

Despite the Halton Hills planning board's efforts to cut red tape and expedite approval for the construction of a second permanent residence on an RR2, Georgetown farm, the owner-applicant must still wait three months before a building permit can be granted.

Effort to 'cut' red tape ends in 3 month delay

Neil Wood of Walker Wood Farms on the eighth concession was disappointed last Tuesday to learn that, because the application must be approved by several town departments and his neighbors, he cannot commence construction of a permanent residence for his soon to be married farm manager.

Mr. Wood explained that he had been living in a mobile home on the farm for about a year, an interim solution suggested by the board when the application was first introduced.

Because of Mr. Timber's

impending marriage and an ongoing expansion of farm production, Mr. Wood pointed out, the house trailer is no longer adequate.

Planning board was not without sympathy. Coun. Pat Patterson, a consistently outspoken champion of local farmers, was ready to have the application approved on the spot and opposed the planning department's recommendation that the application should be first circulated and a report prepared.

Board chairman Roy Booth cautioned that municipal procedures must be followed, but asked deputy planning director Brian Kropf how soon approval could be granted. Mr. Kropf speculated that a preliminary report might be ready for the board's next meeting.

"It bothers me when we have to go through so much rigmarole just to get a second house on a farm," Coun. Pat McKenzie commented. "Why can't we have a blanket rule to cover these applications as long as the proper conditions are met?"

Coun. Booth reminded the board the last attempt by

all residents whose properties lie within 400 feet of Walker Wood Farms before approval can be granted.

Assuming there are no objections to the proposal from the public, Coun. Booth added, it will still be three months before a building permit can be granted and construction of the new home can begin.

Mr. Wood observed that the town's policy means construction cannot legally begin until winter when the ground will be frozen.

"We're now building a new

council to change the policy was unsuccessful due to a wariness shared by some members that a non-restrictive policy, requiring only the issuing of a building permit, would be abused by some citizens.

"It bothers me as a resident of an urban area that it takes farmers so long to get approval," Coun. McKenzie maintained. "It's discouraging. Maybe we just don't want farmers around here".

Planning director Mario Venditti noted that the application must be circulated among

finishing plant at the farm," he informed the board. "We've got (Mr. Timber's) in a trailer while his fiancée is in Brampton waiting to move in. I don't know how we're going to manage for the next three months. Is there no other way?"

"It's not this board holding you up," Coun. Booth assured Mr. Wood. "We have, in fact, speeded it up for you. We've probably carved a month off the waiting time. I really sympathize with you and I think Coun. McKenzie's suggestion to review the situation is probably the best thing that could happen".

Coun. George Maltby added that council has moved "in leaps and bounds" to improve the policy since the days of Esqueving township council, when it was discovered that approval being routinely granted for mobile home installations was "nearly illegal".



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If you were away on holidays and were wondering about the Corn Roast it is to be Sunday September 10th. This is another pleasant day out with your Legion friends and a smart looking lazy-boy chair is being offered as top prize (brown with brown plaid). Tickets available from Perc King.

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musical offerings of these two fine D.J.'s.

I urge all persons in charge of committees, groups, sports, socials, ways and means, entertainment or whatever to please have your report for the Summit no later than Thursday August 31st. Hand it in at the bar or give to any executive member as we will be needing it by then so as to have it ready in time for the Auxiliary and Branch meetings. This includes the Air Cadets, Imperial Section, Auxiliary and Branch.

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SCOUTS HEAD FOR JAMBOREE

Five Georgetown residents will be among those attending the National Jamboree of the Association des Scouts du Canada near Low, Quebec this week.

Brent Collier, a leader with 2nd Georgetown Scouts, left Saturday with four boys from his troop and one from 1st. Georgetown for the week-long jamboree at Lake Isab-

el. The boys brought their own tents and equipment and will purchase food at the jamboree site.

Jam-Anik is the third reunion of its kind and Boy Scouts of Canada, Scouts de France, Scouts de Belgique, Scouts de Suisse, and Boys Scouts of America have been invited to participate in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the found-

ing of French Scouting in Canada.

Organizers also hope to receive delegations from Denmark, China, Tunisia and Upper Volta. Jam-Anik is a combination of the term jamboree used to refer to large scouting gatherings, and the Inuit word Anik, meaning brother.

The jamboree was official-

ly opened Sunday and includes an overnight hike for scouts and a 48 hour outing for seniors. Jam-Anik will also be organizing a tour of Ottawa for all participants.

The Georgetown group says scouts from London, Camp Borden and East York will also be attending Jam-Anik. They will be returning home next weekend.



Georgetown Scouts and one of their leaders left to attend Jam-Anik in Quebec over the weekend. Second Georgetown leader Brent Collier supervises as Brian Collier, Thomas Leupold, Kevin Powers, Martin Fisher and Gordie Robertson load up Mr. Collier's car prior to their departure. The group will be helping to celebrate the 60th anniversary of French Scouting in Canada the week-long jamboree.

Commission to hire jail escorts

Halton Regional Police commission endorsed in principle last week a proposal to hire seven "special constables" to act as jailers and escort prisoners to and from court.

Since the closing of the Milton Jail earlier this year, Halton Regional Police have been acting as jailers and escorts officers, escorting prisoners to court each day from detention centres in Hamilton and west Toronto.

A proposal by police administrator Raymond Munro and police senior staff was presented the commission Thursday, suggesting that seven specially trained constables to be hired to fill the roles presently being filled by active members of the force.

Mr. Munro said that hiring the additional men could almost be paid for by the reduction in overtime presently being paid to police officers doing the jobs. He also said that the commission would be able to arrange payment from the province on a chargeback basis for escort duty.

"We're paying almost 56 cents a minute to have police officers act as escorts for these prisoners," Mr. Munro said. He was unable to present exact figures on how much overtime is being paid to officers, how much the province would be paying for escort duties, or the loss of manhours because police officers are escorting prisoners and are not on street patrol.

Police chief Ken Skerrett pointed out that effective strength in east Burlington had been reduced by 50 per cent that morning because officers were tied up escorting or guarding prisoners. By hiring additional men for these jobs, the effective strength of the force would be increased, Mr.

Munro said.

"I've never been political in my life," Chief Skerrett said. "But I see Burlington is building a garage to keep their trucks in...we're dealing with bodies here, not trucks, not sewage."

"I think regional council has to look to its priorities," Chief Skerrett said, when asked about the fact that an initial financial outlay will be necessary before the commission can collect money from the province.

"If they can find money in the regional budget to build a garage for trucks that have sat outside since I came to Halton County, they should be able to find money for this," the chief said. "I think this is a priority."

Chief Skerrett said eventually, it is hoped all prisoners will be kept at the detention centre in Hamilton, rather than in both Hamilton and Metro West detention centres, as is now the case. This would mean only one trip to pick up prisoners to take them to court.

Mr. Munro described the effect on a police officer's work ethic, when an officer "who has been specially trained, and has dedicated himself to his job, comes to Halton and finds himself back escorting prisoners."

The commission approved the proposal, subject to an analysis of the costs involved.

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