



SAW THOSE LOGS!

It takes two to saw a log, as this team demonstrates. Somebody has to provide the muscle and someone has to provide the balance for the log. Log-sawing contests and nail-driving contests went on as planned at the Jaycees Winterfest Saturday

at the fairgrounds, although events such as the snowmobile rides and the Outers Club's snow cave had to be cancelled for lack of snow.

(Herald photo by Richard Petrashek)

Pomeroy talks progress at ratepayers' meeting



MAYOR PETE POMEROY

Issues addressed by Mayor Pete Pomeroy during last week's speech to the GARY saw also page one may be "small" on the scale of the federal election, the mayor said, adding that he's not happy about contributing his share toward the estimated \$60-million election cost, but have seen much progress on the local level.

Following are highlights of Mayor Pomeroy's remarks to GARY.

● **SILVER CREEK TOWERS** - The Mayor took pride in recognizing his council's last-minute efforts to obtain necessary approvals for the Park Street apartment complex in time for the project to qualify for a substantial assistance grant from the government.

Municipal councillors and staff put in 400 to 500 hours during December, 1978, a time specifically to get the project off the ground, he recalled.

Calling the apartments "one of council's most successful projects", Mayor Pomeroy reported that its cost has risen to \$6.5 million, compared to the \$1.5 million estimate offered when it was first proposed in 1971.

● **GEORGETOWN CULTURAL COMPLEX** - After a checked history of economic troubles and design re-thinking similar to that of the apartment project, a final decision on the new library-hearts-art gallery complex proposed for the public library grounds on Church Street can be expected in about a month, Mayor Pomeroy said.

Seven years after town council borrowed \$250,000 for an addition to the existing library, plans are awaiting approval which would see an elaborate, \$15 million facility constructed to offer 13,000 square feet of library space, a 300-seat theatre and a roomy arts and crafts shop.

Mayor Pomeroy commented that he is "confident" plans will go ahead this time when the library complex comes up as a budget item.

There will, however, be a substantial public fund-raising program launched, with a goal of \$200,000 to \$300,000 through which donations will be matched with government grants, he warned.

"So when I'm coming around with my hand out, I hope you won't turn me away," he mayor said.

● **EQUALIZED WATER-SEWER RATES** - Mayor Pomeroy explained that Halton Hills councillors won an important battle at Halton region when water and sewer rates were equalized last summer, and the new system will benefit most those consumers who are "conservative-consensus".

"Okay, the first water bill of 1980 is gigantic, I know," Mayor Pomeroy said. "But I'll tell you something: if council hadn't gotten those equal rates through, Halton Hills would now be sitting on an extra \$100,000 debt."

The mayor estimated average savings from the new system at \$5 a year for each homeowner who maintains a \$65,000 house.

● **RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN** - With public meetings set to begin later this month, the mayor said, approval is imminent for the comprehensive \$400,000 planning guide for the town's parks and recreational facilities over the next 20 years.

"I'm sure when the public sees it, they'll agree it's money well spent," he commented, adding that the plan is a criterion for continuing assistance grants from the provincial ministry of culture and recreation.

● **HALTON HILLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** - Noting that "two or three

councillors lost their jobs" over council's 1976 decision to build a new, \$1 million administration complex to centralize municipal staff, Mayor Pomeroy explained "the first task assigned to him as a rookie councillor by former Mayor Tom Hills was to prepare an alternative

Council continues to bank income from specific accounts for a proposed expansion of the existing municipal building on Trafalgar Road, the mayor reported, with an eye to starting construction in 1981 or 1982.

While council still agrees that its 230 staff members must be centralized under one roof, he explained, it is no longer seeking to borrow money for the project, choosing instead to finance the project with in-house funds.

● **BRUCE TO MILTON HYDRO CORRIDOR** - A "born in our sides for six years" was how the mayor described Ontario Hydro's transmission corridor, now being built along the Fifth Compression.

While condemning the provincial government for making Halton Hills its "fall guy" in the corridor controversy - something he said took him a year and a half to realize - Mayor Pomeroy expressed relief that subsequent court action saw the town virtually exempted from responsibility in the matter.

"I felt the town should have been out of that fight for a long time," he said. "We got that one solved."

Other issues covered briefly in the mayor's remarks.

