

Snow land issue 'far from finished' -Coun.

Herald Special
A delegation from Halton's agricultural advisory committee will personally deliver the committee's advice when regional council makes a decision on appealing two severances recently granted to provincial cabinet minister James Snow.

Two weeks ago the committee reviewed the land division committee's decision to grant Mr. Snow two severances off his nine-acre property on the outskirts of the hamlet of Hornby and decided the decision was wrong.

Information from Mr. Snow and regional planning staff member Sharon Johnston, convinced the committee that there were several errors in LDC's reasoning and therefore regional council should appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

However, planning committee ignored the committee's comments and voted the appeal down at its meeting Wednesday.

Coun. Gus Goutowski, a member of the advisory committee, told other members the vote was very close and the committee chairman, Coun. Roy Booth, broke the tie by voting against the appeal.

Coun. Booth said three weeks ago he would be urging committee members to uphold the appeal initiated by regional staff because there were some "irregularities" in Mr. Snow's application.

Coun. Goutowski said the Snow severances issue is not dead because regional council still has to uphold planning committee's decision at its Aug. 20 meeting to end the matter. He predicts it will draw plenty of interest at council because many councillors not on planning committee turned up for the committee meeting to speak even though they couldn't vote on the matter.

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September review for Booth's remarks

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Halton regional planning committee chairman Roy Booth was unable to attend a meeting of Halton's agricultural advisory committee Thursday because of prior commitments.

Mr. Booth had been invited to attend the meeting because of a statement he made to the press in which he threatened to disband the committee for exceeding its mandate.

He was responding to a reporter's questions about a decision by the committee to ask transportation minister James Snow to explain his position in applying for two lot separations off his Hornby property.

Mr. Booth, a Halton Hills councillor, said regional council had not asked the committee to investigate the matter. The committee wants to hear Coun. Booth's explanation of the statement since they believe he was ignoring a part of their mandate which authorizes members to act on the request of the region's agricultural organizations as well as at the request of regional council.

The look at the severances was requested by the Halton Federation of Agriculture. In a letter to committee secretary Henry Stanley received Thursday morning, Coun. Booth explained that he could not attend the evening meeting and suggested that regional planning committee and the advisory committee get together at a later date.

Committee chairman Harry Middlebrook dismissed the matter until later in September because members are "too busy right now" to schedule an extra meeting.

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The Holy Cross Church Columbian Squires raised \$102 for Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope Campaign by hosting a car wash next to Zeller's Saturday. Putting the finishing touches to this Camaro are, left, front to back: Terry Flynn, Paul Domingos, Chris McLean, Andy Hughes, Greg McLean, chief councillor Ken Flynn and Dave Walker. Right side, front to back: Shawn Coffey, Pat Stoyles, Jerry Roberts, Pete Coffey, Bill Pires, Joe Viera and Rich Langedyk. (Herald photo)

Costs increase for Glen flood control project

Flood control work on the Credit River near the paper dam in Glen Williams will cost the town and the region \$60,638 more than originally budgeted, town council learned last Tuesday night.

he is concerned that new flooding problems could occur in Glen Williams if the entire project is not completed.

Originally, town treasurer Ray King told council it would need approval from the Ontario Municipal Board before it could allot funds to the project, raising a concern from Coun. Roy Booth that this might abrogate the rights of people to object to the project in an open hearing.

The three-phase project to alleviate flooding and ice build-up had been budgeted by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to cost \$382,500, but "cost increases in the event of project delays" have forced the Authority to raise its figure to \$518,527. The town's and region's share of the project increases from \$110,002 to \$170,840, with other increases absorbed by the province and the authority.

However, Mr. King learned later in the week that the town, in fact, "has the funds and the authority" to go ahead with the project without OMB approval.

Conservation Authority general manager Glen Schmitt told The Herald Monday that the entire project should be completed by the end of the year "except for control gates for the dam" which remain open during the spring.

The first phase of the project involving channelization of the river north of the Main Street bridge in Glen Williams has been completed. The authority has hired Ontario Construction Ltd. and Lancelotti Contracting to begin phases two and three of the project, dredging upstream from the paper mill and making modifications on the dam itself.

"This won't affect the performance of the project," he said.

The town has also opted to make some minor alterations on an island located in the channel behind Confederation Street in the Glen. Local residents had asked to have this item included in the contracts.

"The wing wall on the dam and the excavation they have to do around it is to blame for the high quotes," Mayor Pete Pomeroy told council, saying

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