

Region says no to municipal non-profit housing

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Why aren't Regional councillors doing a few handspins to solve Halton's crisis in housing, the way they were when they heard an automaker was interested in locating in the Region, demanded an angry Oakville councillor last week.

Coun. Kevin Flynn says Halton has a housing shortage that isn't going to go away but is just going to get worse.

"Affordable housing appears to be a problem on a number of reports we receive at council," Coun. Flynn observed. "Report after report

states the repercussions on people who can't find affordable housing to rebuild their lives and stop being a burden to this region."

He wanted Halton to look into the legal and financial implications of establishing a municipal non-profit corporation for housing in Halton.

It was turned down in a 5-14 recorded vote. Couns. Rick Bonnette, John McDonald, Marilyn Serjeantson and Pam Sheldon voted against it. Mayor Russ Miller was absent, as was Regional Chairman Peter Fomeroy.

Halton's recent bids to establish non-profit housing through the

private sector have been turned down by the Ministry of Housing for 1986 and 1987. A report on the cost, advantages, and disadvantages of municipal sponsorship of affordable housing is to be studied by the Halton Housing Advisory Committee.

Coun. Flynn pointed to information that other municipalities were able to operate non-profit housing corporations at no expense to the regional taxpayer.

"I'm assuming we'll be as efficient and there won't be any cost to this region," he said, urging councillors to make a move now rather

than wait six months for the Housing Advisory Committee's comments.

Housing Co-ordinator Stan Barkowitz said establishing a municipal non-profit housing corporation will take substantial manpower and several months and will require the skills of Halton's legal and finance departments.

Burlington Coun. Barry Quinn said a plan has been set in motion to find out about affordable housing for the Region. A housing co-ordinator was hired and now a first draft of a housing report is due in September, to come to council in late October.



Bill Johnson

"We may look at municipal housing as the means to provide those much needed houses in this community," Coun. Quinn said. "We

should allow the committee to look at all aspects of affordable housing in Halton and come back with their report. We're not sure municipal housing is the best way to go. We're still hoping to get non-profit private housing to take on the problems we have."

If Mr. Quinn's recommendation is followed, Halton will be ready to apply in July 1987 for a housing grant from the province for 1988, Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson was told.

"When we needed housing was yesterday, not September or December," Milton Coun. Bill Johnson said.

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In the hills

Run for Terry

The Terry Fox Run in Acton Sept. 14 is being opened by the president of the Acton Royal Canadian Legion, Fred Allen.

The Legion was honored with the Acton Citizens of the Year award recently.

In other new developments, Jack Tanner's Table has offered a dinner for two prize for a random draw the day of the event.

The run begins at 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Pledge forms are available in Acton at a variety of locations, including the banks and post office and some variety stores.

Not forgotten

Terry Fox isn't a forgotten name in Georgetown.

On Sept. 14 runners will be participating in the sixth annual Run for Terry at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Application forms will be available at all local schools, said organizer Pat Powers. You can also pick up pledge forms at the site, when the run begins at 8 a.m. and continues till 3 p.m.

Participants are asked to find sponsors who pay a set amount for each kilometre that is completed.

For more information call 877-3870.

Reding ready

The new Halton Hills separate high school, Bishop Reding Secondary School, is ready to open its doors Sept. 3.

The focus, goal and theme of the first year at the school will be Together in His Name, revealed in an August newsletter.

The official blessing of the school will be Nov. 9 by the Most Reverend Anthony Tomos D.D., Bishop of Hamilton.

A yearbook is already planning and you can phone at 876-2205 if you're interested in advertising in the book.

Glory days

It was Linfield's Glory's first showing and the four-year-old horse trotted away with a first in the buggy class at the Canadian National Exhibition Sunday evening.

Linfield's Glory belongs to Don and Joanne Heath of Hornby, who got him just last fall.

The couple have been taking part in local exhibitions in the roadster class for 15 years. They have two horses competing at the CNE this year.

Reward system

A budget is to be established by council for giving rewards to people who provide information that leads to the conviction of vandals.

Councillors decided to have a budget and implementation procedures for this move to curb vandalism.

"We have established a bylaw without a budget to deal with it," Coun. Betty Fisher said as the clock moved towards 1 a.m. Monday night, Aug. 18. "We're going to look so stupid coming up with no money for information on a case."

"It's much too late to worry about it. I mean looking stupid," Mayor Russ Miller said as council laughed.

No stop signs

There'll be no stop signs put up at Main and Prince Streets in Glen Williams, council decided.

