

Not total defeat

Mountainview Road South area residents may feel they've been "left behind" in the planning of Georgetown's growth.

Last Tuesday they tried to delay the adoption of the town's Secondary Plans and a transportation study.

While their comments were met with sympathy by councillors, the town voted 13-0 for going ahead with expanding our urban boundaries.

It shouldn't be seen as a total defeat for Mountainview area residents.

Through public participation in the adoption process, they made some legitimate complaints about traffic problems and concerns with new homes and industries.

These dissenting delegations also showed some flaws in the town's process of involving the public in such a major document.

Homes in the area of Mountainview South will be faced with more traffic in the future - there's no question about that.

However, Mountainview (Ninth Line) has been for many years designated as a Regional road, a primary artery which by definition provides access to major centres.

Development south of Georgetown has been delayed time and time again. After over 10 years of zero growth, it's hard to argue that Georgetown should continue to stagnate.

Two packed public meetings with more than 100 citizens at each one let council know careful scrutiny of traffic concerns will have to be looked at.

From one public meeting residents gained a traffic impact study that will be done by Halton Region on Mountainview Road South.

Continued lobbying will force council to act quickly and effectively on future problems.

Although the Secondary Plan was adopted, it doesn't prevent the town from making major changes later to take traffic pressure off Ninth Line.

Citizens made some good points to council about the public participation process which should be heeded.

While meeting all their legal requirements, the town made it difficult for the public to be kept informed. Council agendas were made up only on the day of the meeting, reports were written in bureaucratic language and the public meeting format wasn't understood by some of the people.

That's not to say we don't think the people got a fair hearing. Their message was registered loud and clear.

Council made a decision to adopt the Secondary Plan which will allow the town to grow. We agree with that decision.

Another public meeting would not have changed council's vote.

Orderly and planned growth will be good for Georgetown. Pressure from the public will help to keep that growth manageable.

Crowded out

Council has got to come up with a better plan when holding crowded public meetings.

Over the past two months we've witnessed two meetings where spectators were virtually spilling out over the council chamber onto the stairs and back lawn.

The council chamber only holds 60 people. That's fine. Then meetings should be held at another location.

If this proves unworkable, the least staff could do would be to provide microphones for speakers or rent an audio-video hookup with transmissions piped into another room.

It's hypocritical for council to encourage public debate, but then not provide enough room for residents to comfortably listen to comments made from the floor.

Crime fighters

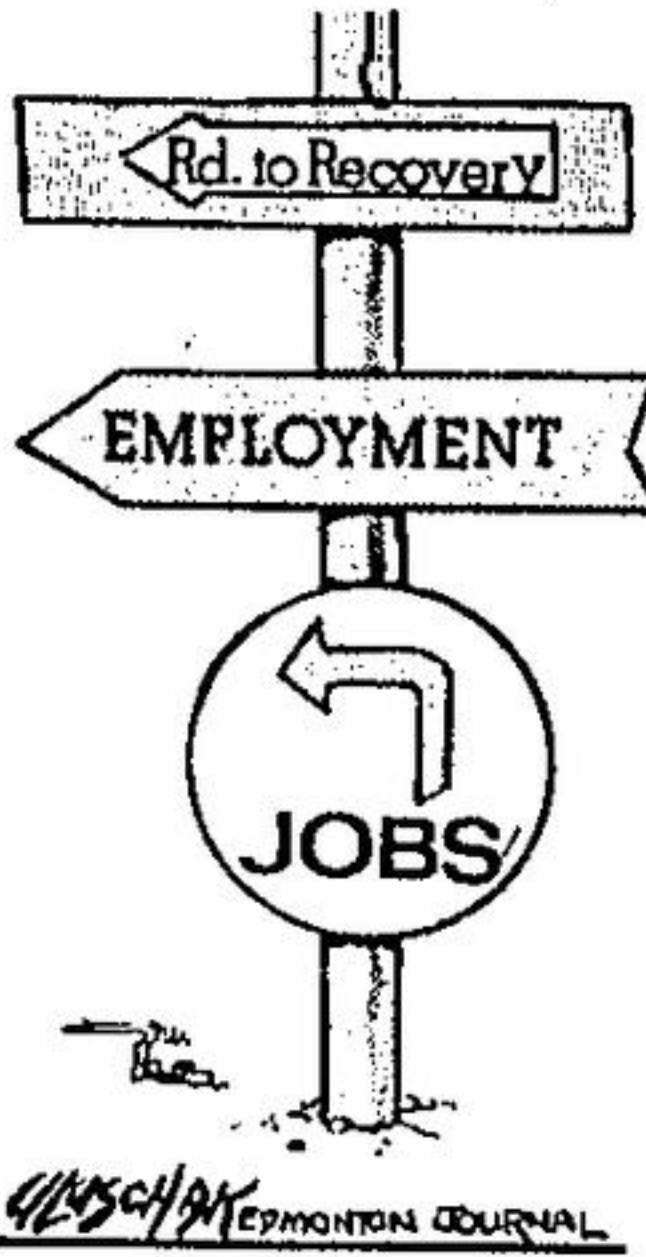
Partners in fighting crime: that's what we've always needed.

