

# NEC reviews Limehouse nursing home plan

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The first step in preparation for building a 160-bed nursing home near Limehouse was taken about two weeks ago when Reltuc Development and Construction Corporation submitted plans to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for approval.

The plans are for a three-story building with 80 bedrooms hidden away in the centre of the 30 acre property owned by company president

Jack Cutler a mile north of Limehouse on the Fifth Line. Mr. Cutler says that he does not believe that the neighbors will object to the proposed home because it will not be visible from the road. Since the property is completely wooded and full of rocks and pools it is of no agricultural value, he says.

Although the nursing home would not be open to the chronically ill or the senile, he feels that there is still a need for care of this sort in the area.

He expects that patients will be drawn from north Halton but would not deny the possibility of serving other areas.

Mr. Cutler says that he understands the NEC usually answers applications in three or four weeks. Unless the commission sees some merit in the scheme there is no point in pursuing it, he says, and thus they have applied to that body first. If they are agreeable then the company

will approach the board of health and the planning board. Even supposing that everything proceeds smoothly it will be the summer of 1978 or the spring of 1979 before construction could begin, he says.

Mr. Cutler has been in the Canadian construction industry since 1947, and is on the National Research Council and on both commissions on the Ontario Building Code. He currently lives on the property

near Limehouse with his wife and family.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital administrator Fred Morris says that he has heard of no change in the provincial ministry of health's freeze on the building of extended care facilities which was imposed in 1975. Georgetown hospital has been discussing the building of a 100-bed extended care facility since 1973, he says, but although the need for such a

facility has been demonstrated, so far nothing has been done about it.

He indicated that the freeze applied only to facilities offering nursing care and wondered if the Limehouse facility would do that. If it does not the ministry of health ruling will not apply.

Board of health chairman George Gray says the ministry promised him a review of the nursing home situation in May and the review is still on going.

Reltuc would need approval from the department of health to get a licence, he says, and no new licences have been issued since the freeze came into effect in October, 1975.

He agreed that if they offered no actual nursing care in their facility Reltuc would not be affected by the freeze.

"Anyone can build a rest home if they can get a permit," he says, "but that doesn't make it a nursing home."

## Picked Up In Passing

### Youth in critical condition

Robert Anderson, 13, 98 Weber Dr., Georgetown, was struck by a vehicle on Duncan Street last Wednesday, while helping his brother Chuck deliver The Herald. Robert remains in intensive care in critical condition at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, a spokesman said Monday. The boy suffered head injuries and has a broken leg. Police are investigating.



### Attends Chapter Day

Bob James, chairman-elect of Mississauga District Chapter 212 of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, recently attended a "Chapter Day" Conference at SME World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan. Mr. James a salesman for Atlas Alloys Div. of Rio Algom Ltd. of Etobicoke, his wife Hilary, and their three children live in Acton. Mr. James (right) was welcomed to the conference by SME vice president Rob W. Miltzer.

### Children's hunt

All boys and girls ages five to 12 are eligible to take part in a summer nature hunt, and a list of the items that have to be found, are available from McDonald's Restaurants. The items have to be submitted before Aug. 22, and winners will be eligible for a draw on a Ronald McDonald's watch, and a free sundae.

### Musical concerts set

Halton Hills Arts Council is bringing the famous innovative group Camerata to Holy Cross Church on Friday, Oct. 7, Jan. 20 and March 31. Some Camerata programs are modelled after concerts at the Shaw Festival, and the group has been described as offering the eloquence of a Mozart trio in an all-night jam session.

### MD kits available

McDonald's Restaurant is sponsoring a full-fledged campaign to raise funds in support of the fight against muscular dystrophy, and will back Halton Hills children with neighborhood carnivals against dystrophy. Jo Lister, store activities representative, of the Guelph Street McDonald's Restaurant, said request forms for the kits are available at the restaurant, and added McDonald's will supply prizes for the carnival and supply a free meal for the organizers.

### Music results

Music pupils of Flora MacDonald of Georgetown were successful in theory examinations of the Royal Conservatory of Music, University of Toronto, written in May, 1977. The results were as follows: Miss Christina Prozes of Norval, Grade 1 Rudiments - 85 per cent; Dr. Barbara Kagetsu of Campbellville, Grade II Rudiments - 99 per cent.

