

'Multiple approach' has conservationists concerned

MNR's parks scheme

Herald Special
Natural resources minister Alan Pope will participate in the "Parks for Tomorrow" open forum sponsored by the Sierra Club of Ontario Foundation at Toronto's St. Lawrence Hall Oct. 19.

The meeting will provide the public with a last chance to influence the destiny of Ontario's remaining wildlands before our resources are permanently carved up. Mr. Pope will have the deciding voice in his ministry's mammoth province-wide land-use planning venture, targeted for completion by December of this year.

"Will Pope be the father of Ontario parks?" asked Janet Grand, chairman of the Sierra Club's Conservation Committee. "Many

environmentalists want to know."

The ministry's landmark planning effort, initiated ten years ago, plunged into its final phase this summer with a hectic series of open houses held across the province to review proposed land-use options.

"The urgency," according to deputy minister William Foster, "is to try

and sort out the direction as soon as possible, remove uncertainty, and allow plans, employment and economic development to move ahead."

"It's our philosophy in Canada," Mr. Foster continued. "We've been looking over the next hill for some timber or more mines but we've kind of got beyond that last hill now and we have to make

better use of what we have. Therein lies planning and multiple use and a little more care about development and exploitation."

"The 'multiple use' approach," says Arlin Hackman of the Algonquin Wildlands League, "is simply a mask that the ministry wears to protect the interests of its major client groups and to pro-

tect its own internal flexibility to make decisions - regardless of policy."

Conservationists, while applauding the ministry's current ambitious planning program, are wary about its eventual outcome. They argue that "multiple use" has traditionally meant cutting the trees first and then designating what remains as parkland.

Chamber dinner

Halton education director Wally Beevor may have to do some accounting for himself Oct. 20 when he meets the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce for its fall dinner meeting. Finances remain the key issue for the Halton board of education. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the North Halton Golf and Country Club follows a social hour. Tickets are \$15 per person and should be reserved through the Chamber (877-7119).

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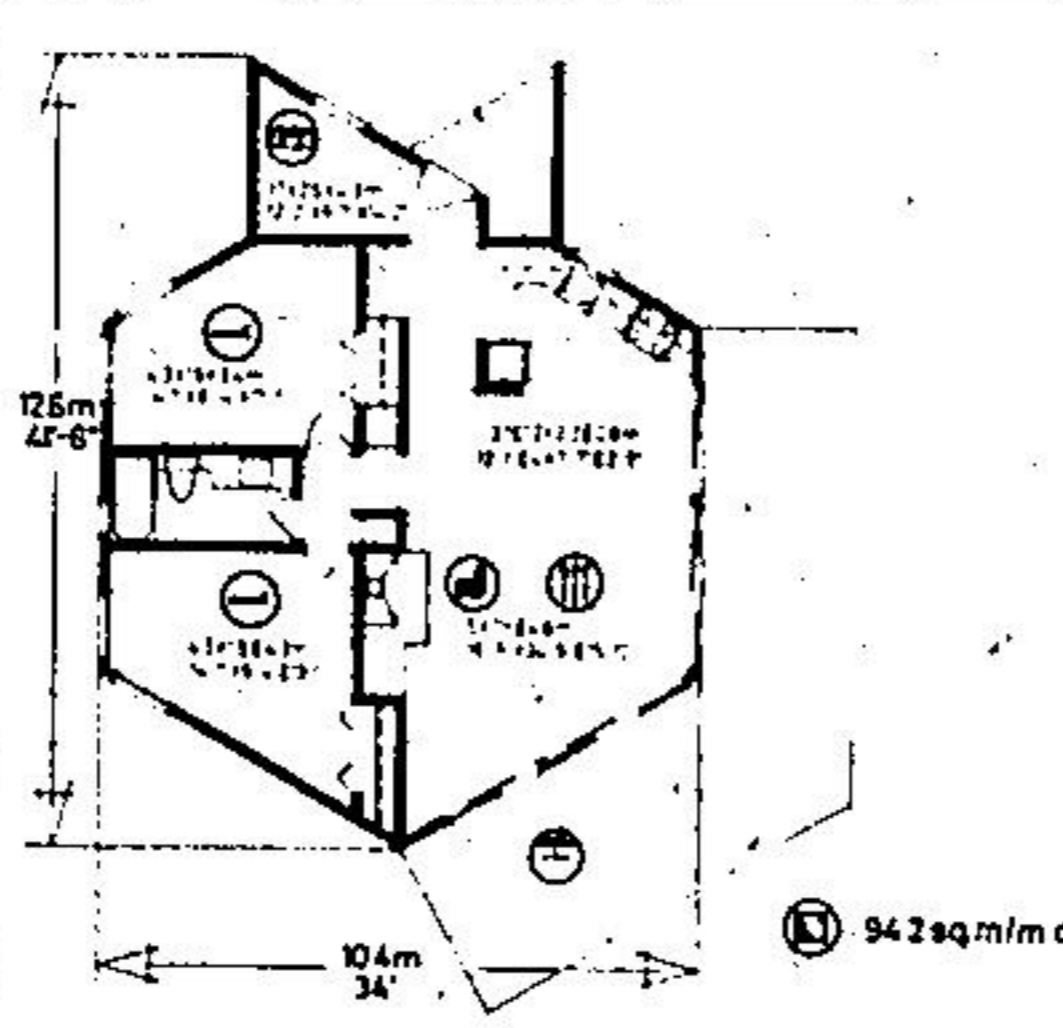
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The museum closes its gates for the 1982 season Oct. 11, so it is an ideal time to visit before the season ends.

Visitors can enjoy the smells of open hearth cooking at the Pioneer Farmstead and watch demonstrations of early rural Ontario farm life. Blacksmithing, spinning and weaving will also add interest to the visit as the historic trades are performed.

For the young folks, a pumpkin decorating contest will be held each day. Children are invited to bring in their own carved pumpkin from home, or decorate a pumpkin to their fancy at the Museum. Prizes will be awarded each day to the best decorated pumpkin! Judging will take place at 3 p.m. in the Puslinch Township Hall.

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