

Delegations set for Thursday

Confrontations due on gravel pits issue

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Halton region and the Sixth Line resident's group are all sending delegations to meet this week with the provincial Cabinet's stand-

ing committee reviewing Bill 127, an amendment to the Pits and Quarries Act of 1971. Spokesmen for all three parties say they are concerned that the proposed amendment, which will be given third and

final reading after the committee makes its report, gives total control over wayside pit locations and operations to the province.

Town council voted Monday to send a delegation to meet

the standing committee, following an impassioned plea by Coun. Roy Booth, who noted that the town has a considerable number of wayside pits.

Tony Harbrow, spokesman for the resident's group, told The Herald he will be meeting with the standing committee at 11 a.m. Thursday to advocate more municipal involvement in the siting and operation of wayside pits.

The region expresses concerns about the act in a report it is sending with a special committee, headed by Coun. Booth, to meet with the standing committee at 2:45 p.m. Thursday.

"The precedence of the Aggregates Act (Bill 127) over all other legislation implies a disrespect for other legitimate concerns", the report said. "Authorities and agencies charged with enforcing such necessary and valuable acts as the Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act, the Conservation Authority's Act, the Niagara Escarpment Planning Development Act and the Planning Act would have no control over pits and quarries operations, save and except those concerns the minister (of natural resources) wishes to include in his approval."

LICENCE APPEALS
The report also expressed concern about licence appeal procedures.

"Although a licence application may be referred to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing, the board is required to report back to the minister of natural resources, who still makes the final decision," the report noted. "Where either the applicant, municipality or the public wish to appeal the ministry's decision, no appeal mechanism is available."

A new bulletin from the Foundation for Aggregate Studies received and filed at Monday's council meeting took a more radical stance, stating licences should only be issued if the municipality wants the pit, if the pit conforms with the official plan and after the ministry of the environment has reviewed the social and environmental impact of the proposed pit.

The foundation's bulletin noted that the submissions made to the standing committee would be last opportunities for members of the public and municipal officials to influence the contents of Bill 127.

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Urban study's terms complete as region seeks plan's deferral

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With terms of reference for the long-awaited Georgetown Urban Area Study expected at the end of this month, Halton Regional Council has asked the provincial ministry of housing to defer approval of the regional plan as it pertains to land owned by G. and G.E. Garrett Agency Ltd.

When council requested the deferral for the Garrett property, located at the northeast intersection of Halton Road 3 and Trafalgar Road last week, it also asked the ministry to proceed with approval for the Esquesing Developments Ltd. property, located at the southeast intersection of Halton Road 3 and the Sixth Line.

Halton Hills planning director Mario Venditti told the Herald Monday that the terms of reference for the urban study, being prepared by the region in conjunction with the town, would be ready near the end of this month or early in February.

Mr. Venditti said that, upon completion, the terms of reference will be presented for public viewing at an as-yet unspecified date. The study is intended to resolve concerns over the town's ability to develop rural lands in the immediate Georgetown area, including those owned by S.B. McLaughlin Associates Ltd.



LIFELINE MEETING TONIGHT

Tom Whitlam, who organized English language classes for Halton Hills' Vietnamese refugee families, is shown here with Silu Ying, one of his students. The various sponsor groups and members of the public are invited to attend a meeting to discuss

the status of the would-be sponsors whose families have not yet arrived in Georgetown, at a meeting tonight (Wednesday) at St. John's United Church.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Local farmer charged in asparagus dispute

A Halton Hills resident will be going to court to challenge a marketing board's order to destroy a crop he is no longer harvesting.

The Asparagus Growers' Marketing Board has charged Casey Boss of RR2, Acton, with growing asparagus without a licence and with refusing to allow board employees to measure the amount of acreage on which his asparagus is growing.

Mr. Boss pleaded not guilty in Milton provincial court Monday and will be going to trial March 14.

He stopped harvesting his crop in 1977. Mr. Boss said, because he had no wish to be involved with the newly-formed marketing board which he said would charge him \$35 an acre for a licence to grow his crop, but offers him nothing in return.

The marketing board was

established at the request of growers selling to canneries who needed assistance with their marketing problems, he explained. He, however, sells as a fresh grower supplying stores such as the Food Terminal in Toronto. Fresh growers had no problems in marketing and are therefore receiving no benefit from the board.

Mr. Boss says he has been growing asparagus on roughly four acres of his 98 acre farm for the past 12 years. Although he isn't harvesting it, the asparagus roots are still in the ground.

He is going to court to fight the board first but he can still circumvent their control if he rents his asparagus acreage in half-acre lots.

