

CVCA prepared for Metcalfe work this year

The water management advisory board of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) is prepared to begin work on Metcalfe Ravine this year, board chairman Ken Whillans told Halton Hills works committee March 28.

Mr. Whillans said that there has been pressure on the board to set priorities on other projects, some more serious than Metcalfe ravine and some less serious "... but we're prepared to go ahead this year."

Grant Clarkson, chairman of the CVCA, and Basil Knowles, operations manager for the CVCA, were also present at the meeting, where engineers in-

formed the works committee of the contents of a draft report on conditions in the ravine and possible solutions to the problems.

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The problem in the ravine is two-fold: the stream's increased velocity, caused by increasing amounts of water draining from storm outfalls, along the top of the ravine, is carving out a deep channel along the river, and the slopes along the sides of the ravine are failing.

Both Mr. Barton and Mrs. Jagger said that the failure of the slopes along the sides of the ravine is partly due to the increased water flow of the stream, but also to the problem of fill soil which was improperly laid in. This fill soil was pushed over the side of the ravine without following the shape of the original slopes, Mr. Jagger said, and was never properly compacted.

Milton rejects dump

In a unanimous vote Milton council Monday rejected the Halton region application for official plan and zoning amendments which would allow a major Halton region landfill site.

The application involved 256 acres northwest of Tremaine and Britannia Roads, and only 136 acres would be used for landfill during the six-year life of the dump.

Although council appeared to leave the way open for reconsideration of its decision if the region can satisfy several concerns councilors appeared to view the situation otherwise.

Coun. Rick Day said, "We regard this as an obnoxious land use and we are opposed to it."

Coun. Gordon Krantz added that the project is the biggest issue to concern town citizens for years.

And Coun. Jim Watson said that the selection of the site had been based on "sheep politics."

In its motion rejecting the project Milton council said that if new information can be provided to alleviate its concerns it might be prepared to reconsider.

Some of the demands it seeks include proof, that it is

impracticable to develop other alternative sites considered in the selection process and proof that no other suitable site will have less impact on the agricultural policies of Milton.

The Tremaine-Britannia site has been fought by an area citizens group which has obtained a Supreme Court of Ontario ruling barring any acquisition of property by the region for the landfill site.

In a written report to Milton council Bob Moore, regional works director, said that the proposed site cannot be in operation until January, 1980, at the earliest.

Also Ontario's environment ministry has agreed the life of existing landfill operations at Oakville, Georgetown and Burlington can't be extended beyond October, 1979.

The need for new landfill capacity is critical," Moore said, adding that the Tremaine-Britannia site selection is based on minimizing cost of operations and impact on the environment.

It is up to regional council to decide whether it should launch an appeal of the Milton council decision to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) or come up with contingency plans in a bid to avert a looming garbage disposal crisis.

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Cub, Scout displays

Knox Presbyterian Church hall was lined with activity for the second year Cub Scouts of North Halton District, which included boys from Georgetown, Norval, Limehouse, and Acton.

After registrations, the organizer, Mike Carney, Cubmaster of 3rd Georgetown Cub Scouts, opened the conference by welcoming the Cub Scouts, followed by the Grand Hosi and Lords Prayer.

The Cubs were divided up into small groups, rotating to the various displays. Each group spent about a half hour learning about the Ham Radio displayed by Myles Douglas and Glen Collier. This equipment was from the Georgetown District high school of which Myles and Glen are members of the Ham Radio Club.

Cubs were shown by District Commissioner Murray Harrison. Mr. Harrison gave an informative talk on coin collecting and the necessary things to look for in coins, care and handling. Mr. Harrison gave each cub a coin. Handicrafts with popstick sticks was much enjoyed by all, and this was instructed by Maria Jennings.

Screen painting of a car was demonstrated by Bob Anderson. Each boy was able to help make his own poster.

Scuba Diving was demonstrated by Walter Noble and Mike Davis.

