

Planning board okays Hunter's Inn change

The town planning board has somewhat belatedly sanctioned a zoning change for the Hunter's Inn property on Georgetown's Mountainview Road, where the expansion of an adjacent industry is already well underway.

ted to point out that any additional expansion in the future could "compound" visibility problems and traffic flow problems already being

experienced by firefighters at the Mountainview-Maple Avenue intersection. A police report called the intersection "extremely

hazardous" during peak periods and recommended that signal lights should be considered soon for installation.

The sale of the historic restaurant-tavern to Ceror Incorporated, the moulding plant next door which is adding 6,000 square feet to its 15,000-square foot facility, was announced in early August amid speculation that the Inn would have to be moved.

Both Brian Brown of the Hunter's Inn and Barry Hadley of Ceror confirmed, however, that removal of the Inn would be considered only if a further expansion of the plant is deemed necessary, possibly in two years or more.

A zoning bylaw amendment was recommended for approval by the board last Tuesday night, conditional upon Ceror agreeing to meet suggested drainage, grading and site access provisions.

A routine circulation of the rezoning application by town staff raised concerns among local police and firefighting forces over traffic and siting matters. The Halton Hills Fire Department and Halton Regional Police were the only agencies among those circula-



KINETTES' PAST PRESIDENTS

(Herald photo)

Georgetown Kinettes celebrated their 20th anniversary Monday evening with a get together for past and present members. Among those attending were past presidents. Front row from the left: Rosine Levy, 1967-68; Marilyn Sunnucks, 1968-69; Donna Moores, 1963-64; Anita Alton, 1962-63; Ida Church, 1962-63; Lorna Taylor, 1961-62; Eva Middleton, 1959-60. Back row,

Noreen Miehlm, 1968-69; Karen Harrison, 1969-70; Donna Diegel, 1970-71; Sharon Middleton, 1972-73; Marilyn Cook, 1974-76; Bonnie Earle, 1976-77; Colleen Armstrong, 1978-79; and Cheryl Crawford, 1979-80. Absent were presidents Sue Cooper, 1977-78; Gail Collett, 1964-65; Mona Milne, 1965-66; Lorna Michalsiw, 1971-72; Helen Curtis, 1973-74; and Marg Hlgham, deceased.

MP defends capitalism during first speech

From the Ottawa Bureau Of the Herald.

OTTAWA — Brampton-Georgetown Tory MP John McDermid told the House of Commons Monday that the Clark government could be expected to strengthen the free enterprise system.

In his maiden speech to Parliament, the freshman MP told the opposition New Democrats that the government will not apologize for the economic system which he said has performed well in spite of roadblocks continually thrown in its path.

"It is trendy and chic in certain quarters to continually castigate our economic way of

life for the way in which it supposedly favors the privileged at the expense of the underprivileged," he stated. "Any objective and unbiased analysis of Canada's social development policies and income redistribution programs, however, will quickly give life to such an assertion."

Mr. McDermid told the NDP members in the Commons that there is no greater injustice that society can perpetuate on the weak than to erode the initiative of the enterprising.

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He expressed bewilderment with opposition suggestions that economic recovery can only be gained by increasing government involvement in the competitive enterprise system. The highest standards of

living are experienced by nations where the enterprise system predominates, he argued.

"On the other hand, countries where state capitalism is the vogue are certainly not noted either for their high standard of living or for the efficient and equitable distribution of goods and services," he stated.

The system may have its faults and shortcomings, he admitted, "but let us not lose sight of our systems' strengths - its respect for the dignity of human achievement, its rejection of the indignity of human enslavement and its uncanny ability to harness the power of human endeavor toward the realization of common goals."

Mr. McDermid also praised

the Thru Speech proposal for a national tourism strategy to improve a sector of the economy which he claimed has been virtually overlooked by previous governments.

He reminded the Commons that tourism in this country is an \$11-billion business accounting for five per cent of the gross national product.

Prior to the opening of Parliament, Mr. McDermid presided over a caucus committee which examined the problems of the tourism industry.

"The task is great but our government is dedicated to the upgrading of the tourism industry and to co-operate much more fully with the private sector and the provinces in achieving this goal," he concluded.

Input is being sought on Hilton Falls use

Public input is being sought by the Halton Region Conservation Authority for a new master plan to be developed for the Hilton Falls Conservation Area in Milton.

Development in this largely forested, 1270 acre conservation area has been restricted to water, wildlife, and forest management. Recreation has been limited mainly to trail activities throughout the area.

This relatively unspoiled forest tract, set amidst other conservation areas owned by the authority has been gaining in popularity with the public.

A three-phase public participation process initiated in September will help determine the long-term use of Hilton Falls. The authority's new master plan will revise and re-evaluate present resource management plans and will provide guidelines for future conservation and development of the area.

Phase one now in progress, solicited written submissions from the public and interested groups with an information package made available for those interested.

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Of some concern to the Authority is the growing popularity and overuse of the Falls area itself. Remnants of a mill at the Falls offers a glimpse of the Region's past history. The mill dates back to the 1930s when Edward Hilton built a sawmill utilizing the falls for power.

Hilton, according to local historian Joshua Norrish, was rather eccentric. After building the mill in a style exemplifying his character, Hilton abandoned the project to join the Louis Riel Rebellion. Left

unattended for nearly twenty years, the mill crumbled beneath the pressures of nature.

George H.P. Parks took over the mill and as the new owner, restored it at great expense. To power the mill he installed a cast iron wheel forty feet in diameter. But again the mill fell upon bad time and after a fire, it was left to decay again. The wheel which had cost Parks thousands of dollars, was sold to collect back taxes for a miserly sum of thirty dollars.

The property continued to change hands until 1967, when the Halton Region Conservation Authority purchased the land for water control purposes to protect this large key forest area on the Niagara Escarpment. The Conservation Area is now part of the Halton Forest South, the largest forest complex south of the Bruce Peninsula.

The Area has been under one form or another of forest management since the 1830s when Hilton built his sawmill. Cut over, like most of Southern Ontario, the forest has been steadily growing back since the 1900s. Because of the poor soil and rough terrain efforts to introduce agriculture failed.

Hilton Falls is under a twenty year forest management plan development in 1973 by the Authority in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

A wildlife management program linked to the forestry management was launched to protect the large and diverse animal population. The present trend is to sustain the diversity of species by maintaining and improving wildlife habitats.

The Hilton Falls dam and reservoir, built on one of the largest watercourses in the Region, the Sixteen Mile Creek is used for flood control and summer stream flow augmentation.

Because of the scenic reservoir and network of forest roads for fire protection and silvicultural treatment, the Area is increasingly used by

hikers and cross-country skiers. The trails wind through beaver ponds, stands of mature Red Oak, a variety of maples, hickory and beech trees. An exceptionally popular season comes when the forest is set

ablaze with changing colors and insects are few.

The Authority's final master plan will incorporate the Area's initial water and resource management functions with the public's need for outdoor recreation.

The plan will, among other things, analyse the biophysical and cultural data gathered, and assess potential recreational capability. Features, de-

termined as significant, will be protected while the nature and intensity of facilities for recreation and educational use will be determined.

Further information about the public participation programs or Hilton Falls Conservation Area can be obtained from the Halton Region Conservation Authority office in Milton (878-4131).

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