



PILLOW FIGHT

(Herald photo by Maggie Hannah)

Christine Irwin of the 5th Milton Guides and Shelley Mason of the 2nd Acton Guides tried to knock each other off the pole during the jousting events at the North Halton Scout and Guide rally at Wilderness Trails camp in Milton Saturday. The girls were among approximately 300 youngsters attending the second annual fun day.

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Police go to arbitration, disagree on sick leave, pension

The contract dispute between the Halton Regional Police Commission and the police association will go to arbitration after a meeting between the two parties last Wednesday failed to achieve a settlement. Pension plans and the operation of the sick-leave plan are two of the issues which remain undecided, and will be subjected to arbitration.

The police commission is proposing that instead of the present sick-leave system, where an officer can accumulate unused sick-leave, and take a cash pay-out when he leaves the force, a new plan be set up. In the commission's proposal, an individual would be guaranteed 15 weeks of sick

leave, with full pay, for an illness, with an increase in the sick-leave time as length of service increases. The officer could claim again later in the year if necessary.

The association would prefer to stay with the sick-leave plan as it operates now.

PROPOSE MEMBERS
The association is proposing that members of the force be entitled to retire after thirty years service, with full pension. This would make an officer eligible for retirement

at 51, rather than 60, as is now the case. Also included in the proposal is the request that the commission "buy out" time of service with other levels of government, such as other police forces or war service.

This would mean including time served with other government agencies in the 30 years to be served before retiring on a full pension.

"The commission didn't feel the taxpayers of Halton should be called on to support other levels of government," Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the commission, said. "If we buy out service at another level of government, the taxpayer is essentially paying twice."

Mayor Barrett said the commission also feels strongly about the new sick-leave plan it has offered.

"We feel we offer better coverage with this plan," the mayor said. "With junior employees now, they don't have much coverage."

Association president Constable Al Reulens said the police commission "is not sympathetic to our request on the pension plan."

"They're not interested in talking to us about it," he said. "We're the only regional police force in the province which

doesn't have the pension plan the others have."

"Everybody in the province also has the same sick leave plan and they want to change it," he said. "I don't understand their position. I don't understand their attack on us. They're trying to take away things that have been in the contract for some time, that have been benefitting members for some time."

Constable Reulens said he expects the arbitrator will be appointed by September.

Mayor Barrett said the negotiations have been going well, with "no screaming or shouting."

"The negotiations have been well-handled," he said. "There haven't been any great emotional problems, just differences of opinion that couldn't be reconciled."

Georgetown traffic is subject of study

By PAUL DORSEY
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An impressively thorough appraisal of Georgetown's traffic problems, along with ambitious proposals for their solution, prompted the town's general committee last week to select J. Diamond and Associates as the consulting engineers who will conduct a comprehensive study of the transportation situation along Highway 7.

The firm was one of three bidders invited to last week's committee meeting to outline proposals for the so-called Highway 7 Corridor Study. The costs of the study were not discussed.

The committee's selection of J. Diamond and Associates,

made during an in camera discussion following three presentations, is subject to council's approval this week. Council's decision, to have been finalized last night (Tuesday), was not known at press time.

OTHER BIDDERS

The unsuccessful bidders were Municipal Planning Consultants and F. J. Reinders. Jack Diamond was not the only corporate spokesman boasting of having Georgetown residents among his employees, but his associates' knowledge of the community and its traffic problems was no doubt a big selling point in the committee's view.

Mr. Diamond described three major problem areas his firm proposes to tackle in it

comprehensive study. Transportation patterns and possibilities will be examined, design guidelines will be suggested to improve the highway's appearance and recommendations will be made regarding the highway's future modifications and adjoining land uses.

Mr. Diamond and his associates identified two separate portions of the highway which they noted pose substantially different kinds of problems. Whereas the section from Norval to Mountainview Road features many buildings already well set back from the highway, the committee was told, the section from Mountainview to Maple Avenue has many buildings in closer proximity

to the road and traffic management leaves much to be desired.

The firm assured the committee a great deal can be accomplished in traffic management through the proper disposition of signal lights, which, contrary to the insistence of the provincial government, are readily available without the town having to cut through extensive red tape.

TURN LANES
Similarly, the use of designated left turn lanes to eliminate traffic blockages and roadside trees, benches and planters to beautify curbs and medians will be investigated. Also to be considered are the construction of new facades for buildings along the highway and the removal of overhead telephone and hydro wires wherever possible.

Derek Little and David Barber prefaced their proposal on behalf of Municipal Planning Consultants by pointing out that the firm has been conducting such studies for the past 21 years. They stressed that Highway 7 simultaneously gives visitors to the community their important first impression of Georgetown and leads to the community spirit and pride shared by residents.

Claire Riepma, another Georgetown resident, outlined the proposal by F. J. Reinders, urging the committee to establish effective zoning and sign bylaws to assist in the community's improvement.

