



GIDDYUP GANG

Horseback riding was just one of the events open to those attending the family fun day at Wildwood Manor Sunday afternoon. The youngsters paused for the photographer before taking off for a tour through the bush under the guidance of a

staff member. Cross country skiing and hayrides were also offered to those who braved the cold to attend the event sponsored by Parents Without Partners.

Glen residents plan proposals set to go to town planner

By MAGGIE HANNAH
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Revisions to the proposed Glen Williams secondary plan could be ready to go to Halton Hills planning board two weeks according to the town planner.

Mario Venditti told a group of about 75 Glen Williams residents gathered in St. Alban's hall to discuss the proposed plan that changes to the proposals suggested at two meetings in the past two weeks could be incorporated into the town's proposals for the village and brought to planning board within two weeks. If the board approved the plan it could then be brought back to the Glen residents for further discussion after that.

During the discussion of the cost of installing water to the low end of the village along Confederation Street as far as Preston's store it was pointed out that provincial grants might still become available to help with the project.

MINNS CHAIRED
Chairman for the evening

John Miens said that a plan was worked out last year whereby an amendment to the National Housing Act would give Ontario \$30 million to community projects in certain areas. It appears that Halton Hills could apply for a grant under the new plan, he said, because the cost to individual homeowners would be more than \$1,100 each. The complication stemmed from the fact that the amendment had not yet received third reading in Ottawa and until it was passed funds for the program were not available to the province.

Norma Bryant, a planner for Triton Engineering the company designing the Desol Development proposal off Guelph Street said that her company would be suggesting that the region, the residents and the company look at a cost sharing scheme to see if a different lay out for the water system from the one proposed by the region to might be more acceptable.

Despite comments from former mayor Tom Hill that

the group had no right to hear the proposal because it had not yet been brought to planning board Mrs. Bryant explained that Desol plans to put 33 single family homes on full services on the lots. She also asked those present to make comments on the proposal.

Tom Reid and Phil Caracenie of Chateau Belair, the company which has built 13 homes on 22 Sideroad, said that they had made no agreement with the town or the region concerning costs of installing water to residents of existing homes across the road from their development.

INSTALL LINE
"We agreed to install the line and take it to the property lines of the homes across the road," he said, "but nothing was ever spelled out to us about the existing homeowners having to pay for any of it."

Mr. Hill said that if the water main was on a regional road allowance rather than private property the neighbours would be forced to pay part of the

installation cost under a local improvement scheme since it will be there for them to hook into if they ever want to do so.

Residents expressed concern over the amount of cutting going on in the bush on property owned by Chateau Belair behind the homes built on 22 Sideroad.

Phil Cargenie explained that the company had the Ministry of Lands and Forests mark trees for cutting to thin the bush and encourage further growth. When told they were contravening a Halton Hills bylaw Mr. Cargenie said he supposed cutting would have to stop if that was true.

Questions concerning the extent of floodplain and hazard land in the village on new conservation maps were passed on by John Cottrill, a land use planner with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority who said he knew nothing about what the new maps showed because they had not been released yet. He volunteered to look into a number of questions with the authority and return to the next community meeting to present it.

Region endorses resolution to extend councillors terms

A resolution being circulated among local municipalities which asks the provincial government to extend the term of office for elected municipal officials from two to three years has been endorsed by Halton regional council.

Already sanctioned by Halton Hills council, the resolution was rejected by the region's administration committee Feb. 28 but won majority support when it subsequently came before council last Wednesday. Regional councillors voted 12-10 to add Halton's name to a petition endorsing the idea.

The resolution was prepared by Peel Region and asks that revisions be made, in provincial legislation so that municipal elected officials, in areas where regional government is in effect, would serve three years instead of two.

ELECTED OFFICIALS
The resolution cites the increasing complexity of decisions required by present-day coun-

cils that have long-term effects. It notes that the Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto, the Ottawa-Carleton Review Commission and the Hamilton-Wentworth Review Commission, in examining regional government in those areas, recommended a three-year term for elected officials.

Another point made by the resolution concerning the high cost of elections was stressed last week by Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth.

Coun. Booth estimated that the bi-annual elections held in the city of Burlington cost about \$60,000 to run and slightly less in Oakville. He told regional council that Halton Hills taxpayers and candidates probably spend about \$30,000 on their elections.

