

Croatian Centre:

Councillors unhappy with lack of concerns

Herald Staff
Three recent attempts to solve problems between the Croatian Cultural Centre and its neighbors have failed.

Located south of Norval on Winston Churchill Boulevard and Sideroad 5, the 160-acre Croatian Centre property has neighboring farmers irate over picnic noises, spoke from an open-air barbecue and trespassers.

"We weren't able to reach a consensus that there was a problem, let alone that a solution be worked out," Ontario Federation of Agriculture lawyer Johannes Jarvalt told town councilors Monday night.

He said the board of directors for the Croatian Centre refused to acknowledge that problems existed.

The negotiating committee, set up by town councillors in March, met three times to deal with the complaints of the Croatian Centre's neighbors. Monday night, they reported back to council.

Coun. John McDonald said he found it "absolutely incredible" that the Croatian representatives said there were no problems, when the lawyers for the Croatian Centre submitted pages of possible solutions to the problems during the second meeting of the negotiating committee.

Mr. Jarvalt said most of the suggested actions for improving the situation required some form of self-enforcement by the Croatian Centre.

"It's clearly unacceptable. Since none took place before, it's unlikely to take place in the future," he said.

The lawyer for the Croatians, Ron Webb said he was prepared to continue negotiating and said a great deal more had been achieved than he had expected by the talks.

Coun. Mike Armstrong was not of the same opinion.

"I didn't expect them all (problems) to be solved, but I thought there'd be some consensus on them," Coun. Armstrong said. "I'm really unhappy with the lack of co-operation."

Mr. Jarvalt said continuing negotiations was "pointless" due to "the continuing evidence of bad faith with respect to general laws of the community."

"The residents feel that since the Croatian Centre has been there a substantial time, they should realize there are certain laws to be obeyed. The fact is, they haven't been obeyed," he said.

Mr. Jarvalt pointed out regular church services are being held on the site contrary to town bylaws, and that unauthorized signs have been put up, contrary to the town's sign bylaw.

Suggested improvements

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Suggestions were made for improving relations between the Croatian Cultural Centre and its neighbors, during recent meetings of a negotiating committee established by town council.

Croatian Centre lawyer Neil Davis suggested the loudspeaker be used only on two occasions - June 10 for St. Anthony's Feast and July 1 for Croatian Day.

On these occasions, speakers would be used only for two hours between noon and 6 p.m., with police monitoring the volume.

There appeared to be a consensus that the barbecue location on the Croatian Centre property line, as did the presence of the shade trees.

Croatian Centre representatives at the meeting indicated they were prepared to relocate the barbecue to a more central location, if their board of directors agreed.

Such a move would reduce people noise significantly as well as odor and smoke problems, it's believed.

Moving the location of the stage was also agreed upon by the Croatian Centre representatives to help reduce people noise.

The Centre was requested to consider hiring additional security officers to patrol the fence line and make sure people did not leave the property.

In a meeting following the presentation of these proposals the representatives of the neighbors indicated they weren't prepared to accept the proposals suggested by the Croatian Centre as they didn't feel the uses or activities on the property are permitted under current bylaws.

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So far, the Committee, which was established in 1982, has been concentrating on community programs for Grades 9 to 12 students. Grades 9 to 12 students take a one-day field trip to the local or regional municipal office, where they discuss local and regional governments, community planning, police and local issues.

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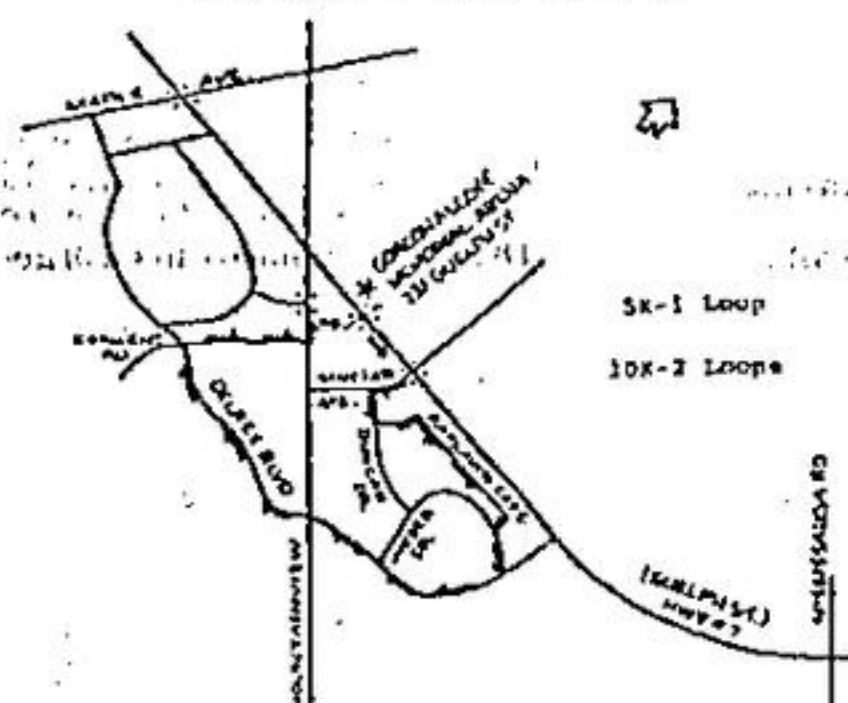


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(Herald photo)

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