

Council considers court action

Dirt track puts Milton in quandry

Herald Special
Council will probably take the owners of Leathertown Motorcross Park to court to stop the use of the facility because they believe it contravenes the town zoning bylaw. Mayor Gordon Krantz said staff and lawyers have both told council there is no conflict between the old Nassagaweya Township official plan and the proposed new Milton official plan on the question of permitted uses in the area.

The conflict is a straight matter of interpretation of the plan. Town advisors say the motorcycle race track contravenes the zoning

and track owners' advisors tell them it is acceptable.

A co-operator of the track, Lorne Doberthien of Acton, said the track is family-oriented entertainment and has been designed to limit noise problems for the neighbors.

The track is set in the middle of a 300-acre farm where it can't be seen and generally can't be heard by neighbors. A berm has been erected at the track to deflect noise into the air and what neighbors may hear will sound like a horde of angry bees buzzing.

This sound will only be audible when wind conditions are right and at the

start of a race when all the bikes are gathered in one place. At other times they are spread around the course so there is no concentration of sound, he said.

Neighbors brought a petition to council complaining about potential problems with traffic congestion on the Sixth Line, detrimental impact to wildlife, to property

values, to farm animals, and to the Blue Springs Creek. Residents are also concerned over noise pollution and possibility of fire on the wooded property.

Mr. Krantz said council has been aware since last winter that Mansell Nellis planned to put a track on his 300-acre property located south of Highway

7. He was told the track was not a legal use but no action could be taken until a race was actually held on the track.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

Town trust 'breached' council says

More liquor permit applications for the Yugoslavian centre south of Acton on Highway 25 won't have town council's support.

Coun. Dave Whiting charged that the events Sunday, which led to charges under the town's noise bylaw, breached a trust between events organizers and council.

Council has endorsed previous applications as long as organizers kept amplified music volumes low and hired off-duty police to maintain order.

UNACCEPTABLE
Acton Coun. Ross Knechtel said he visited the home of Bill McArthur, about a half-mile from the centre, and said the noise level at 6 p.m. Sunday evening was unacceptable.

Mr. McArthur also questioned whether event organizers had hired off-duty police. He said he was told by an on-duty police constable who visited his home that there were no off-duty police at the centre.

Town clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said two calls complaining about the noise were received by police.

When police responded the first time, amplifier volumes were turned down; but they went up again afterward, bringing on the second call.

Referring to another celebration at the centre last summer, Coun. Dave Whiting said it is "the second time organizers have blatantly violated our recommendations. It's time we got tough with them".

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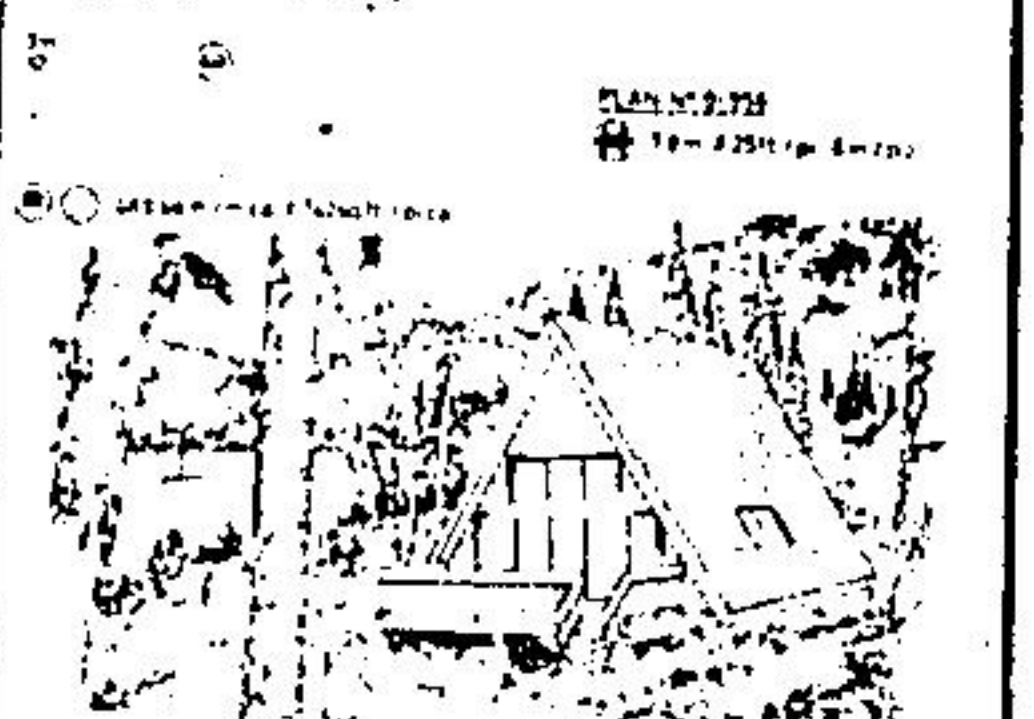
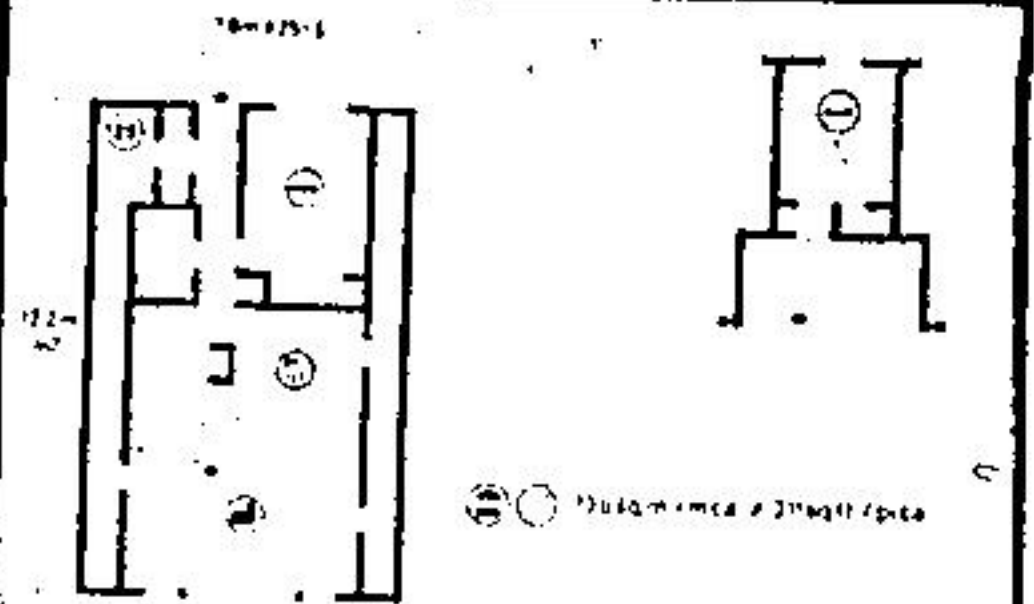
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