### Quarry wins award

Dufferin Quarry in Milton won a highly honored award from National Crushed Stone Association of America for exceptional achievement in quarry beautification. The original 30 acre site is changed into a green park like setting, blending with natural contours of the Niagara Escarpment location north of Highway 401. The association has only awarded seven similar awards in their history.



### Large size quilt

Michelle Morse, of the Gift Ark in Georgetown, above, has received mixed reaction from customers at the \$550 price-tag on the home-made quilt she displays. Senior citizens, who have quilted, Miss Morse said appreciate the amount of work involved in the quilt, which has 33 handpainted birds on it, and would have expected the price to be higher. Bird-watchers have closely scrutinized the birds and have discovered no flaws in the art work.



## FIGHTING MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

These boys mixed business with pleasure during the muscular dystrophy carnival they held on Saturday. Tom Brown started the go-cart up for driver Dave Marcell while carnival chairman, Phil Rose watched as Dave gave instructions. The group raised \$16 for the support of muscular dystrophy by selling hot dogs, bobbing for apples, selling cookies, cupcakes, comic books, ligsaw

puzzles, and charging for driving the go-cart. The group received prizes for games from McDonald's Restaurant on Guelph Street. Other neighborhood children involved were Jason Bow, Geordie Leavitt and Jackie Rose. The group held a carnival last year after watching Jerry Lewis's telethon.

## Return services, committee says

Oakville Coun. Laurie Mannell wants out of regional government so much he's convinced the Bill 151 review committee to make some pointed recommendations. Bill 151 committee meeting Friday agreed to recommend the return of water, sewers and garbage collection to local jurisdiction.

Suggestions made by Oakville councillor for return of regional roads and the abolition of regional planning department were tabled pending further reports.

"I am greatly concerned with the lack of accomplishments of our com-

mittee," Coun. Mannell said in a covering letter.

He said the committee's last meeting proved nothing more than an exercise in seeking more reports and little action.

"As our terms of reference was to bring in some positive recommendations to council be the end of August, we just

## SCOTT PAPER PROPOSAL

# Plant bid stalled

Halton Hills' proposal to entice Scott Paper Ltd. to occupy the vacant Dornier plant in Georgetown, which was supposed to be today (Wednesday) has been delayed until about the middle of August.

In an interview Tuesday with The Herald, Coun. Peter Pomeroy said the delay came about as a number of the persons involved in putting the proposal together were on vacation.

He said that William Marshall, the regions industrial development officer, would be meeting today with some of the parties to set the meeting date.

The major problem facing the town is the supplying of

water to and the accepting of the effluent from Scott Paper Ltd.'s potential operation, Coun. Pomeroy said.

He said meetings have been held among representatives of Procter and Redfern consulting engineers, who are familiar with water in Georgetown, Halton Region which has ultimate control of the Credit River which could possibly be a source and discharge route for the paper mill.

Coun. Pomeroy said a package of all the facts relating to industrial development in Halton Hills will be assembled and presented to council before the formal proposal to Scott Paper Ltd.

"Whatever the outcome of the proposal to Scott Paper Ltd., Coun. Pomeroy said, it has resulted in more knowledge of the town's ability to attract industry to the area.

The key factor as far as industrial development in the town is the work of the region's industrial development officer, William Marshall, Coun. Pomeroy stated. "Mr. Marshall's expertise can lead the right type of industry to us," he said.

Coun. Pomeroy added that the removal of the deadline for the option to purchase and changing it to an open-ended option has been "good of Dornier."

Coun. Mannell suggested that the return of jurisdiction on regional roads be carried out without added taxation or cost to the municipalities of Milton and Halton Hills which contain the majority of roads under the former county roads system.

# AFFIDAVIT STATES Library inadequate for needs

Halton Hills librarian Betsy Cornwell says the existing Georgetown library is inadequate to serve the needs of the area's population and that any renovation of the existing building won't bring service up to an acceptable standard.

In an affidavit filed with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) last week, Mrs. Cornwell says "the collection of books and the building itself are about one-third the size needed to service the existing population of the former town of Georgetown and surrounding area."