Too often the public are seen only as mute bystanders when it comes to aiding police in solving crimes.

But Crime Stoppers allows witnesses a chance to help police.

Anonymous tips from the public often give the police a better chance of catching their man.

Halton Hills doesn't have a Crime Stoppers program but we could have one soon, if the interest continues.



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THIRTY YEARS AGO—Fifteen members of the Canadian Legion's Branch 120 captured the Sybil Bennett Trophy at the Credit Valley Golf course. Top shooters for the Legion were Ken Nash and Hary Chappel.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sargent received a phone call from a woman asking if they had a box of Muffets. When they produced a box the Muffets' representative produced a \$100 bill.

Frank Palleson is the new engineer for Acton and Milton replacing Ross Simmons. He is a graduate of the University of Copenhagen and has worked for the Toronto firm Armstrong, Kingston and Hansen.

Clarence Anderson, a Union farmer, was appointed to the North Halton high school board. He is replacing George Cleave.

Cinemascope is going to be installed at the Roly Theatre. The screen will be 22 feet wide and 11½ feet high. Now many of the best movies will play Georgetown.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—George Colison started his job as Georgetown's Recreation Director. Volunteers are an important part of the recreation program he wants, he said.

Mrs. Diane Featherstone of 10 Eden Place has helped design a group for the housewives of Georgetown. Canadian Housewives Register has a branch started by Mrs. Featherstone in Bramalea where she just moved from. The group designed to develop the ladies' cultural and social interests will begin meeting officially next month.

Harry Wiston is the new secretary-treasurer of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Much of his experience was gained in the military. He was an administrator in Germany and he served as a member of the International Truce Supervisory Commission in Viet Nam.

Kinney Shoe store opened their 62nd store on the corner of Guelph Street and Mountainview Road. Mayor Steamer Emmerson was present to cut the ribbon.

Former Georgetown high school teacher Miss Gertrude Fatt is the new superintendent of special services for the Toronto Board of Education. Her salary is \$29,500 annually.

TEN YEARS AGO—Tom Brelsford is the new minister of the Mountainview Baptist Church. He studied at the McMaster Divinity College and has been a minister in Mountsberg and Westover.

Police Constable Mike Michalski will represent Georgetown at the sharp-shooting competition on the Oakville firing range. At regional headquarters he scored 238 out of 240.

Claire Wilson, Halton Hills' livestock valuator, reports that two of Russell Perry's sheep were killed by wolves. The Acton farmer will get \$90 compensation from the town.

The Georgetown Merchants were able to grab sole possession of second place because of two outstanding pitching performances. Bill Tilt threw a two hitter to defeat Palermo 4-0, and Steve Miller threw a three hitter to defeat Oakville by a 2 to 0 score.

Pastor Peter Ralph, his wife Sharon and four young people left for Montreal to participate in the aid project called Viet Nam Heartbeat. They will be sorting and distributing articles donated to the Vietnamese refugees.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Three Georgetown members of the local cricket club were picked to play in the district all-star game. Ashley Windsor, Jewwan Balkisson and Ashok Kumar were selected.

If the Georgetown Cricket Club defeats Milton they will secure first place in the Smith Division of the Hamilton and District Cricket League.

The council and Mayor Peter Pomeroy wished town lawyer Ray Steele farewell. He has been with Georgetown's legal firm Helson, McMillan, Kogon and Associates for nine years.

Georgetown's Doreen Thompson and Gerry Peace will meet Mississauga's Gerda Graft and Harvey Sadowick in the Buick International tennis championships at the Gordon Alcott courts. If they win they will be in the finals.

Efforts between Mr. Kozak and the Ministry of Health to arrange for him to become a landed immigrant in Canada with the possibility of opening a clinic, seems to be a stalemate. Kozak claims that it will take Canadian doctors, at least, one year of training with him to use his methods safely.

As of 1982, when a \$900,000 program based on his methods was commenced by the Ontario government, doctors had spent only one day examining patients in collaboration with Kozak.