"Maybe we can do a good turn for the taxpayers by saving them a third of the costs," he said.

Burlington Coun. Joan Allingham suggested somewhat facetiously that perhaps Halton

should endorse an even longer term of office to match that of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett added that elected provincial officials should serve two-year terms if that is the system they prefer for the municipalities.

RECORDED VOTE
In a recorded vote, the Peel resolution was opposed by Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomerooy, Burlington Mayor Roly Bird and councillors Ailingham, Jim Grieve and Steve Toth, Oakville Mayor Barrett and councillor Mac Anderson, and Milton Mayor Don Gordon and councillors Gus Goutowski and Bill Johnson.

Those endorsing the resolution were councillors Booth and Russ Miller of Halton Hills, David Lacombe, Walter Mulkeiwich, Vern Connell, Ted McDonald and Pat McLaughlin of Burlington and Laurie and Terry Mattnell, Ron Planche, Carol Gooding and Bonnie Brown of Oakville.

Still no decision

Emergency number sent back to regional committee

By PAUL DORSEY
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Halton regional council has, for the second time, rejected the advice of its administration committee, choosing instead to pursue a proposal that would see a single three-digit telephone number implemented across Halton for use in contacting all emergency services.

The allegedly high cost of implementing an emergency services number, such as the 911 number already in use in neighboring regions, was cited as the deciding factor in the administration committee's recommendation to shelve the proposal. Committee chairman Steve Toth of Burlington told council last Wednesday that conversion of pay telephones and other necessary adjustments make the idea "an expensive proposition".

ENDORSED CONCEPT
Coun. Ron Planche of Oakville addressed the committee by letter earlier this year after Oakville city council endorsed the concept of establishing a region-wide emergency number. All Halton citizens would benefit, he contended, by having an easily-remembered phone number to contact police, fire and ambulance services through a general switchboard.

The committee rejected Coun. Planche's suggestion, but council subsequently requested that the proposal be reconsidered in light of cost information that had become available to Oakville council.

On Feb. 28 the committee reaffirmed its opposition to the idea.

Supporting the committee's decision, Milton Mayor Don Gordon told council last week that he finds it "fantastic" that some council members would consider such a proposal at the same time the region is wrestling with its budget to accommodate fiscal restraint.

Milton town council simply filed Coun. Planche's suggestion, Mayor Gordon said, largely because it was agreed that the region shouldn't be spending money just "to help people think." The ordinary seven-digit telephone numbers are easy enough to learn and remember he said.

TRIAL PERIOD
Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkeiwich pointed out, however, that the cost of implementing a three-digit emergency number, even for a trial period has not been ascertained. Nor has the effect such a number would have upon the ability of Halton's emergency organizations to provide services, he said.

Coun. Toth admitted that the committee had still not acquired cost estimates when it made its most recent decision about the number. Committee members concluded "from their own experience" that the costs to the region would be high, he said.

Coun. Terry Mannell of Oakville argued that the region would spend no money to acquire estimates of the cost, as had initially been requested

by council. Burlington Coun. David Lacombe conceded that costs may well be high, but would be entirely borne by Bell Canada, according to the letter from Coun. Planche.

Coun. Roy Booth of Halton Hills, a former Bell Canada employee, reminded council that he had initially opposed the emergency number suggestion because he believed Bell "would make a lot of money on it". He said he has learned since, though, that Bell would not make a profit, although at the same time it would not bear all of the costs involved.

WORKING WELL
Coun. Booth added that he also discovered the emergency number scheme is working well in Peel Region, where officials are "very, very satisfied." He asked his colleagues from Halton Hills whether or not they know of all the various numbers for the town's fire, ambulance and police services and concluded that the emerg-

ncy number may well be a good idea.

Coun. Planche informed council that the Oakville fire department the week before had received five different phone calls from persons outside Halton region in need of emergency assistance. He pointed out that implementation costs for the emergency number need not be considered by council in terms of its 1979 budget, since it would likely take two and a half years before the number would be available to citizens.

When council indicated its willingness to have the proposal investigated further, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett noted that the region recently received the results of a three-year-old Bell Canada study in which costs related to the emergency number were outlined. Mayor Barrett suggested that the region could simply request Bell to update those figures.

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