

TERRY FOX IN HALTON HILLS

Marathon hero brings hope to Halton



TERRY WAS IMPRESSED

Terry Fox was impressed. Well before a Canadian Cancer Society banquet held in his honor here last Tuesday night, fund-raising for Terry's Marathon of Hope was underway, providing a current of enthusiastic support for the amputee's two-day run through Halton Hills that carried Terry toward

financial and emotional victory: the town's donations may exceed \$25,000, making Halton Hills one of the biggest per capita contributors to the Marathon thus far.

(Herald photo by Paul Dorsey)

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An Acton woman in her nightgown and a Georgetown woman in hair curlers and beauty salon make-up were among the hundreds of Halton Hills citizens who were in the right places at the right times to witness Terry Fox's awe-inspiring visit to the town last week.

Erroneous progress updates and sudden schedule changes left thousands of would-be well-wishers disappointed last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as the courageous young amputee - just days short of his 22nd birthday - brought his Marathon of Hope along Highway 7, headed for Victoria, B.C., and a new campaign goal of raising \$25 million for cancer research.

During brief stops en route, Terry, his brother, Darrel and companion Doug Alward in turn paid tribute to the people of Halton Hills, who not only donated \$16,000 to the Canadian Cancer Society, due entirely to the sheer impact of Terry's undertaking, but erected more signs of greeting in front of their homes and businesses than the trio has seen anywhere else in Canada thus far.

Halton Hills' reception emerged as a fitting close to Terry's 700-mile "detour" through southern Ontario, a circuitous trek from Toronto through Oakville, Burlington, Hamilton, London and back through Guelph to Acton and Georgetown, which was arranged by the Society with Terry's consent; despite the obvious signs of fatigue showing on Terry's face by the end of his lengthy sidetrip, the "detour" was an enormous success, boosting province-

wide contributions to the campaign past \$300,000.

"I just want to try and make at least 25 miles a day from now on," Terry told The Herald during a rest stop just south of Silver Creek Wednesday. "There are not as many dinners and receptions left between here and Manitoba."

The evening before, Terry had addressed a large gathering of Halton Hills citizens at the Georgetown Lions Hall, to which he'd been bused from Guelph in advance of his run through town. One town official on hand at the memorable occasion commented on Terry's limited oratorical skills, but found himself thoroughly moved by the runner's sincerity and single-minded devotion to the cause behind his Marathon. (A full report on the banquet appears on page A3).

Terry's visit to Halton Hills was punctuated by another fund-raising banquet, this time before several hundred of the nation's more successful businessmen at Toronto's Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel. The Wednesday luncheon, which added another \$10,000-plus to Cancer Society coffers, prompted Terry to cut short and re-arrange his run from Acton to Georgetown.

Following an early morning, well-attended reception in Acton, Terry jogged as far as the Limehouse road above Georgetown, signed a few autographs, and climbed in his tour van for a brief rest at the Georgetown Motor Inn before heading for Toronto. He resumed his run at the same spot on Highway 7 early Thursday morning, jogged through most of Georgetown and took another break before continuing on through Norval.

Success story for local cancer unit
 Emotional scene at honor banquet
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 Order of Canada nomination form

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Hall Rd. land sought as council petitioned

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An appeal by some 150 Georgetown residents has persuaded town council to reconsider its three-week old decision not to buy eight acres of vacant land behind Hall Road and Fagan Drive.

Council voted last Tuesday night to offer O and P Construction Ltd. \$135,000 for the property with the intention of developing it as parkland; the offer is \$20,000 less than the construction firm had sought

three weeks earlier.

Spokesman Dave Woodburn told council last week that 150 nearby homeowners want to see more green space in their neighborhood, ideally among the eight acres already in common use by residents.

"The land is of great importance to us", Mr. Woodburn said, "and we ask that you reconsider your decision not to buy the property."

Mr. Woodburn said that Ward 4 has only 6.4 acres of

parkland per 7,500 residents, compared to a town average of 3.9 acres per 1,000 people.

Mr. Woodburn pointed out that residents are concerned about increased traffic along Hall Road in the event O and P proceeds with plans to build 23 homes on the property.

LAST TIME
 "The last time the issue came up, we didn't give it ample justice," Coun. Harry Levy said.

In drafting the motion to purchase the property, Coun. Levy suggested that land acquisition costs be replenished through the sale of land already owned by the town.

Coun. Roy Booth, who had opposed the purchase of the property, referred to the land as a "poochie-poocher", but conceded that Ward 4 might need the land for recreation.

Coun. Russ Miller wondered if the property would be of much value as a park because of its rough terrain. Recreation director Tom Shepard told council that the property would not accommodate a soccer pitch.

"I'm concerned not just about the \$155,000 purchase price, but also about the maintenance costs each year," Coun. Miller said, adding that O and P's development would mean additional revenue to the town from lot levies.

Coun. Ed Wood said he was "sympathetic" to the wishes of

the Ward 4 residents, but noted that there are other priority items on the master parks' plan.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson supported the purchase of the property for use as "passive" parkland.

MORE HOUSES
 "I don't think we should be building more houses and not have anywhere for these people to go," she said.

"To zone the land as open space is precisely what the people want and precisely what we should want," Coun. Mike Armstrong agreed, seconding Coun. Levy's motion to buy the property.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy suggested that instead of using sales from town lands to replenish the parkland acquisition budget, the clerk should look into using lot levies from a planned apartment development. The recommendation to use land sales was dropped.

