

CONE challenges escarpment report

The Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment (CONE) announced this week that it will challenge in court the controversial report of the Hearing Officers on the Proposed Plan for the Niagara Escarpment.

CONE will apply for judicial review and ask that the report be rewritten to include evidence that was ignored in favor of pro-development interests, CONE representatives say.

"We have decided on this course of action after a detailed review in order to give cabinet and the minister in charge, Lorne Henderson, an opportunity to judge for them-

elves the merits of all the evidence, not just some of it," says president Lyn MacMillan.

Other grounds for the judicial review include the lack of adequate reasons for the recommendations by the Hearing Officers, the use of irrelevant considerations in arriving at recommendations, and inclusion in the report of misleading statements, CONE representatives say.

The Plan was generally in favor of the preservation of the Escarpment but the Hearing Officers' report virtually destroyed it, CONE representatives say.

Opting out

Almost 21 per cent of Halton region doctors have opted out of OHIP. According to Ontario Health ministry statistics the Halton rate is higher than the provincial average of 14.4 per cent, as of March 31.

A total of 69 local doctors are directly billing their patients fees beyond the provincial medical care scheme. The total includes 43 specialists and 26 general practitioners.

Couple recognized for volunteer work

Watching an adopted child settle from an unstable environment into a home with a caring family is one of the rewards of working with the Children's Aid Society (CAS) Don and Janet McLean say.

The husband and wife team were honored for their five years with the CAS helping to place adopted children in new homes.

Thursday they received a certificate of recognition for spending 475 hours of volunteer work in 1982. There were 209 couples wanting to adopt in Halton with only a full-time staff of three to accommodate them.

Mrs. McLean says when you put yourself in a child's place, it must be very frustrating. Some children go from their birth parents to foster homes a number of times before they are eventually adopted, she says.

It must be also very terrifying for a small child to get used to new parents that are total

strangers, she says. Some children try for so long to be good so they can be placed with a family, she says.

The Pennington Cres. couple have done 20 home studies and have helped to place 18 children. They began the program in the fall of 1978 after the CAS asked for their assistance.

Because they had gone through the lengthy process of matching when they adopted a child, the McLeans said this experience helped them explain the program to other parents.

One of the frustrations for prospective parents is that there is no time frame attached to adopting. When you are pregnant you at least know when the end is near, Mrs. McLean says.

When the McLeans work on a home study and it is completed, sometimes they can't find a child and the process is delayed, Mr. McLean says.

The McLeans write up

home studies of potential parents, look for suitable children and evaluate a match during the six month probationary period.

A home study consists of four interviews with prospective parents. Candidates are asked questions about their health, lifestyle, financial stability and "anything you can think about that affects the child," Mr. McLean says.

Babies are easy to place and therefore older children are more readily available to parents, the McLeans say. Sometimes it can take years for the trust to develop between an adopted child and his new parents Mr. McLean says.

In some situations it can be a big lifestyle change for parents who are considering children for the first time. Many take a parenting course offered by the CAS Mr. McLean says.

The McLeans have lived in Georgetown for 15 years. Born in Calgary,



Don and Janet McLean are joined for a picture with their three children, Gary, Andrea and Jennifer (front). The McLeans were recognized for five years of volunteer service with the Children's Aid Society.

Mr. McLean works for Manulife in Toronto. He enjoys swimming, jogging and spending time with his three children: Gary, Andrea and Jennifer.

Mrs. McLean was born in Scotland and moved to Canada in 1963. She likes to knit, read and enjoys biking and camping with her family.

POLICE MEAT

A 18-year old Milton youth was charged with possession of a narcotic Sunday afternoon outside the Acton arcade, Halton regional police said.

A 17-year old man was charged with theft over \$200 and taking an automobile without consent Sunday morning after a 1980 AMC Concord was removed from a Kingham Road residence.

A library window was broken overnight Thursday at the Georgetown District High School. Halton regional police said there was \$50 damage, and nothing was taken.



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Marg Panabaker was elected as secretary while Enid Ursel becomes the treasurer. Carol Black will be in charge of the Arts Council calendar while Pat Hretchka handles column writing duties.

Dorothy Hart looks after displays while Wendy Buykes is in charge of publicity. Arts resources responsibility is handled by Pat Beer while Debbie Sankey will look after concerts.

Elizabeth Shore is in charge of education while Vivian Hunter will be responsible for membership.

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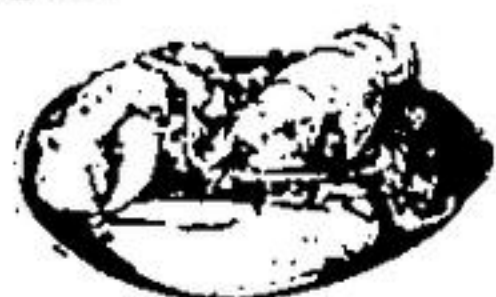
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