Rick Irvine, Mississauga illustrated a collection of arrow heads and stones, also showed slides on archeology. Rick is a graduate of McMaster and is now at York doing film study.

Rope making, eye and back splicing was done by John and Jean Layman. Boys winning a length of rope were Gordon Campbell, Robert Disano, An-

draw Marsh, Calum Munro, Roberto Ruggiero, Robbie Lamoureux and George Kent.

During intermission a scavenger hunt, games were played and songs were sung. Lunch and refreshments were served by the Knox Ladies.

The conference came to a happy end and A.D.C. Steve Thompson wished the boys well and hoped he would see them all at the next District event.

Stewarttown drainage problem review

More than two years of frustration over drainage flooding on his front lawn may be resolved shortly for Alec Champ and his neighbors on Young Street, Stewarttown.

Ward 2 Coun. Russ Miller said Tuesday he's preparing a meeting between Mr. Champ and town officials to see what action can take place.

Mr. Champ has been pumping water from his front lawn for two weeks and recently had eight to 10 inches of water flowing across his property.

The problem, he explained, is the engineering of a culvert across Young Street which carries water runoff from Trafalgar Road and 15 Sidwell Street. His home in Stewart however, the water does not have a natural drain flow and settles in a large lake in the front of his and neighbors properties.

Two years ago Halton Hills works committee refused to act on a similar request saying the problem is a civil matter between Mr. Champ and the builder of the homes on Young Street.

"My assumption is that since he (the builder) received a building permit that whatever was in force in the township was okay by them (the township)," Mr. Champ said.

Since the matter is a street problem, he believes, the town should act in some manner. "We're trying to find out what the next steps... who do we go to?"

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School skate-a-thon

Centennial Middle school's skate-a-thon to raise funds for school activities has proved to be a huge success. The students raised \$6,200 and are donating a portion of that to local organizations.

The Red Cross Youth will receive \$100. The Georgetown District Y.M.C.A. will receive \$500 and Muscular Dystrophy will receive \$700. The student council decided last week more than 500 students skated on Feb. 21 and Feb. 28.

Students were allowed to skate 50 laps and solicited pledges from area residents based on the number of laps

they could complete in their allotted hour. School principal Ron Chatten says a majority of the students managed to complete their laps. Of the six houses into which the student body is divided House 4 was the overall winner. Its students raised approximately \$1,400.

Teachers also participated in the skate-a-thon although they were not eligible for any of the prizes which went to students having the highest amount of pledges. Overall winner was Adam Djuk, a sixth grader, who earned \$100.

RECOGNITION NIGHT

The Georgetown Jaycees hosted a recognition night for their group's national chairman Linda Powers at the Glen Williams Community hall last Tuesday and invited clubs from all the Central Region to attend. Members came from as far north as Orillia and as far east as Bowmanville. Mrs.

Boar's Head closes

The Boar's Head Butcher Shop on Main Street in Georgetown closed its doors for the last time Saturday, April 1, after five years in business.

Owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Booth, the Boar's Head at one time had three outlets - the others were in Moore Park plaza and in Galden.

Mr. Booth said he wished to thank all their customers for their patronage and friendship over the years. But the pressures of large chain stores plus the lack of experienced, trained butchers, coupled with a recent back injury he suffered led to the decision to close, he said.

He expects that the family will take their first vacation together in about five years and after that he expects to be relatively busy with duties on Halton Hills council, Halton regional council and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

As well, he intends to pursue a part-time career as a freelance artist. Copies of Mr. Booth's art work were on sale in the butcher shop and some has already been published on Christmas cards, greeting cards, note paper and calendars.

Police probe school fire

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Recognition night for Georgetown Jaycees national chairman Linda Powers at the Glen Williams Community hall last Tuesday. Powers, who is a member of the Dundas branch, was given a tray by the Georgetown group. After the presentation the group posed from left: Dianne Peirce (Georgetown president), Cathy Shiers (Central Region representative and a member of the Whiby club), Linda Powers, and Fiona Thibideau (vice-president of the Georgetown branch).

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