In a recorded vote, Ward 4 councillors Serjeantson, Levy and Armstrong were joined by councillors Wood, Booth, Ross Knechtel, John McDonald and Walter Blehn to carry the motion to present the \$135,000 offer to O and P.

Councillors Miller, George Malby and Terry Grubbe voted against the motion. Coun. Pat Patterson was absent.

Council set August 15 as the deadline for O and P to accept or reject the offer.

Explanation sought for Booth's words

Herald Special

The Halton agricultural advisory committee has decided regional planning committee chairman Roy Booth should be invited to its Aug. 7 meeting to explain his threats to disband the committee. Coun. Booth, who represents Halton Hills' Ward 3, had criticized the committee for exceeding its authority in challenging an elected official-transport minister James Snow - without the approval of Halton regional council.

Committee member Peter Branch said he wanted to hear Coun. Booth's objections because "he's the chairman of the committee that made us. I can't understand what we're doing that he doesn't like. Now that he's got us united he doesn't like us," Mr. Branch said.

Ontario ministry of food and agriculture representative Henry Stanley pointed out that Coun. Booth had only read the first section of the agricultural advisory committee's mandate.

While the first point said the committee will act on the bidding of regional council's planning committee the next three points empower it to act at the request of Halton agricultural groups and their support industries.

Coun. Booth still ignored the later portions of the committee's mandate at a Halton Hills council meeting later in the evening. During a discussion on land severances granted to Mr. Snow, Coun. Booth repeated his remarks about the committee having no authority

to act except at the request of the region.

Regional Coun. Gus Goutouski from Milton defended Coun. Booth as being "100 per cent for the committee" and questioned how the response against the committee had been elicited. However, he seconded the motion to invite Coun. Booth to explain his position to the committee members.

Region agriculture advisors oppose Snow severances

Herald Special

The Halton agricultural advisory committee has decided to support regional staff's recommendation that transport minister James Snow's lot severances be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Committee members questioned Mr. Snow last Tuesday about his application to Halton land division committee asking for two lots off his nine acre Hornby property to build homes for his sons.

They also heard Halton Federation of Agriculture vice-president Tom Foster explain the federation's views that the severances were inconsistent with the land use plan for the area.

The Federation also fears the severances will open the floodgates to residents they have been denied in the past. Mr. Snow said he didn't feel he was taking good agricultural land out of use by building homes for his sons on his front lawn. The proximity of the creek to his feedlot area would create such environmental problems with runoff that he questions the feasibility of ever putting it back into operation again, he said.

Although the health department says rural residences

should each have their own water supply they did not complain in his case because he has a flowing well which will provide more than enough water for all three homes, Mr. Snow said. While he doesn't see the need for "more holes in the ground," he would be

prepared to install individual wells if it were considered necessary, he said.

While some members of the committee felt Mr. Snow's holding does not represent a viable farm operation and it had done the logical thing in looking at the application on its

merits, others pointed out the principle behind the decisions.

Peter Branch took exception to LDC's "rather arrogant" disregard for Halton's official plan. As expressed through comments from regional planning staff, LDC should support the official plan and they are

not doing that with this decision, he said.

Gus Goutouski, a Milton regional councillor and committee member, took issue with LDC granting two severances. He predicted the LDC would hear over and over again from disgruntled applicants refused severances in the future how Jim Snow had been given proper consideration but they could not.

He said because of Mr. Snow's high profile it makes "a hell of a difference" who he is. He stressed that he might have been able to go along with one separation off such a small acreage but certainly not two. In questioning a member of regional planning staff present to answer questions on their objection, Mr. Goutouski was told the planner could not remember when or if a request had ever before been made for two severances at once.

Mr. Snow left the meeting while committee members were discussing their views in camera. He said if the matter was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board he will not withdraw his application because he feels he has the same rights as any other citizen to get a severance on his land.

the discussion prior to the vote by warning everyone they would be "tarred with the Tory brush" if they voted against the appeal.

"I don't care if he's a cabinet minister or a United Church minister," Mayor Pomeroy said.

"I think LDC made a reasonable decision. They took everything into account and I don't see why they shouldn't be granted."

Town rejects appeal, invites 'Tory brush'

Herald Special

Town council has rejected a planning staff report seeking support for the appeal against the Halton land division committee's decision to grant Provincial Transport Minister James Snow two severances off his nine-acre Hornby property.

Coun. Russ Miller was more concerned last Tuesday over the fact that council keeps appealing LDC decisions than he was with the fact that Mr. Snow had received his severances.

If council has to be constantly appealing LDC's decisions there must either be something wrong with the planning policy or something wrong with the committee, he said.

Councillors Mike Armstrong and Miller both questioned the granting of two severances at one time.

Town planner Mario Venditti said 13 severances had been granted at once in the creation of a development on Sideroad 32 and therefore this would not create a precedent.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy settled



ANOTHER \$41 FOR TERRY

"It's all in the wrist action", Andrea Grguric might have said as she tossed a coin into the cooler hoping it would land in one of the egg cups inside. Andrea, flanked by Randy Barrett (left) and his brother Jason, was participating in an Airdate Court summer carnival sponsored by neighborhood children to raise money for Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. The kids managed to raise \$40.88 for the Cancer Society on Friday.

(Herald photo)