Although a \$10,000 day retainer and \$750 per day salary was offered to him by the Ministry of Health, closer examination revealed that this contract was far less generous than it appeared to be on the surface.

Proposed working arrangements also did not meet the standards Kozak felt he would require.

Tony's pledge to raise one million dollars to send other for the treatment has almost been realized in the past four years. The Canadian Foundation for Chronic Skin Disease with Tony as president will no doubt surpass even his wildest dreams.

Tony Degabrielle is the special guest on Against the Odds Wednesday, September 4, at 7 p.m. or Thursday, September 19, at 5 on Halton Cable 4.

This column will return in mid-September. Until then I wish my readers an enjoyable summer.

Blue fuzz is everywhere

Persistence of Grit paranoia



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

The single, most unattractive feature of the Ontario Liberal Party is its paranoia. Everywhere Grits look they see a "blue conspiracy" or "blue haze" or "blue fuzz" (all phrases they've used in the past).

In opposition, that kind of mind set was probably useful. But now that they are the government one would have thought they'd have grown up a bit. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like it.

The latest incident involved the Campbell Grant report, an examination of allegations of improper influence being exercised by prominent Conservatives in the awarding of Ontario Hydro contracts.

The report was commissioned by former premier Bill Davis in 1977 after Tory names surfaced in evidence given during the Hamilton dredging trials scandal.

Davis refused to release it until those trials were finished. Attorney-General Ian Scott announced their conclusion just this week.

Letter to the editor

'Dead duck' Secondary Plans

Dear Sir,

In last Tuesday's Council meeting, the Georgetown South and West Secondary Plans as well as the controversial Transportation Study were adopted without dealing with, except in token measures, the legitimate concerns raised by a number of residents and backed by several hundred citizens who have attended the last number of council meetings.

The council adopted these Plans unanimously while the public looked on in utter amazement and disbelief. The council signified their assent in a recorded vote by standing with heads bowed around the oval council table, giving the unmistakable impression of mourning at a burial, which, in fact, it was.

The Secondary Plans, as presently constituted, are a dead duck, a non-starter, obsolete before they were even voted upon. The basic assumptions of the Secondary Plans are seriously flawed. Fundamental elements of any complex plan including identification of problems, alternative solutions, projected costs, scheduling of costs and responsibility of financing on the overall development has not been carried out.

Even after passing the Plans, neither the council, nor the Town Engineer, nor the Planner for that matter, have any idea of the total overall costs that may be incurred by the Town and/or Region beyond the patently untrue statement that all costs will be borne by the developer and that such and such services are Regional responsibilities.

While the developers will pick up the cost of servicing residential lots, the Region is obligated to provide serviced industrial lots and will therefore pick up their share of costs,

BEEN SHREDDED?

But before that Premier David Peterson, after rummaging through the premier's office files, complained he couldn't locate the report. "It's nowhere to be found", he said with an air of bewilderment (as one reporter wrote).

Since much material from the Conservative era had gone to the provincial archives, Peterson was asked if that's where he thought it was. "I'm not concerned about the provincial archives. I'm concerned it might be in the shredder. Who knows where it is?" he said.

The innuendo was clear. In opposition, the Liberals always appeared to believe the Campbell Grant report contained damaging conclusions about Tory actions in regard to the Hydro tenders. To prevent the Grits getting their hands on it the Conservatives had destroyed it rather than leave it behind, Peterson implied.

NOTHING THERE

Of course, Peterson's office didn't check with the Attorney-General's ministry, who had a copy of the report, quite naturally, since it was on that ministry's advice Davis hadn't released it in the first place.

Scott revealed it at the same time he announced no further prosecutions in the dredging trials. It totally cleared the Tories of "improprieties".

In the process, it made Peterson look a little foolish.

More important than the report itself, however, is what Peterson's rush to judgement showed about the persistence of paranoia in Grit ranks. Peterson is the premier. He might have checked with Scott.

Interestingly, Peterson's innuendos about the Campbell Grant report triggered a press release from Tory Bob Runciman, who reminded Peterson of his earlier charges against government liquor inspectors.

PAY UP

"I'm talking about the subtle and implied pressure that comes on (tavern) licensees to make their contributions to the Conservative Party or perhaps the liquor inspector may come in and you may get slapped with charges," Peterson said during the election campaign.

Now, however, he bristles whenever he is reminded of what he said.

That's likely because his comments were typical Liberal paranoia - whimsily fashioned from suspicion without much connection to reality. (If not, there should be an investigation and firings.)