Mr. Riepma demonstrated with sketches how the removal of clutter of signs and wires can substantially improve the highway's appearance. He called the Nielsen plant near Sinclair Road one of the community's most attractive roadside buildings, with its landscaped and double driveway.

Mr. Riepma suggested that in many areas along the highway existing commercial buildings could be extended forward so that there is still ample room for parking and related uses, much more room inside the buildings and an opportunity to build attractive new facades.

LACAC plan defeated by one-vote margin

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designations and compensation.

Coun. McDonald joined Rev. Ric Ruggle, president of the Esquimaux Historical Society, in assuring committee members that the full cooperation of owners must be obtained before buildings can be designated. The modest budget proposed for the LACAC, they noted, is largely allocated to advertising planned designations and thus would not be required for the first "couple of years", during which the LACAC would be busy making an inventory of possible sites.

Coun. Walter Biehn pointed out that Georgetown might still have its "beautiful old town hall" if council had established a LACAC in time.

Coun. Ross Knechtel estimated that the LACAC would cost the town a minimum of \$20,000 a year in terms of municipal staff hours and legal fees. He suggested that the citizens of Halton Hills are responsible enough to take the initiative and preserve their best buildings without council having to establish another advisory committee.

"We needn't lead the people by the hand," Coun. Knechtel said. "The assumption here is that the people of Halton Hills won't preserve their own buildings. I rebel at that. The Acton town hall is a good example of citizens coming to the building's aid."

Coun. Mike Armstrong countered that he is not among the citizens who take a direct

interest in local history and architecture. Council, he said, must rely on those people "who have the talent for recognizing the need" and invite them to form a LACAC and bring situations to the town's attention.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy agreed that there would be some infringement on the rights of property owners and that there would be an administrative cost involved in the LACAC. He asked whether a municipal LACAC really has to be formed when the same duties could be met by any existing social or service group in town.

Coun. Pat Patterson commented that he is "definitely against a LACAC of any kind" being formed, even though he admitted it could benefit his own family who live in a Norval area farmhouse built in 1856.

Coun. Pat Patterson joined councillors Booth, Knechtel, Harry Levy and Ed Wood in opposing the LACAC suggestion.

Companies offer help with study of eastern Acton area's potential

Three companies which own land on Acton's eastern boundary have offered to help finance a major independent study of the community's potential for future urban development.

The offer made at last Wednesday's town planning board meeting by E. J. Latimer of McNamara Corporation Ltd. on behalf of McNamara, Goldman Holdings Ltd. and Hinarin Ltd. was referred to planning director Mario Venditti for a report.

Acknowledging that insufficient capacity at Acton's sewage treatment plant is the major obstacle to development anywhere in the community, Mr. Latimer reported the pro-

vincial ministry of environment is already making tests to determine whether the plant can be expanded again.

PLANT EXPANDED
After the plant was expanded to a one million gallon per day capacity last year, the ministry advised the town that further expansion would be impossible until a new processing technology is found. That decision was based on the limited ability of Black Creek to accommodate additional effluent from the plant.

Mr. Latimer presented a letter from the ministry informing Goldman Holdings that tests began in May on the tributary, with further studies planned throughout the year. A final report on the creek's

effluent content is expected next March.

Anticipating positive results from the tests, Mr. Latimer said his company and two others which own abutting properties along Churchill Road in Acton believe the time has arrived to conduct the same kind of urban development study as that being undertaken in Georgetown.

Mr. Latimer explained the three companies all having substantial land holdings in the Acton East area, "put a great deal of pressure" on the ministry to add a larger extension onto the Acton sewage plant, but were unsuccessful.

Although its cost has not been determined, the urban

development study would be financed by the three companies "and other landowners," he said.

REQUIRE AMENDMENT
Mayor Pete Pomeroy said any further development in Acton would require an amendment to Halton region's new official plan. Mr. Venditti noted though, that Halton Hills has yet to make any comments on the plan, which is still awaiting final approval by the ministry of housing.

Mr. Latimer also told the board his company and Goldman Holdings have already hired their own consultant to conduct tests on Black Creek. While admitting the tests might not be considered totally objective, he said results should be available in a month's time.

Asked whether the three companies involved feel the development study should encompass only eastern Acton, Mr. Latimer said that a confined study area would be their preference. He conceded there are landowners in western Acton whose interests should also be accommodated.

Mr. Venditti told the board that his report on the offer should be ready for its next meeting.

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Site F approved

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officials. Chosen from among 11 potential locations across Halton, Site "F" was deemed the best dumping area in terms of technical and economic requirements by regional consultants.

The decision to proceed with Site "F" created an immediate

storm of controversy which was largely based on the use of prime agricultural land for landfilling and the ability of the land to return to farming uses once the region has finished burying some 2 million tons of garbage there during a six-year period.

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