

Delays could lose government subsidy for Fourth Line reconstruction

Town, gravel firms work to save project

Two large gravel companies and the town are working hard to save a major road reconstruction project proposed for the Fourth Line between Side-

road 17 and Highway 7. The \$1.2 million project was jeopardized recently when three gravel pits in the area were overlooked by construction firms as

sources for roadwork material needed on Highways 401 and 403 and the James Snow Parkway in Burlington. The pits were listed as possible sources for the work by the province's ministry of transportation and communications.

Announced Dec. 28, the Fourth Line project included a grant from the transportation ministry

covering 50 per cent of the project's costs. The work was to be done by Bot Construction Ltd. of Oakville and J.C. Duff of Limehouse - the major users of the route hauling gravel from nearby wayside pits.

If the gravel contracts were awarded to the companies, they and the ministry would have recon-

structed the road which is used extensively by large, heavily-laden garbage trucks.

While the companies are confident that they will get new gravel contracts, the town has been asked to participate in financing the road reconstruction project; otherwise, delays in trying to get private financing for the project

may force the ministry to withdraw its support, giving the \$347,000 to another municipality.

Council ordered staff Monday night to prepare bylaws enabling the town to help. Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson told councillors that the town could finance its share of the project, about \$250,000, through debent-

ures or draw on reserve funds set aside for a project not likely to be realized for a few years, presumably the construction of new town offices.

The money would be repaid by the gravel firms through a ten-cent per ton "royalty", Mr. Richardson explained, with the final payment due June 30, 1983. He said the town should have a bylaw ready to be signed once the gravel firms have secured their financing so that if delays mean the loss of the government subsidy, the town won't be accused of

dragging its feet. Mr. Richardson assured Coun. Harry Levy that if the firms go bankrupt before the town is repaid, the municipality will be protected by an "irrevocable" letter of credit and performance bonds attached to the project.

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Not only did Candystriper Sandra Lovegrove earn the award of excellence for the second year in a row, but the 17-year old Georgetown District High School student had the highest number of volunteer hours at the hospital. Over the past year, Sandra has spent 721 hours helping out. Sheila Macdonald, absent from last Wednesday night's awards ceremony, came in second with 661 and a half hours and Kim French third with 605 hours. The girls all received corages and Sandra's mom, Joan Lovegrove, gave Sandra a hand pinning hers on. Girls wanting to work Monday to Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the hospital over the summer as ward workers were invited to sign up by Candystripers' convenor Pat Johnson.

(Herald photos by Ani Pederian)

SERVING WITH PATIENCE



Two of the "winners" at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital last Wednesday night were Candystripers Allyson Tracey, 16 (left), and Rhonda Merrill, 15. Over the year, Allyson has worked 152 and a half hours at the hospital and was selected by fellow Candystripers to receive the award for service and assistance beyond the necessary. Chum Rhonda, with 211 hours' work to her credit, won the award of progress. It's their first year as Candystripers for both girls. Hospital board chairman Judge Ken Langdon called the 43 Candystripers who give two hours a week of volunteer service to the hospital a "crowd of winners". He said that most days he looks out on the "losers" in society in his criminal court and that community service orders for them seems to work well.

(Herald photo)

New Branch 120 exec

There was a good turnout for the Branch elections Sunday. It was a long session because of the great number of nominees running for each office. It was good to see such an interest in the running of the Branch.

The committee elected for the coming year includes President Norm Ward, First Vice G. Telford, Second Vice E. Peasey, executive officers S. Lawr, T. Smith, E. Clarke and L. Housell.

Congratulations and all the best wishes for a successful year. Your committee can only be as good as the support you give them. Remember this when you are called upon to give a hand.

The ladies auxiliary strawberry social set for June 13 has been cancelled due to the lack of strawberries because of the weather.



LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott

Sonic will be entertaining in the Lounge Saturday evening.

Car Club winners were Roy Hayley, Keith Harrington, Kathy Monk, Dot Hill, Steve Emmerson and Yvonne Lorusso.

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