Runciman wants an apology to the inspectors. It is doubtful they'll get it. As Peterson's remarks on the "missing" Campbell Grant report indicate, the paranoia lives on.

totalling tens of millions of dollars for sewage alone. These costs will certainly be reflected in our bi-monthly Regional water and sewage bills.

The costs for water pumping stations and distribution trunks, which again can run to tens of millions of dollars, cannot even be estimated at this point since sources of water supply have not even been identified. There is serious concern whether there will be an adequate supply for the total development. It is irresponsible and contrary to good engineering practice to adopt the Secondary Plan without such fundamental information.

The basic concept of the Secondary Plan is centred around the assumption of an interchange of 9th Line, Highway 401 and the new proposed Highway 407. The concept of a "major new entranceway" into Georgetown, focusing on 9th Line and Mountainview and dumping into a major residential area, was conceived based on this assumption. The Transportation Study, and all of its traffic predictions, were rooted in this concept.

On the evening that council adopted the Plans and in response to the public's written submissions, the Town Engineer advised that the 9th Line-401-407 had no priority. He further advised that the Winston Churchill-401 interchange would become operational in 1987-88.

With this stunning advice, the whole basis of the Secondary Plan was demolished. But except for Coun. Levy's timid expression of his concern that, possibly, this might affect the basis of the Secondary Plan, not one further word or consideration was given by council or staff to the destruction of this basic tenet of the Secondary Plan. It was impossible to conceive that council would proceed with the adoption of the Plan in this light, but they did.

The whole purpose of the meeting last Tuesday was to consider the responses by staff to the written submissions and presentations of concern made by residents at the July 8 public meetings, yet there was not one word of discussion on these matters by council or staff beyond Coun. Levy seeking assurance from staff that they had replied to the public's concerns. Staff's response to the public's written submissions was only just released Tuesday afternoon. One can only conclude that council and staff judged these concerns to be trivial and they were obviously not considered before the vote that same evening.

With the exception of Couns. Serjeantson, Levy and Sheldon, who at least voiced some of the concerns of the public, the balance of the council did not participate in the debate beyond a few platitudes. A number of councillors

Poets' Corner

Simply living gives the soul an address
Loving makes the body a welcoming portal.
MARLOWE C. DICKSON
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'The Rolls Royce War'



CLERGY COMMENT

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As a pastor I am supposed to listen with a sympathetic ear to people's troubles. In a dispute I am to listen to both sides with equal sympathy. But I am having trouble mustering any sympathy for either side in the baseball players' strike.

Financial complaints ring a bit hollow when so many of the principles on both sides can afford to do their grumbling while riding in a Rolls Royce. They cannot remember making mortgage payments on their first or even their second homes.

One has trouble viewing the players as downtrodden "labor". Their average salary is many times that of the average Canadian. It takes a Ph.D. in mathematics just to write the paychecks for the richest players.

What one of them gives out each year in tips would cover my congregation's annual budget.

How about the owners? They agreed to pay those astronomical sums. So far they have been meeting their payrolls. The capital value of a major league franchise would pay my salary for about a thousand years.

I am exaggerating. There are real economic issues at stake, business matters which I do not claim to understand. But then, I still remember my surprise, my incredulity, as a boy on being told that men were actually being paid to play baseball - a game I loved to play for free.

I love this sport. As a boy my childish pictures of heaven included playing baseball. I would gladly play for the Blue Jays yet. They would not have to pay me a million dollars a year. Nine hundred and fifty thousand would be quite enough. Are you listening, Mr. Gillick?

All right. Let's finally get serious. There must be lessons in the lunacy. For one thing, money does not satisfy. For another, greed is a mighty motive. Money does not satisfy. If it did, all

the millionaires would stop worrying about it. Most rich people are still scrambling for more bucks just like the average Jack and Jill. Money may end some worries and desires sometimes, but it gives rise to others that take their place.

Real satisfaction is a spiritual matter, not a material one. The Bible tells us that, but many people never learn it. Some learn it only after painfully failing to find satisfaction in things and money and possessions. Only with faith in Christ can the human heart finally be at ease.

Greed is a mighty motive. It is a sin - making a false god out of money and possessions. But it is a reality for all of us in this world. If greed were not a problem for me, I would not feel more secure on payday when I have a few twenties in my wallet.

Greed is a sin - a sin for which Christ died. Forgiveness for His sake is the only forgiveness there is. Christ's love and forgiveness is the only motivation for a different, selfless life.

Only Jesus can strike out sin and hit a home run against selfishness. But there I go, talking about baseball again.