

Reed's flood-control idea okay with CVCA, not town

The town's general committee has rejected a suggestion by Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed which would have seen an earth berm in the Glen Williams ball park removed in the hopes of alleviating annual ice-jamming along the nearby Credit River.

Mr. Reed's suggestion was endorsed by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) but drew prompt objections from the ball park's trustees.

The committee voted Monday night to inform the CVCA that the town will not remove the earth berm. At Mayor Pete Pomeroy's suggestion, the CVCA was requested to consider re-channelling the adjacent portion of the river, a suggestion which committee members agreed might do more to prevent ice jamming and flooding.

In a recent letter to the CVCA, Mr. Reed who lives on the Credit's banks in Norval, applauded the Authority for its plans to install a water flow control device in the Glen's paper mill dam. As another method of controlling ice jamming during the spring break-up, he suggested that the ball park's earthen level should be removed.

"I noticed that the river seems to be artificially contained in that spot by the levee on the ball park side and it is that act of channelization which seems to be giving cause to a good deal of the intensity of the jam," Mr. Reed said.

"I'm not an engineer but it would seem to me that the natural desire of the river is to flood the ball park area during those times," he said. "Per-

haps that is not politically desirable to say. However, it sure would be a lot better than causing flooding at Preston's Store and the neighboring houses which it did with some severity."

Mr. Reed noted that there is one home in the low-lying ball park area, but suggested that there are ways to protect it while at the same time allowing the river's ice flows to be pushed over the bank and across the ball park.

ONE BAD JAM

Neil Best, spokesman for the ball park trustees, told the general committee that there has been "one bad jam" during which ice flows found their way around the earth berm and damaged fences and buildings in the ball park.

"But you may as well forget about having a ball diamond

there if you're going to take that berm out," he said.

Coun. Pat Patterson complained that he cannot understand "the philosophy of conservation" when the CVCA is suggesting the berm's removal.

Mr. Best commented that authorities should find some way of alleviating flooding on the river's west bank, but not at the expense of the east bank.

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MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Jenna Hagge was one of the children who attended the open house at the Montessori School in Norval Saturday. The school's new owners, Alma and Clare Hiepma, held the open house to give

people a chance to learn about the school and how it works. The school is located in the old Norval public school. (Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Mayor may get credit card

Mayor Pete Pomeroy will be given a credit card to help cover expenses incurred in the line of duty, if a recommendation by the town's general committee is accepted next week by council.

Monday night's committee meeting was the second time in two years that council members tackled what town treasurer Ray King called a "rather

tricky" problem. Mr. King reminded the committee that council's 1979 budget steering committee had tentatively agreed to pay Mayor Pomeroy's mileage and out-of-pocket expenses using the same system as that used for former mayor Tom Hill, a flat monthly allowance.

Mr. King recommended a flat allowance of \$125 a month

for Mayor Pomeroy, but admitted that the amount is fully taxable and represents no real benefit to the mayor's office. Coun. Roy Booth contended that the town would have to "jack it up" so that the allowance, doesn't disappear in taxes or else forget the allowance altogether.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson suggested that the mayor's

annual salary should be increased by \$125 a month to reflect the expense allowance. The allowance would then be "at least one-third non-taxable," she said.

Coun. Booth praised Coun. Mike Armstrong's suggestion that the mayor should be given a credit card to cover minor expenses, noting that the mayors of Milton, Oakville and Burlington are similarly accommodated.

Mayor Pomeroy, prevented from partaking in the committee debate by his conflict of interest, commented that his only real out-of-pocket expense stems from entertaining visitors to the town. His routine drives to locations around town are difficult to keep track of, he added, making the credit card suggestion a good idea. Bills from the credit card company would be presented to council for approval.

Policy 'a small step'

The author of the proposal for a course in parenting says he is "nowhere near finished" with his efforts to persuade people that such a course should be included in a child's education.

Howard Wrigglesworth principal Eric Balkind said he is encouraged by the fact that the Halton board of education approved a program in human growth and child development.

"I'm hopeful in one way. If that's a policy statement, I'm happy they've taken that first step," Mr. Balkind said. "At best it's a small step, though. It's nowhere near what I want, but it's a step."

Mr. Balkind said he was feeling "a little cut off" from the progress of the proposal through the board. He wasn't in attendance at the board meeting Thursday when the policy statement was passed, because he was speaking to a group about parenting education.

"I'm still going to keep plugging away, because I'm nowhere near finished with it," Mr. Balkind said.

Health and physical education co-ordinator Jack Richardson said the board will be compiling a writing team this summer to write a unit of study on the family for the primary and junior grades,

and a credit course for inclusion in the secondary school curriculum. Such a course would not be compulsory.

Mr. Richardson said that much of the program already exists in different areas of the courses on health and family living. The idea of drawing up a program will be to draw the elements together, and identify the gaps.

The result of this exercise will be a unit of study on the family to be fit in some time from kindergarten to grade three, another one for children somewhere between grades four and six, one for grades seven and eight, and one for grades nine and ten.

Parenting step closer

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Lavender said the board already has a policy to permit municipalities to operate day care centres in schools where space permits, at their own expense, and he felt that this would cover the board as far as getting involved with day care centres. Trustee Cam Jackson expressed his concern that this would prevent students from taking advantage of the learning centres for small children which are currently in operation in two Burlington schools. The amendment was defeated.

Trustee Elsie Hilson was concerned that the program was encroaching more and more into the home, and expressed her concern at the values education currently being taught in schools, with the teachers often ending up by imparting their own philosophy to the students.

"I wonder what it's going to teach the children in 20 minutes twice a week," she said. "The rest of the system is in such a mess. We have to get back to decency, and respect and discipline."

FAMILY PRESERVE
Dr. Dixon addressed himself

to Mrs. Hilson's concern about encroaching on areas normally considered the preserve of the family, saying, "A great many people working with children aren't parents."

"So many people are interacting with small children, it would be nice to teach them something about how to interact with them," he continued.

"Eric (Balkind) must be disappointed with what this has turned out to be, because it's nothing close to what it was intended to be," trustee Barry Shepherd said. "But I'll be voting for it because we haven't got anything better on it."

"We're not talking about values in education, we're talking about how people grow," Rev. Gary Morton said. "I would like to see us stick with a program of human growth-there are risks, but the alternative is playing it like an ostrich, and I don't like that idea."

Betty Fisher, trustee for Esqueping and Acton, made an amendment proposing a compromise, to give the administration the go-ahead to proceed with drawing up the program, but requiring them

to bring the program back to the board for approval before it is implemented.

Programs are usually implemented without direct approval from the board.

Trustee Edna Robinson opposed the amendment.

John Bradley, separate school trustee from Milton, said, "As a card-carrying opponent of Mr. Balkind's kind of parenting, I'm going to support this motion, because there's nothing in this policy that would offend anybody or change anything we're doing now."

Dr. Dixon's recommendation that the board endorse a program in Human Growth and Child Development was passed, with trustees Elsie Hilson, Elaine Riehm, Ivan Armstrong and Noel Cooper opposing it.



SCOUTS WIN HIKE AWARDS

A three man team from 1st Georgetown Scouts took the award during the recent 20 mile three-day explorers hike along the Bruce Trail. Sixty-four boys competed for the award which was won by Tim Hancock (centre back), Mike McMurray (right) and

David Lemon (kneeling). 1st Georgetown Scout leader George Henderson (left) holds the excelsior award presented to the troupe making the best showing as a group. (Herald photo)

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