jamboree. The boys will be presenting a plaque from Halton Hills to the mayor of Georgetown, P.E.I., to commemorate their trip.

Mrs. Powell said that the travellers had battled heavy waves and high winds as well as a lot of wet weather. Rain and waves filling their canoes so that they were forced to bail constantly for most of the day. One day they managed to paddle 62 miles and on June 24 they paddled for 17 hours straight to make up for lost time, she said.

Howard Powell and his 15 Georgetown Venturers began their canoe trip to CJ 77 in Cavendish Provincial Park, P.E.I. on May 1 when they dropped their 25-foot fiberglass canoes into the water at Port Credit and travelled to Frenchman's Bay. May 21 they went on to Presqu'ile Provincial Park, then continued again to Kingston on June 5. The final leg of the 1,000 mile journey began on June 18.

Mr. Powell has been First

Georgetown Venturer advisor for three years and most of the 15 to 18-year olds are friends of long standing.

Rob Heaton, a Georgetown Haver, has been driving the van with supplies accompanying the group. Jasper Megelink and Kevin Baxter had to turn back last weekend just beyond Quebec City because they had jobs waiting for them at home.

The remaining Georgetown Venturers are Mark Barnett, Todd Beckett, Marly Boyle, Bruce Callaghan, Bill Carson, Mike Dixon, Doug Dupaine, Lawrence Euteneier, Brian and Tom Hastings, Dave Lince, Dave Nichols and Dale Powell. Jeff Cole of the 49th Missisauga Venturers is also with them.

GDHS honor students, scholars

The names of students from Georgetown and district high school who worked hard to achieve high percentages have been released to the Herald.

First semester graduates that are Ontario scholars: Lynn Baillie, Alan Davidson, Kevin Fisher, Janet Green-lad, Sue Halonen, Alan Reed, Christine Robinson, Mari Sequens, Lisa Sheehan and Lee Ann Woodward.

Other graduating Ontario scholars are: Ruth Aggiss, Richard Bongard, Stephen Brunt, Ruth Christensen, Paul Dick, Donald Dodge, Gary Fisher, Michael Gothe, David Henderson, Karen King, Douglas Lowe, Bill Magnuson, Ken McGaw, Deldre McMurphy, Judy Mieh, Peter Ritchie, Cheryl Schwass, Wendy Smith, Jutta Treviranus, Michael Wakefield and Karen Wilkison.

First semester honor graduates are: Larry Allan, Kathleen Hewson, Lisa Hughes, Brock Rush, Elizabeth Smedema, Karen Smith, Becky Steinhilber and Paul Wolfenberg.

Other honor graduates are: Roland Beshiri, Carolyn Bird, Angela Bourque, Carolyn Ewen, Peter Fong, Terry Hope, Ken King, Pam Proudfoot, Sylvie Savoie and Laura Wilkes.

Pupils perform opera

Students in the Grade 7 class of John Luciani at Holy Cross School staged a performance of *Jesus Christ—Superstar*. The production came out of a class discussion during a religion period two months ago. It centred on the confusion during the last days of Christ, Mr. Luciani said. A student brought in the record of Jesus Christ—Superstar for the class to hear how those who produced that play interpreted the feelings of those times and the suggestion was made that it should be performed.

Letter Disbelief over hassle

To the editor of The Herald: It is with great disbelief that we read about the hassle over the new library and its location. Who could believe that a town this size, with its apparent share of educated people would allow a minority group to jeopardize the erection of so vital a public service as a LIBRARY?

It is questioning too that 3000 people would make a comparison between a tobogganing hill and a Library. There must be some political subtleties behind these dissenters that prompts them to act thus.

Yours truly,
Richard Miller and Barbara Miller.

DEATHS

LOGAN, Wendy Ann — On Thursday, June 30, 1977, at Shelburne, Ont. Wendy, beloved daughter of Eugene and Mary Louise Logan and dear sister of Lawrence and the late Greg. A private funeral service will be held Monday from McCreure-Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith Street, Georgetown, Ont. Interment Erin Cemetery.

MIDDLETON, Arthur H. — Suddenly on Tuesday, June 28, 1977, at Middleton of Hillsburgh in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Phyllis Middleton, dear father of Lucy of Vancouver, Dorothy (Mrs. John Wegstaffe), Jean (Mrs. Garnet Norton), and Edward (Ted), all of Georgetown. Rested at the Butcher Funeral Home, Hillsburgh. Funeral service was held Thursday June 30 at 2:00 p.m. Interment Huxley Cemetery, Hillsburgh. Memorial donations to the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf would be appreciated.

POPEL, Wladyslaw — Suddenly on Sunday, July 3, 1977 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Wally Popiel, beloved husband of Maria and loved father of Dick and Jan, both of Houston, Dick and Dean, both of Georgetown. Also survived by 2 grandchildren. Rested at McCreure-Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith Street, Georgetown. Funeral service was held Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

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Elwood — In loving memory of our dear son Brian, who passed away July 10, 1970. And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since and lost awhile. 27m

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We would like to thank our neighbours, friends and relatives. Also Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Macintosh, the Bahell's of Halton Hills, Ac-Cure Home, Canadian Legion Branch 120 and the staff of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for their care during Joe's lengthy illness and recent passing. It is deeply appreciated. — Lena, Emma, Marina Bludd and family, Grant and family, Trudy McNiven and family, 27c1

The family of the late Lena Cook wish to thank relatives, neighbours and friends, especially the ladies of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church for their kindness and sympathy received in their sad loss of a loving mother and grandmother and great grand mother. 77c1

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