The town's two, now-time recreation advisory committees (council failed to reconsider re-forming the Georgetown RAC during 1979, as promised, Mayor Pomeroy admitted, while indicating that the new recreation director may investigate the matter in the future; the proposed realignment of Regional Road 19 through Norval the mayor reiterated regional plans for replacing the narrow bridge east of the village - any realignment plans have been shelved for at least 15 years, he said; the Glen Williams paper mill dam sluice gates to be installed for flow control and fish migration - town's share, \$70,000 to \$80,000;

Chapel Street school property; the mayor was unsure of the owner's current plans following council's rejection of a proposed rest home in the building; the possibility of renovation through Ontario Heritage Foundation grants; the Glen Williams Secondary Plan; a final public hearing scheduled for next Wednesday's planning board meeting; road conditions; "our budget" expense; he mayor said, offering to provide copies of the town's Roads Needs Study to residents wondering when reconstruction is due for specific roads; new covenants for Winston Churchill Boulevard at Highway 40 and the Queen Elizabeth Way, simply confirmed by the mayor.

In recounting his first term as mayor, Mr. Pomeroy reported that he has attended 40 to 45 meetings, plus various public appearances and has received about 1,000 phonecalls concerning municipal business since last June.

Other achievements of council's past two terms, the mayor remarked, include approvals for the 64-unit Georgetown Moor Inn new open on Highway 7, a 24-home mini-subdivision slated for construction on Hespeler Court this spring and a 64-home estate subdivision in Ward 2 (Esquesing).

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Town sewage plant may expand: Mayor

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stration's progress thus far in handling the Focal development dispute and other issues. After assuming the town's top civic post in late 1978, the mayor said, he called a ceasefire in the 20-year old zoning war between the town and Focal which had by then taken the form of court skirmishes over a Focal's \$27 million breach of contract lawsuit against Halton Hills.

"The lawyers were the only ones winning," Mayor Pomeroy pointed out. "Since 1974, we've been charged by the province to come up with an official plan for the town's development, and we're not even close to finishing it because of Focal."

● **OUTTERMS** - "But I'll tell you this: when (development) happens, it'll be on our terms, not the developer's."

In response to another question, the mayor admitted that he is "certainly not happy with where Georgetown's existing industrial park is located". Other areas of the

community, including the one now occupied by the Moore Park subdivision, would have suited an industrial park better than the downwind stretch of land east of Highway 7, he

said, explaining that the current situation was necessitated by the location of the rail line through town.

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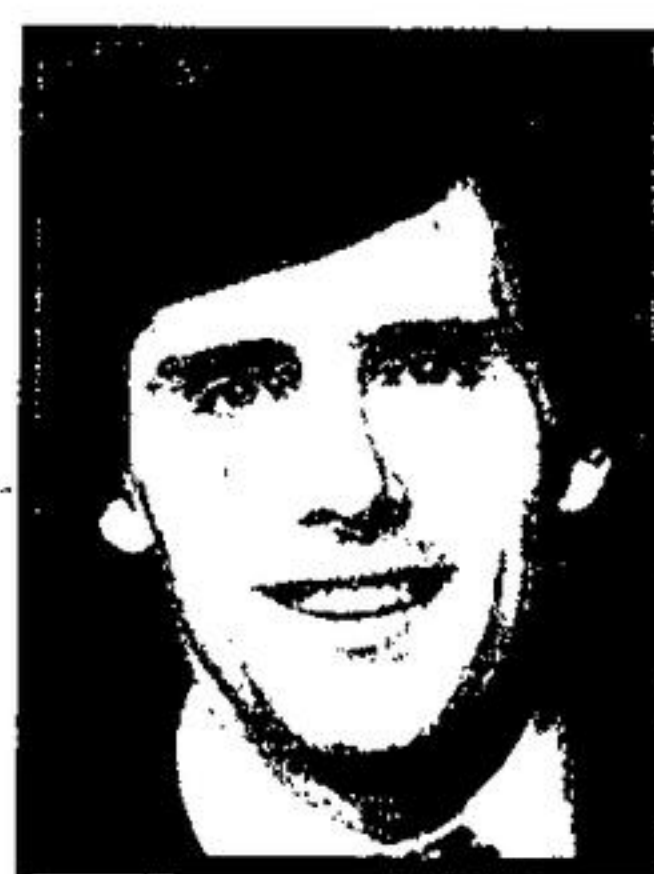
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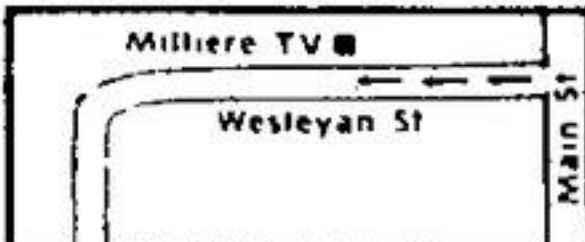
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