"Apparently I can rent it out in half-acre lots and no one can touch me," he said. "I like to fight for my rights. It seems the board has the right to come in and destroy my crop if I don't have a licence."

The 58-year-old Dutch immigrant has been farming on the Fifth Line south of Highway 7 for 20 of his 30 years in Canada.

DOMINION TRIAL DATE DELAYED AGAIN

The setting of the trial date for three men charged with murder in connection with the Dominion Hotel fire in Acton has been postponed until February 18.

Costimo Mercuri, Leonard Cripps and Michael McCrystal are charged with second degree murder following the death of Howard Gibbons, 58, a permanent resident of the Dominion Hotel, following a fire which completely destroyed the building August 19. Mr. Mercuri was the owner of the hotel.

The three men were arrested January 28 and have appeared in court three times to set a date for the trial, but each time, there has been a postponement. All three men are now released on bail.



TAKE THAT!

Actors are often accused of back-stabbing. At Margaret Eggleton's creative movement class last Saturday these students got an opportunity to show how it's done. Ms. Eggleton teaches the class, part of the Nornic Studio program, at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. (Herald photo).

Local man charged after shooting incident

A Georgetown man has been charged with breaking and entering after an incident in which two Peel Regional Police officers fatally shot a man who had forced his way into an apartment and attacked a constable with a baseball bat.

Robert John Hurst, 29, a recent parolee from Collins Bay Penitentiary, died after being shot by police at about 11:20 a.m. Saturday. He was paroled while serving a six-

year sentence for rape.

Paul Dufrane, 26, of Gairey Drive, has been charged with breaking and entering. He is alleged to be the second man who, along with Mr. Hurst, was at an early morning party in a 10th floor apartment in the area of Hurontario Street and the Queensway in Mississauga.

Det. Richard Woods, 33, and Constable Donald McIntyre, 32, were investigating an as-

sault complaint made by two women in the apartment, who claimed they had been assaulted during the party.

While the policemen were in the living room of the apartment, two men burst through the door. One of the men began to swing a baseball bat near Constable McIntyre's head. He was also armed with a foot-long butcher knife which he wore at his side.

Both officers yelled warn-

ings at the man, and when he ignored them, the officers moved back, drew their guns and fired several times. The other man, who didn't take part in the attack, fled the scene.

Mr. Hurst was pronounced dead on arrival at Mississauga General Hospital. A man matching the description of the second suspect was found about an hour later, and police discovered a second baseball bat near the apartment building.

Mr. Dufrane was to appear in provincial court yesterday in Brampton, but no details were available at press time.

An inquest will be held into the shooting death, which is the first in the history of the six-year-old regional force.

even abutting such lands.

Since the company is seeking an "estate residential" designation, as opposed to an

"urban area" designation, the report considered the deferral request unreasonable and recommended that it be denied.

Transit questionnaire

The town's special committee investigating the feasibility of introducing a transportation system for the disabled in Halton Hills requests that everyone who has not yet received a questionnaire on the transportation system contact the clerk's office or the public health office for further information. The questionnaire have been sent out over the last few weeks to disabled people who might make use of the service and to agencies and community groups who work with the disabled.

Jelineks wire Killanin to support boycott

Former Canadian Olympic figure skating champions Otto and Maria Jelinek want to see the Olympics moved out of Moscow this summer.

In a telegram to the president of the International Olympic Committee, the Jelineks called for support of U.S. president Jimmy Carter, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark by taking

"immediate steps to move the site of the 1980 summer games to a site other than Moscow or Soviet satellite countries".

The Jelineks said the Olympics are a primary Soviet propaganda tool and it would be "sheer madness" for the western world to partake in the games under the present circumstances.

"Retaliation of this nature far outweighs retaliation by force," they wrote Lord

Killanin. "Do not allow the I.O.C. to become completely hypocritical. It is a well known fact that the I.O.C. has intervened for political reasons in the past, be it Hitler, South Africa, or more recently the Taiwan issue."

While they support the ideal that politics and sports should not mix under normal circumstances, the Soviet Union's military invasion of Afghanistan is anything but normal, they said.

Force Electric rezoned

Town council has approved the rezoning of the Force Electric Building property in Acton from industrial to commercial-general.

The property is one section of a plan to build a shopping complex as part of the expansion of the commercial district in Acton.

According to planning director Mario Venditti, a final site plan has not yet been approved to indicate the size or type of stores.

The Force Electric property is located on Fellows St., between Mill St. and Church St.

The town's planning department says the enlargement of the general commercial district in Acton is a way of enabling private development to provide a wider range of commercial opportunities to the residents of Acton in a familiar and convenient location without incurring a demand for extended or increased public services.