



WITH A MIGHTY CRASH!

How the mighty are fallen! This giant went down in Georgetown fairgrounds just after lunch on Friday taking out a portion of the fence around the racetrack and narrowly missing a power line. When The Herald arrived the great trunk had become a footpath for numerous youngsters taking advantage of the elevation for a look around the neighbourhood from a new angle. Even the hole left by the roots being ripped from the soil was explored as they looked for a cause for its fall.

Library board to meet again

Halton Hills library board met behind closed doors for three hours Wednesday to discuss a recent decision of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) which denied a new library on two acres of parkland. The board will meet in camera again on May 3, says board chairman Richard Howitt.

Mr. Howitt told The Herald in an interview Thursday that the board did not get through everything on its plate at last Wednesday's in camera meeting.

He said the board talked briefly about the OMB decision and its implications then went on to discuss general principles of public input into the decision coming up of what to do now about the library.

The board was unanimous in wanting to involve the public in the decision making process, Mr. Howitt said, but the mechanics of how to go about this haven't been completely ironed out.

Public input will be sought in two areas, Mr. Howitt said. The first is what do the public see as the priorities of the library board and to this end, the board will prepare a list at the next meeting of its priorities.

"Ours may be different from what the general public see as our function," he said.

The second area is that once the priorities are established, "How do we then apply those to the alternatives? Do we go ahead with expansion or something else?"

The board has "exhausted discussion" on the alternatives open to it, Mr. Howitt said, but has not come to any decision. The board hopes to have two or three viable alternatives to lay before the public in detail to get comments.

Mr. Howitt said he welcomed suggestions "... on how we might go to the public." The board has considered a referendum, a plebiscite, questionnaires, advertisements and other means.

"What we'd like to do at the next meeting is list our priorities as a library board and come out with a written statement."

Police parking review

Members of Halton Hills works committee and the town's engineering department will be meeting with the Acton firefighters, Halton regional police and the Halton Hills parking authority to discuss parking allocations as set out in a draft parking bylaw.

The bylaw allows for three parking spaces for police cruisers on Mill Street and 17 parking spaces on Willow Street for the firefighters. Members of works committee questioned the need for 17 parking spaces at the firehall.

Town Engineer Bob Austin said the Acton Business Improvement Association is more concerned with the loss of three parking spaces on Mill Street than it is with the loss of 17 spaces on Willow Street.

Mayor Tom Hill said the police had requested three parking spaces when negotiations were being carried out.

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