Her comments were made in response to a petition before the OMB for a review of a \$400,000 debenture approval for construction of a new library at Cedarvale Park.

Mrs. Cornwell says the accepted library standard of service is about three volumes per person served by the facility. That means, she says, that 75,000 volumes should be available in Georgetown, but the present facility "permits us to have only 27,000 volumes."

She adds that in order to provide that level of service 16,000 square feet of storage space would be required. Maximum space available through renovation of the present library is 13,000 square feet, she says.

A proposal by the former Georgetown library board to renovate and provide an addition to the Church Street facility in 1974 showed cost projections based "solely on the then population of Georgetown which was about 15,000 people and did not even consider the necessity for further facilities

for future population growth."

Any renovation of the present library would be "far below the capacity needed to just serve the 25,000 people presently serviced by the library."

Mrs. Cornwell also questioned that cost estimate originally proposed by the former library board saying that the "state of disrepair" of the present library may involve substantial renovation to interior and superstructure raising costs.

"It is my information that a fair approximation of the total cost... would be \$635,708."

After regional government was created in Halton in 1974, the Halton Hills council and library board reached a conclusion "on the basis of economic considerations set out above and... (the library) would have to be substantially larger than could be constructed on the old library lands (and that) the public interest would be best served by providing a totally new centrally located library facility."

In her affidavit she also notes:

- the proposed Cedarvale site is geographically centre of the old town of Georgetown.
- the \$750,000 facility proposed will provide 16,000 square feet of space with a capacity for 45,000 volumes with additional storage space available at a cost of \$47 per square foot.
- prior to a decision to locate the library site on a toboggan hill at Cedarvale, Halton Hills decided "to discontinue the use of the slope as it was dangerous for people to be sliding down a hill and crossing an

access road used by vehicles at the bottom."

"That the existing Church Street library contravened the Ontario Building Code regulations for fire safety in 15 areas and supports her comment with a letter from former Area 2 Fire Chief Ken Buikema dated Feb. 13, 1976.

Town engineer Robert Austin in the second of four affidavits filed with the OMB states that Main Street south in the area of the proposed library is included in the 1978 capital works budget for improvements to the roadway.

He also terms the traffic at the location "random" and says "there will not be any resultant vehicular movement (traffic) problem" at the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue.

Even if the reconstruction of Main Street south is not carried out, he adds, "the existing roadways adjacent to the building will be more than adequate to service the traffic that will be generated."

Town planner Mario Venditti states that the use of the Cedarvale Park for a library "is a good use of the land."

He added the proposed use of the land conforms to the Georgetown official plan and zoning bylaw and "would in no way interfere with the existing surrounding institutional, residential and open space uses."

Treasurer Ray King filed the fourth affidavit detailing the sequence in which funding approvals and debenture sales were carried out.

He says \$460,495.83 in accrued principal and interest is available for the project.

# OMB calls hearing on library funding

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Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) ruled last Wednesday that a hearing must be held on the proposed new Halton Hills library building at Cedarvale Park.

The two-member board of chairmen W. Shub and D.W. Colbourne heard argument for more than two hours before retiring and delivering a verbal decision.

They were hearing a motion to review a debenture capital expenditure for the library authorized April 13 after being transferred from an approval for the expansion of the existing Church Street Georgetown library originally approved in 1974.

The motion was brought by Betty Fisher and John Ferguson, two taxpayers representing all ratepayers in the municipality. Bert Arnold, a Georgetown lawyer represented the pair and a group of 3,500 signatories on a petition opposing the library site at the hearing.

Ray Steele, solicitor for Halton Hills represented the municipality and library board.

The board hearing, for which a date has yet to be set, will examine the spending of \$750,000 of which \$400,000 is to be debentured for the new library. The meeting will be advertised.

In his decision, Shub said the concern of the OMB - regardless of the merits of the case for or against the library - is whether the public receives a sufficient hearing when it was approved. In ordering the hearing, Shub said the public appeared not to have.

The board saw the sequence of events surrounding the library this way:

- a debenture of \$250,000, later revised to

\$400,000 was approved by the OMB for the purpose of renovating the Church Street facility;

- on April 13, 1977, the OMB approved an application changing the use of money from renovation to new construction on a different site;
- no public hearing was held then.

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