

Temple Road

Town seeks flooding cure

Encroachment and drainage problems along Temple Road in Georgetown have won the residential street, and possibly neighboring Dufferin Street, side-by-side places in the town's five-year capital spending forecast for road reconstruction.

The need for the \$65,000 reconstruction and relocation of Temple Road was well-documented in a report submitted by town engineer Bob Austin to the general committee Monday night. The feasibility of reconstructing Dufferin Street at the same time should be investigated, the committee decided.

Temple Road may also join several urban boulevards and cul-de-sacs Mr. Austin's snow clearing list. At the suggestion of Coun. John McDonald, the engineer agreed to consider hauling away piles of snow from the sides of the road as a possible solution to some of the flooding problems that have arisen.

A majority of Temple Road residents blocked the town's original plan to dig a ditch along the east side of the street, where the location of the road allowance would have necessitated putting the ditch on private property.

Ditching is among the possible solutions contrived to resolve drainage and encroachment problems dating back to the community's early history.

"Some time ago, it was discovered that the east side of the paved, travelled portion of the street encroaches onto seven private properties by up to five feet," Mr. Austin explained. "We have no knowledge of when or how this came to be."

In addition, he reported, several properties on the same side are lower than the road and for years have been flooded by rainfall and spring run-off.

"While to our knowledge no

basements have flooded and no property damage has resulted, the flooding of yards has been a regular cause of anxiety for the residents affected," Mr. Austin acknowledged.

Teachers' raise proposed

The Halton board of education may increase its hourly wage rates to teachers teaching continuing education programs by six per cent beginning September 1.

The proposal was presented to the board for its information Thursday, and won't be acted upon until the next meeting in September. It calls for an increase for Halton teachers who are on contract and teaching night school courses of 90 cents an hour to \$15.90.

Certified and experienced teachers not on contract will have an increase of 78 cents an hour to \$13.78. Uncertified and inexperienced teachers will receive an additional 72 cents an hour, which will bring their salary rate to \$12.72 an hour.

rejection of the town's 1974 ditching proposal, he said, council decided to build a small berm along the east side of the road to divert run-off water as an interim measure.

"We were informed at the time that the residents were looking upon the berm as only a temporary measure and that they wanted the road taken off their properties and a 'proper' permanent treatment made to eliminate the run-off problems," Mr. Austin said.

PILING SNOW
Flooding problems have been alleviated by the berm in some areas, he added, but in others, the piling of snow plowed from the roadway con-

tinues to cause worries.

"In order to properly clear the street, the snow must be plowed onto private property," the engineer explained. "We have concluded that the only satisfactory alternative offering a permanent solution... is to relocate the road to within the limits of the road allowance and to lower and reconstruct it to full urban standards."

Coun. Roy Booth pointed out that, because of cost and convenience factors, it would be to the town's advantage to have nearby Dufferin Street reconstructed at the same time, if studies to be conducted by Mr. Austin establish a need.



SHACK A SHAMBLES

"Ned's Shack", constructed in Toronto and shipped to its new site on River Drive in Georgetown for the filming of Never Trust an Honest Thief, is attacked by state troopers searching for

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Extend commission term NEC chairman predicts

Herald special Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) chairman Ivor McMullin thinks the province will re-appoint commission members and staff for another year.

Mr. McMullin said in an interview that the life of the commission will have to be extended so it can conduct public meetings and consult with municipalities and citizens on the new proposed plan for the 450-mile Niagara Escarpment.

bers agreed to a plan on Aug. 17, but will now have to wait for copies to be printed. Tenders have gone out for printing, designing and mapping of the plan, but he said it may take six to eight weeks before copies of the plan are available to the public.

ism from ratepayers groups along the escarpment who argued the commission was trying to control too much land. Following public hearings and consultations, the commission reduced its planning area by about 60 per cent and started work on revising the plan.

VARIAN GETS CONTRACT

From the Ottawa Bureau Of The Herald
A federal contract worth \$72,000 has been awarded to Varian Associates Ltd. of Georgetown to provide the defence department with electron tubes, the department of supply and services announced Monday.

The next commission meetings are Aug. 30 and 31 at the Beacon Motel in Niagara. By that time Mr. McMullin said he hopes the province makes a decision on the future of the commission.

Mr. McMullin says it should be more acceptable to ratepayers. "I think we've alleviated a great deal of concerns in the plans. I don't think there'll be as much negative reaction but there are some people who will always object; they're just against planning, period," Mr. McMullin said.

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