

Opponents to plan

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was filed with The Herald for publication.

The Honourable Bernard Grandmaître
Minister of Municipal Affairs and
Housing,
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2E5
Dear Mr. Grandmaître,

This letter is to record our opposition to the process that is being followed in the adoption of the Georgetown South and West Secondary Plans. These have been submitted for approval to your office as Amendments 3, 4 and 5 to the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and are currently being reviewed by your staff. In particular we perceive that Town Council is acting without due process in their intention to give Enterac Limited Draft Plan Approval for the first phase of the development before the Secondary Plan has obtained final Ministerial approval.

As residents we are following the proper channels as we perceive them; we have expressed our concerns at the local level, will shortly do so at the Regional level, and are currently preparing a case seeking referral to the Ontario Municipal Board. The proposed first phase of the development lies entirely within the area of the Georgetown South Secondary Plan and as such, any approval of a proposed Plan of Subdivision by Council at this time is a circumvention of the public's right to proper consideration of their concerns at all three levels of government. We seek the assurance of the Government of Ontario that ground will not be broken on the said property until such time as the due process required by the Planning Act is fulfilled.

The following points have led us to believe that Council is acting prematurely. In doing so they are negating our well intentioned attempts to open channels of communication so that the whole issue can be resolved at the local level.

1) A report from the Town of Halton Hills Planning Department dated 1985-08-01 (Report 85-57, page 18, item 1), which was released to Council September 20, 1985, contains the following summation of one of Halton Region's concerns, "They (the Region) advocate, and Town staff endorse the adoption of the secondary plans prior to the consideration of this draft plan of subdivision. Although they cite a Ministry's letter that concludes the subdivision is premature until the Secondary Plan has obtained final approval, senior Ministry staff advise that the Town may ignore that observation and indicate a revised letter is being finalized and forwarded."

2) We have been advised that

Council intends to accept the above noted contradictory verbal advice of the senior Ministry staff and give approval to the Draft Plan of Subdivision at their committee meeting September 23, 1985 and formally at the Council Meeting of September 30, 1985 completely ignoring the Ministry's original letter which clearly states that "the subdivision is premature until the Secondary Plan has obtained final approval."

3) The Council and the lawyer for the developer are acutely aware that residents are preparing submissions that, if "push comes to shove", will establish a case for referral of Amendments 3, 4 and 5 of the Official Plan to the Ontario Municipal Board (please refer to letter of August 18, 1985 to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from P.W. Woolgar).

We endorse the original view expressed in the Ministry's letter that it is entirely premature for the Town Council to consider approval of the Draft Plan before the Minister has approved the governing Secondary Plan. To ignore this and proceed with the Draft Plan Approval of the Subdivision at this time prejudices the decision of the Minister and negates any opportunity of successful negotiations between The Council of the Town of Halton Hills and the people that they represent. It is too late to negotiate once the shovels are in the ground.

The "public input" process as outlined in the Planning Act is nowhere near completion. It is inconceivable to us that the only recourse should be an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board - a recourse which is a very costly and time consuming exercise for all parties concerned.

Local problems should be solved at the local level. We respectfully request that the Minister and his Staff intercede in this issue and give direction to the Council of the Town of Halton Hills and its Staff to prevent the subversion of the normal planning process.

We specifically request that no Subdivision Plan be awarded implied legitimacy through any degree of formal approval by Town or Regional Council until the Minister approves the Secondary Plan or refers it to the Ontario Municipal Board for a full hearing.

We further request that, at your earliest convenience, you and your officials receive a delegation to further discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Peter W. Woolgar P. Eng.,
11 Eden Place,
Brian J. Steinback P. Eng.,
180 Mountainview,
Betty Fisher,
294 Delrex

Report reveals

Critical need for emergency housing

Emergency shelter is a critical need in the region of Halton that must be addressed.

The Halton Social Planning Council recently released a report, "Emergency Shelter in Halton: Who Needs It?", that documents requests for shelter made by residents of Halton and provides a profile of the individuals making the requests.

A total of 704 requests for emergency shelter (up to two weeks) were documented, 524 made to 38 Halton agencies and 180 to 13 hostels in neighbouring communities. Shelter was provided to only 363 (52 percent) of these individuals.

Film about escarpment

By Kay Wilson
Herald correspondent
Norval Woman's Institute met at the home of president Mrs. Amy Burke on Thursday Sept. 12 at 8 p.m.

Following the opening exercises secretary Mrs. Margaret Hunter read the minutes and roll call was answered by a special happening this past summer.

Susanne Herald of the Niagara Escarpment showed a film on the escarpment which extends from the states up to Manitoulin Island. Susanne was presented with a bouquet of gladiolus.

Four members were appointed to the Guelph area convention at St. Agatha on October 17 and 18, including the president and secretary Mrs. Jean May and Mrs. Gladys Chester.

Plans were also made for two members to serve lunch for Heritage Day at the Bennett Estate on October 8. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Margurite Hunter.

Whilst most (170 or 97 percent) of the people requesting shelter outside the Region received shelter, only 189 (38 percent) of those requesting assistance from Halton agencies were accommodated (most by Halton Women's Place). Not counting the emergency shelter provided by Halton Women's Place, only 12 people received shelter assistance in Halton compared to 174 outside the Region.

