

FLOOD CONTROL

Work continues on modifications to the ancient paper mill dam in Glen Williams to correct some serious spring flooding problems. No need to worry: the ambitious project being carried out through funding from local, regional and provincial government sources as well as the Credit Valley Conservation Authority will not affect the antique beauty of the dam and the buildings around it.

(Herald photo)

Site plan controls approved for town

Building plans in Halton Hills will likely come under close scrutiny in the future from a special "site plan control committee", which clerk-administrator Ken Richardson says will "streamline" the town's current approval system.

Last Tuesday night, the town planning board endorsed a staff recommendation designating the town as a "site plan control area" as outlined in the revised provincial Planning Act.

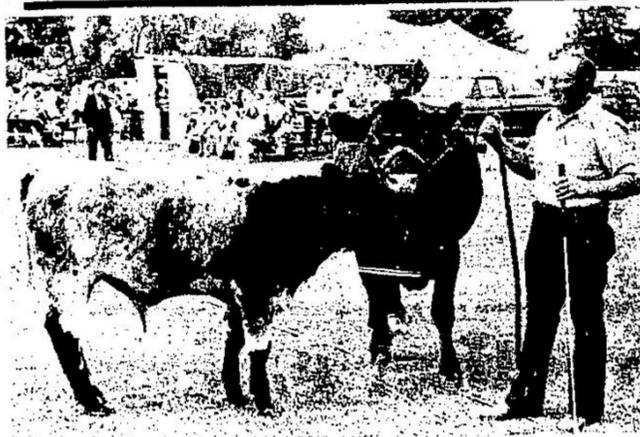
By designating a control area, council, a committee or a member of the staff appointed by council can examine new building plans or alterations, deciding whether or not they conform with existing bylaws. The town has the right to have the builder make any changes suggested by the control committee.

However, council voted Monday night to more clearly define the terms requiring builders to submit site plans.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said the draft bylaw presented to planning board last week may have "gone a little bit overboard" and recommended that plans for full lot development need only be submitted for structures containing more than four dwelling units.

Mr. Richardson assured council that designating Halton Hills as a site plan control area would not require any addition to the town's planning staff.

The control committee is to be composed of Mayor Pomeroy, planning board chairman Mike Armstrong, and planning director Mario Venditti.



REFORD'S BEST

Georgetown area breeder Reford Gardhouse was among the exhibitors at the Acton Fall Fair cattle show Saturday. Entries came from near and far.

(Herald photo)

Acton snack bar damaged

Town inaction blamed for park vandalism

It's the town's fault vandals did upwards of a \$1,000 damage to a concession booth in Acton's Prospect Park Sept. 6, according to the president of the Acton Minor Ball Association.

Ray Knowlan says Halton Hills' recreation director Tom Shepard promised in June to put steel doors and door frames on the concession stand to secure it for the association but the work was never done.

Over the summer the booth has been broken into six times, Mr. Knowlan says. As a result of the earlier entries, he and others operating the booth have been taking candy bars and gum home with them every time they close the place up.

This attack netted the vandals nothing since there were only potato chips left in the booth. The vandals threw three chips around the entry way and up on the backstop of an adjacent baseball diamond.

They also lipped over and smashed coffee-making and pop machines and French fry-making equipment. Bottles lying around were smashed and a floorboard ripped open to gain access to water pipes and

shut off valves located under the stand.

They then left the portion of the building operated by the baseball group and ripped a door off its hinges to get into a room where the town keeps equipment for park maintenance.

The window of a gas stove stored in that room was smeared with paint and more paint was daubed on the walls with an old broom. The stove is on loan to the concession to make hot dogs and it had been taken into the town's room to protect it after previous attacks by vandals, said a town employee.

The vandals also broke the lock on the women's washroom and smashed cubicles which town employees had just finished repairing and painting last week. When the vandals left they relocked the door.

Sam Tennant, an employee of a Halton Hills outside works crew, found the mess Sunday morning and called police.

The vandals also tried unsuccessfully to break into the men's washroom.

Mr. Knowlan says that a line to the propane gas stove will have to be replaced for safety.

The glass portions of the coffee machines are smashed but the machines appear operable.

"I estimated the damage as \$300 to \$400 for the police," he said, "but those machines cost \$350 each. If they have to be replaced you can see what's going to happen to those damage estimates."

Mr. Knowlan considers himself lucky in that 50 pounds of frozen hamburger meat, five pounds of frozen french fries and some packages of hamburger buns were discovered in a large picnic cooler in some bushes and recovered.

The vandals were also lucky, he says. The gas was still turned on to the pipes in the building and one spark during all that ripping and smashing could have set the whole thing off.

"There's 450 pounds pressure in that tank right outside the building," he says. "One spark could have followed the line back to the tank and it would have blown up the whole building and everyone in it."

"The vandalism in this town is something else," he says bitterly. "It makes you wonder if it's worth what you try to do for the kids."

but have apparently had no success in catching the culprits.

He also questions how residents around the park would not hear noise when the building was being broken into since the vandals battered in doors and broke locks. He questions whether there may not be area residents who know something or are suspicious of individuals but are not talking.

Mr. Shepard said the town may redesign the building somewhat in hopes of making it a bit more vandal-proof. They might also consider a different location for the concession booth if that was what the ball association wanted. They might also consider putting in portable toilets and closing up the ones in the block house.

Damage could close Prospect washrooms

Mr. Shepard said the town would happily forego revenue from the concession booth if giving up the booth would put an end to the vandalism. He speculated that the ball association itself would have to look at how much revenue it derives from the booth as opposed to what it is costing to repair vandalism damages to their property.

He said he wants to work with the ball committee rather than against them and a meeting will take place this week to look at alternatives to prevent a recurrence of Saturday's incident. It was the sixth such break-in over the summer and by far the most serious in terms of property damage.

Mr. Shepard said the police were supposed to be keeping a closer eye on the building since the vandalism began

Site 'F' hearing terms won't be expanded

With an Environmental Assessment Board hearing on Halton region's controversial Site "F" landfilling proposal only three weeks away, regional council has overwhelmingly opposed another move to have the Board examine potential sites throughout Halton.

Still angry that a rural part of their municipality has been selected for the 245-acre landfill site, Milton Mayor Don Gordon and Coun. Bill Johnson last Wednesday attempted to have the hearing's terms of reference changed so that the Board can look beyond the immediate site area around Tremaine and Britannia Roads.

Council accepted its staff's advice by a 16-2 vote, however, choosing to restrict the hearing's terms to those of the province's Environmental Protection Act rather than the Environmental Assessment Act, as Milton's representatives suggested.

decision was the warning of regional solicitor Dennis Perlin that any expansion of the terms would add another \$175,000 to the hearing's cost. If Mayor Gordon's motion carried, he said, the Board would examine alternative sites across the region for landfilling potential.

Halton has spent about \$600,000 thus far in its search for a central site to accommodate solid waste from all four area municipalities. The region's only remaining dumps in Oakville and Burlington are approaching capacity contours.

Mr. Perlin also noted that additional expense at the hearing

Ballinfad Hall work

A letter to town council from Ballinfad Hall Board secretary Martha Lewis reports that a \$788 donation from the town to the hall is being put to good use. Mrs. Lewis reports that general improvements have been made to the hall and that the ventilation system has been renovated.

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