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JUDICIOUS FEELING - Honored at a graduation luncheon following the Baskin-Robbins "31 Flavors" intensive three-week Business Management Training Program was Vernon Quinn, new owner of the Georgetown Baskin-Robbins store, by Bruce Enderwood, vice-president of operations and marketing at Baskin-Robbins' Burbank, Calif. international headquarters.

New police home is being sought

Halton Hills Council has formed a special committee to assist Halton Regional Police in their search for a site for a new police building in Georgetown.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said the subject had been drawn to his attention by Glenn Magnuson, a provincial appointee to the police commission from Halton Hills, and also by an item on the agenda at a meeting of the finance committee at the region.

Mayor Pomeroy said the town formed a small committee of its regional councillors

Payments to police endorsed

While authorizing the payment of \$3,500 to cover legal expenses for a Halton regional police officer acquitted of assault charges, regional council last week asked the provincial government to amend legislation so that similar indemnification requests can be handled by the police commission.

Legal expenses incurred by Sergeant John Van der Lelie during his recent criminal trial for assault will be covered out of the police commission's operating budget, which is annually approved by council.

With only three members opposing, council voted to seek an amendment to the Police Act so that the Commissions themselves can handle such requests without first seeking council endorsement. Councillors Laurie and Terry Mannell of Oakville and Walter Mulke-wich of Burlington opposed the move in a recorded vote. All five Halton Hills representatives favored the amendment.

Until the change is made, council directed its health and social services committee to handle all such requests, after seeking the written advice of the police commission. Sergeant Van der Lelie's request was processed through the administration committee.

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Mayor reveals

New highway still 15 years away

The region's and province's contentious proposal to bisect the Credit River valley in Norval with a new highway may not be realized for another 15 years, according to Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

Citing project consultants as his source, the mayor informed town council Monday night that the region will be reconstructing a bridge on Regional Road 19 this year, but plans for the new highway are a long way off.

Mayor Pomeroy warned Halton region's public works department last week to keep

Halton Hills informed about the status of plans for the construction of the new highway.

While questioning the background of a works committee recommendation at last week's regional council meeting, Mayor Pomeroy sought assurance from public works director Bob Moore that no "assumptions" have been made by the region with regard to the proposed highway.

Mr. Moore informed council that Phillips Planning and Engineering Ltd. completed a

design concept for the highway. The road will be designed to accommodate heavier traffic flows along Winston Churchill Boulevard, but has angered Norval residents.

NEW ROAD

The Phillips report on the new regional road was found to be unsatisfactory by regional staff, however, and revisions are being made, Mr. Moore said. The revised version is expected to come before the works committee this fall, he added.

Calling the matter "an ex-

ceptionally touchy issue", Mayor Pomeroy questioned the need for engineering work recommended for a bridge to be built on regional road 19. "Would Phillip's report still be unsatisfactory, Mr. Moore explained that the bridge design must be done regardless of the highway's progress.

As approved by council, the committee recommendation will see Fence Consultants Ltd. hired to prepare an engineering report on the new bridge.

"We don't want a bomb dropped on there," the mayor warned. "You should alert your staff not to make any assumptions about this."

In related recommendations, council approved the hiring of Phillips Planning and Engineering as consultants on the Trafalgar Road recon-

struction project between Maple Avenue and Guelph Street, while R.E. Cliphsham Ltd. will handle work on the Mountainview Road project between John Street and Main

Street in Glen Williams. R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. will be hired to provide consulting services on the upgrading of the Lakeview pumping station in Acton.

Ballinafad supply shop vetoed by planners

"Generally unfavorable" response to the establishment of a commercial building supplies shop on Trafalgar Road near Ballinafad has led to its denial by the town planning board.

Guido Vecchi and Nunzio Silouris had applied to the town for official plan and zoning bylaw amendments allowing them to convert an existing building on their 92-acre holdings into a retail outlet for building and related supplies. The three-acre site in question is about 3,000 feet south of the Erin-Esqueving townline.

After reviewing the proposal and the response it gleaned from several municipal agencies invited to comment, deputy planning director Brian Kropf recommended against its approval, terming it "contrary to the goals and intent of the Esqueving official plan."

HAZARD LANDS
Regarded as hazard lands, the site is substantially covered by forest and other vegetation supporting a swampy

area, with some rear lands under cultivation. Mr. Kropf pointed out. There is also a small abandoned gravel pit in the site's northeast corner.

Among comments received, he said, the Halton regional police expressed concern over traffic safety. Halton region public works staff noted the need for road widening and the Halton Health Unit and Credit Valley Conservation Authority urged caution because of the site's physical characteristics. The Authority, regional planning staff and town fire department called the site unsuitable for the proposed commercial use.

In addition, Mr. Kropf said, the town planning department questioned the appropriateness of the commercial designation.

"An outlet for the sale of building materials...normally relies heavily upon storage facilities and often involves outdoor storage of bulk or heavy materials," he explained. "Even though there may

be retail sales associated with this activity, it is our opinion that it is more closely related to a light or dry industry than to a commercial enterprise.

"Whether considered to be either commercial or industrial, the sale of building supplies and materials is neither essential to or dependent upon the rural farm community."

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