In addition to the emergency shelter requests there were 54 documented requests for short term shelter (two weeks to three months) and 242 for long term (over three months). Of these 270 were made to Halton agencies (45 short term, 25 long term) and 26 to agencies outside the Region (9 short term, 17 long term). Once again, the majority (62 percent) of those requesting shelter outside the Region received assistance while only 9 percent of the requests to Halton agencies were accommodated.

With few exceptions, the profile of the residents whose shelter needs were documented in this study are similar throughout the municipalities in this Region. For the most part, individuals seeking emergency and long term shelter were under 25 years of age, single, had no dependents and were either unemployed or students. Halton Hills and nonspecified municipalities showed some difference with a greater proportion of requests coming from residents over 25 years and married with dependents. They also documented several requests from seniors and disabled.

Documented short term housing requests were largely from residents over 25 years, who were a blend of married and single (most with no dependents). Low income appears to

be a common denominator in most of the documented requests as evidenced by the high incidence of singles, youth, unemployed, students, disabled and seniors requesting shelter. All of these groups traditionally have had limited in-

comes and experienced financial difficulties in meeting their basic needs.

While the study provides valuable information about the documented requests, no information is available regarding Halton residents who

may have requested shelter from non-participating agencies, made temporary arrangements with a variety of friends or acquaintances or who sleep in parks, stairwells, laundromats and similar places in the community. The Halton Social

Planning Council has established local committees in Burlington, Oakville and North Halton to develop plans to meet the needs identified in the study.

For further information please contact Elaine Eastman at 827-7297.

Halton Hills Arts Council

By GRETCHEN DAY
Herald Columnist

In some ways I feel more encouraged about the arts and education after talking last week to Mr. Jack Redmile, chairman of the Creative Arts for the Halton Board of Education.

To begin with, although the education ministry has changed the secondary school diploma to four years instead of five in the arts, Grade 13 is still available as an advanced level course if needed for university on an independent study basis.

Another positive thing about the new ministry guidelines, called OSIS, is that every student must take an art or music course in high school, contrary to the previous choice of either one arts or one physical education. According to Mr. Redmile, this should give the arts "the shot in the arm" that has been needed.

It will also be a real challenge to art and music teachers to provide Grade 9 and 10 courses that are stimulating, interesting and productive in order to encourage the students to want to take more arts courses in the future.

Those who enjoy the arts but feel they are wanting in talent, will be relieved to know that

Needless to say, having heard so much optimism about the arts in the schools, I look forward to talking to the teachers, principals and children to find out their opinions on the topic.

each class is now approached at three different levels - basic, general and advanced, working on the same basis as the one room school house where each level helps the others.

This three level system is particularly good in the music classes or most don't get involved with the difficult operation of instruments in the earlier grades.

It is also refreshing to know that, according to Mr. Redmile's findings, most schools from kindergarten to Grade eight often exceed the minimal numbers of hours suggested by the ministry for the teaching of the arts.

In the case of the visual arts, this is perhaps the result of a terrific curriculum booklet that explains thoroughly, with detailed diagrams a multitude of art projects stating each one's aims and objectives, instructions, learning potential and more.

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This Amendment involves the rezoning of a .64 acre property described as Part Lot 27, Concession 2 which is located at the intersection of Mill Street and Cobble Hill Road in the community of Acton, to permit the development of the property for single family dwellings.

Further information is available at the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

Time: 7:20 p.m.
Date: Monday, Sept. 30, 1985
Place: Municipal Administration Building
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Bruce D. MacLean, M.C.I.P.
Deputy Planning Director

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Figures for bikes not right

Dear Sir,
Your article in the Sept. 11 edition of your newspaper concerning motorcycle accident statistics quotes the old saying "Figures don't lie."

Unfortunately those used by your reporter do lie - because they are not the correct ones as published last week by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. The official statistics indicate that while the number of motorcycles on Ontario roads increased 22.2 per cent between 1982 and 1984 (from 119,641 to 146,205) the number of fatalities increased only 7.1 per cent (from 126 to 135) in the same period. Motorcycle fatalities in 1984 were 11.9 per cent (135 out of 1132) of the total road accident deaths, 57 per cent of the 116 motorcycle drivers who died had consumed alcohol before the accident. 49.1 per cent of all drivers killed who were tested (574) were either legally impaired or had been drinking.

These last figures indicate that the criticism of the vehicle type as unsafe, be it automobile or motorcycle or whatever, is unwarranted. It is the drunken driver who is the cause of his own and too many others' misery.

Yours sincerely,
Allan F. Johnson,
Georgetown

EDITOR'S NOTE: Of course, Mr. Johnson is correct about the type of vehicle as being unimportant where alcohol abuse by a driver is concerned. Nevertheless, a summer '85 publication by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications entitled Ontario Traffic Safety, indicates that in 1984 140 motorcyclists were killed. In 1982 this figure was 126 fatalities.

Police beat

A Buick Skylark was hit by a red car which left the scene Saturday night. The scene was 82 Prince Charles Drive and \$600 damage was done to the Skylark.

Favourite Recipes
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RANGER COOKIES

Cream together 1/2 cup margarine, 1/2 cup white sugar, 1/2 cup brown sugar.
Add 1 egg, well beaten, and 1/2 tsp. vanilla.
Sift together 1 cup flour, 1/2 tsp. soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. baking powder. Add to sugar mixture with 1 cup rolled oats, 1 cup Rice Krispies, and 6 oz. chocolate chips.
Drop by teaspoon full on lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350° until done.

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