

Wrecking yards bylaw delayed

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Some fine-tuning is needed on a bylaw proposed to give the town more control over the operation of area wrecking yards.

A draft of the document, several months in the making, was presented to the town's general committee Monday night.

While most of the points in the bylaw seemed to satisfy councillors and Limehouse residents in the council gallery that night, Coun. Pam Sheldon suggested that guidelines for fencing and storage of wrecked cars need to be tightened up.

Bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty was told by council to work out new guidelines and present to them at the next general committee meeting in two weeks.

Over the last year, Limehouse residents have been particularly concerned about the operation of Halton Auto Wreckers, a long-established business with its yard in the centre of the village.

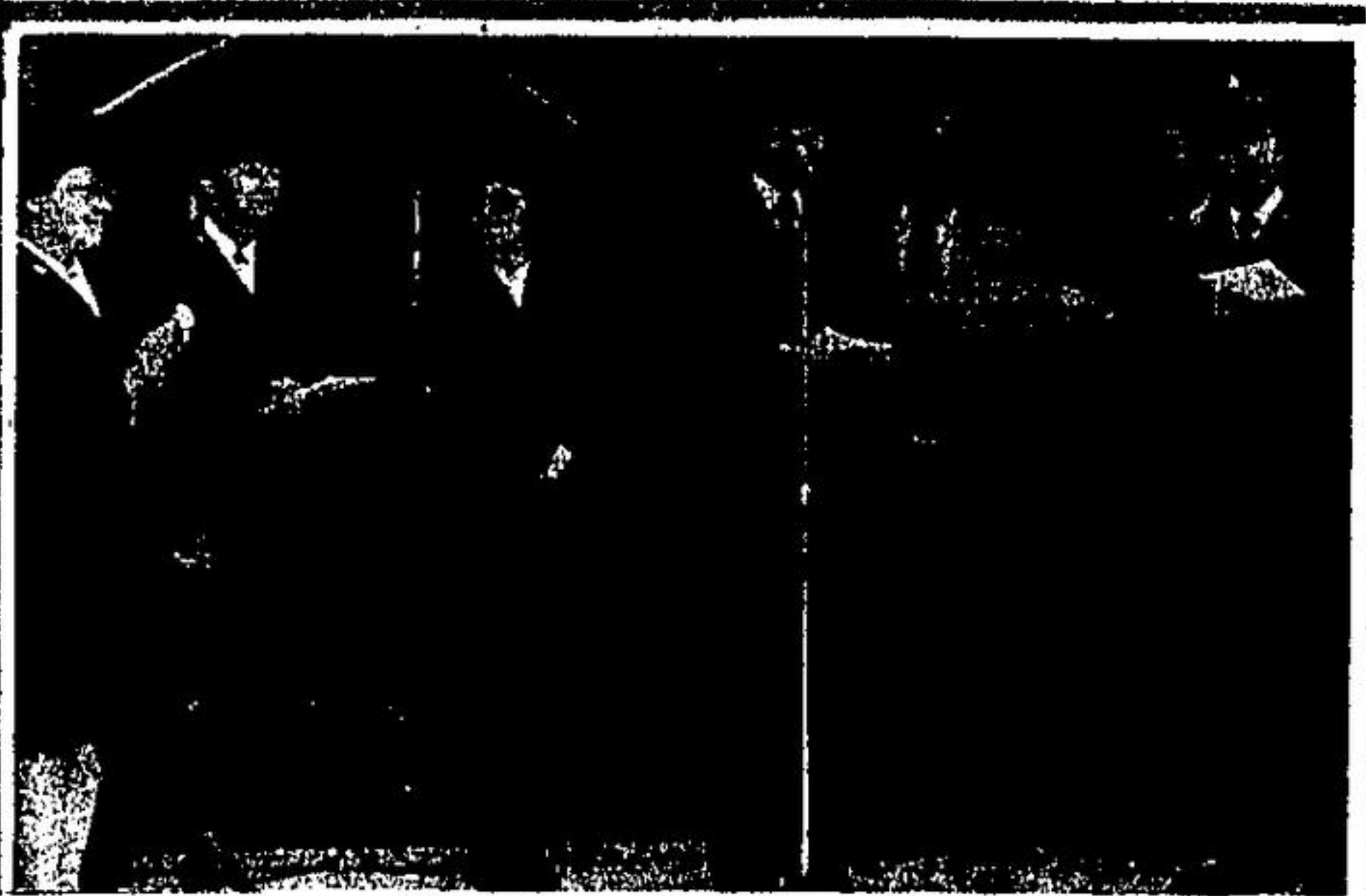
COMPLAINTS
Steady complaints from residents almost lead council to hold a special tribunal to revoke the firm's license earlier this year because of violations of the old bylaw.

Residents complained that fencing around the wrecking yard was inadequate and that service and wrecked vehicles were being parked at length on the outside of the enclosed yard.

Cars were also being piled too high, they claimed.

Although the new bylaw will affect all wrecking yard operations in Halton Hills, many of the matters it addresses were raised in the dispute between Halton Auto Wreckers and neighboring residents.

The draft legislation says:
-when applying for an annual license, wrecking yard owners will have to submit a "plot plan" of how the property will be used.
-off street parking is prohibited after normal business hours. Mr. Lusty argued that, during work, wrecking yards should be allowed



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to move service trucks and machinery, briefly using off-street parking.

-operators must maintain a record book detailing transactions; the books must be available to police and town bylaw enforcement officers during business hours.

-salvage yards will be

limited in size to 10 acres.

-wrecking yards will be allowed to open between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
The draft says that fencing should be between eight and 16 feet high and that fences and front gates be of the same, uniform construction.

But Coun. Sheldon and

Limehouse resident Mary Sheir pointed out that Halton Auto Wreckers is on uneven terrain, and even 16 foot fences won't hike vehicles stored near the northeast side of the property.

After reviewing the bylaws of other area municipalities, Mr.

Lusty said he could find no new information to add to the town's own wrecking yard legislation.

Given the complications around wrecking yard locations, Mr. Lusty commented that about the best places for them are in vacant pits.

Guest speaker

Mrs. Mary Straw, founding director of the Julia Craft Learning Center of Point Claire, Quebec, will speak at Mountainview Baptist Church, 102 Mountainview Rd. S. Sunday Oct. 2, in the 11 a.m. worship hour.

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