

Bylaw for 17 Sideroad bogged down



Run garners \$650

The Halton Hills Big Run, held on Sunday, June 10, raised \$650 for the Halton Hills Big Run Association.

Mr. Cullen said the association was a little disappointed that they hadn't been able to meet their goal of \$1,000. He said if there had been more runners in Acton as in Georgetown, the goal would probably have been met. Participants in the race were mainly high school students.

Mr. Cullen said he hopes next year to have more community support, which is needed to meet their fundraising goals. The next major fundraising event is the Bowl for Millions, which will be held in February.

The bylaws intended to control truck traffic on 17 Sideroad are once again bogged down at the works committee level. Works committee discussed at some length on Monday the bylaws proposed to regulate the weight of trucks travelling on 17 Sideroad, and the guidelines which will form the basis for the issuing of permits to truck owners, but were unable to reach any decisions. Committee voted to defer the matter until the next works committee meeting, June 26, and will request all councillors to submit their suggestions for permit guidelines to the town engineer.

that will develop into a real Hey Rube," Coun. Mike Armstrong said. He recommended that the bylaw be discussed by committee of the whole before receiving the three readings which would make it law. "How much will this reduce truck traffic on 17 Sideroad and the 4th Line?" Coun. Armstrong asked. "This will take all of it off," town engineer Bob Austin said. "That is, until you designate those to be given permits to use the road."

"This is going to satisfy the truckers madder than hell, won't it?" Coun. Armstrong said. "Probably," Mr. Austin said. "The whole point of the bylaw is for the sake of the road—not for the resident and not for Indusmin. That's the only legal way you can restrict the road."

"What do you suggest?" Coun. Armstrong asked. "What does the committee want?" Mr. Austin asked. "I've asked that a number of times and I never got an answer."

Coun. George Maltby suggested that since poor weather conditions this year had caused a great deal of the problem, truck traffic should be restricted until mid-June, or left at the discretion of the engineer. Mr. Austin rejected the suggestion, saying he wouldn't want to be put in the position of telling truck owners, "It's a nice sunny day, so you can go on the road today."

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson asked about the guidelines which would form the basis for staff decisions on permits to be issued. "On what basis are we going to issue these permits?" she asked. "It seems we're discriminating, and we can't do that."

Condominium couple's request turned down

Finance committee rejected a request by a Maple Avenue condominium dweller to have the sale price of his unit raised so he could recover his costs plus the small profit allowed under his purchase agreement.

Ward 3 councillor Peter Morris pointed out that Mr. Bradley must have known what he was getting into when he bought the unit. Since housing prices have risen very little in the past year it is quite possible that a home owner

would lose in trying to resell property purchased very recently, he said. The committee recommended that council allow the Bradleys to sell their condominium unit according to the specifications in the original purchase agreement.

Motor vehicle deaths drop

First quarter motor vehicle deaths across Ontario dropped to their lowest number in 18 years, Minister of Transportation and Communications James Snow said recently.

Snow said, "There seems no doubt about it: seat belts and lower speed limits save lives and these latest results are pretty convincing."

Over the first three months of 1978, there were 808 fewer drivers-passengers injured than in the previous year—17,425 compared to 18,237. And while property damage accidents declined by 18.2 per cent against last year, this resulted primarily because the reporting system was changed. Only accidents where the property damage exceeded \$400 are reported. The previous minimum had been \$200.

Council worked out the increased market value allowed under their agreement to be approximately \$2,150. Members were reluctant to see the couple lose money but felt the loss was not very large and it would be unwise to set a precedent of breaking their agreements with condominium owners when more of the units could possibly come on the market during the next few years.

"During the first three months of 1978, driver-passenger fatalities fell 64 per cent when compared to the same period in 1975—the year prior to compulsory seat belt legislation and lower speed limits."

"Unfortunately, pedestrian fatalities rose from 49 in the first quarter of 1977 to 59 in 1978," said Snow. "Yet, I am confident these figures can be reduced if drivers and pedestrians use more caution."

Photo courses offered

Four photography courses will be offered in July through the Continuing Education Division of Sheridan College.

The one-week courses will run daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Trafalgar Road Campus in Oakville.

"On the whole, the results of the quarterly report are encouraging. Large people to use their seat belts and follow the rules of the road whenever they're in their vehicles. And hopefully, the number of deaths, accidents and injuries will continue to drop throughout 1978."

Station's fate unknown

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Grant fund almost gone

The town's grant fund has less than \$200 left in it for 1978, treasurer Ray King told finance administration committee Monday.

But if council wanted to make a grant greater than \$200, the money could probably be found in some other budget he said.

Discussion on the matter of grants came up after committee recommended \$700 be given to the Glen Williams Day-Week committee over the objections of councillor Walter Biehn who said "a dangerous precedent" was being set by subsidizing public entertainment.

Most committee members, however, felt that the event last year had proved so successful, it was worth the town's support.

The \$700 grant represents less than 25 per cent of the cost of the celebrations, said John Minns, chairman of the Canada Day-Week committee.

Private donations are expected to cover 30 per cent of the projects cost and the group hopes to receive the balance of their funds from the federal government.

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