Monday night's decision agreed with the recommendation of the town engineering report on the intersection.

Traffic volumes determine where multi-way stops go up, and the volume at Main and Prince Streets was found to be much less than the required 500 vehicles per hour requirement.

The average speed on Main Street was found to be 45 kilometers per hour, indicating speeding isn't a problem there, the report states.

Coun. Peter Norton agreed with the council decision, saying it shouldn't take motorists a half hour to drive through the Glen. He pointed out a telephone pole, however, reduces visibility in the intersection. It will be looked into, Town Engineer Bob Austin said.

Out to sea



It took more than one councillor to push out the blue paddle boat holding Mayor Russ Miller (left) and Recreation Director Tom Shepard into Fairy Lake, Ward 1 Couns. Rick Bonnette (left) and Norm Elliott joined forces Saturday afternoon at the official opening for the new Prospect Park boathouse. Unfortunately, many of the activities were rained out. (Herald photo)

Shot in Ballinacfad

Campbell series settles in for second TV season

The movie cameras are back at Scotsdale for another season of shooting.

John Delmage of Settler Films says his company will be producing another 30 episodes of The Campbells, the family adventure series to appear on CTV starting Sept. 7. It has a budget of \$6.6 million.

Last year, 22 episodes of The Campbells were produced, at \$4.4 million and they've been aired internationally since. It was back in January that CTV tested the series for audience reaction by airing a one-hour special, then three of the half-hour shows.

The success of that short run convinced CTV to order another 30 episodes. CTV will be carrying the program through the fall and winter, airing 20 episodes produced last year and six this year.

Although the interior scenes are shot in a studio in Toronto's west end, the outdoor shots are all done in Halton Hills, at the former Bennett farm.

Last year, the crew spent 20 weeks filming outdoor scenes at Scotsdale Farm, and this year they plan to spend 27 weeks doing the same.

"Every episode, we're up at the farm three or four days," Mr. Delmage said.

The filming crew also spent three weeks in Scotland shooting two episodes there, last year. In February, they plan to do the same, spending five weeks to shoot three more episodes of The Campbells.



Eric Richardson

Mr. Delmage said. "It is a bit hectic, but we'll pull it off," he laughed.

Filming at Scotsdale actually began June 9, and the schedule shows it wrapping up in March, 1987. The crew will take December off, the producer said.

The series will start with a one hour special in September the same one which CTV aired back in January, then, you can catch it Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. "We're the lead into (The Bill) Cosby (Show)," Mr. Delmage said. "We'll be appearing regularly through till next spring."

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In the United States, the series aired last year on the Christian Broadcast Network, and will continue with the next 30 episodes, the

show's producer said.

ITV Network in the United Kingdom started airing The Campbells in late April and is still airing the series and doing very well with it," Mr. Delmage said.

Why is the show getting a good response?

"It's good entertainment and a series that has a good look to it with beautiful photography," Mr. Delmage explained. "We have fairly strong characters and stories, and a wonderful cast. I think it's the combination of this plus the fact it's period with historical accuracy to it."

"It's something different and real bright. It's up," he said.

Fremantle International is distributing the series internationally for Mr. Delmage.

"We've sold it in Europe already, in the Caribbean and Australia," he named.

The Campbells is the story of a Scottish family in Upper Canada. The first two episodes are about them making their decision to come to Canada.

The filming will use the same actors and actresses as last year. All are Canadians except for Malcolm Stoddard who plays Dr. James Campbell.

Other principal players are: John Wildman, Amber-Lea Weston and Eric Richardson. They play Dr. Campbell's children. Supporting actors are: Cedric Smith, Brigit Wilson and Wendy Lyon.

In Norval

Residents oppose shop permit

Norval residents want a full explanation about why a building permit was issued to a Draper Street bodyshop, without their knowing about it.

Danny and Sons Auto Sales Ltd. at 11 Draper St. was issued a building permit by the town in mid-February. The application was approved by town building inspector Doug Sargent.

It wasn't until this month that Norval residents learned a two-storey, three-bay building was going up on their dead end street.

Saturday night, Draper Street residents held a meeting with Coun. Joe Hewitt in attendance. Together, they decided to air their grievances publicly at the next council meeting, Sept. 8.

"They're all 100 per cent in favor of objecting to this building that's gone up," Draper Street resident Dorothy McLean said. "We want to have some explanations why he got a building permit to do what he did."

Danny and Sons is an auto body shop owned and operated by Danny

Italiano on a pie-shaped lot that backs onto the Norval Community Centre's sportsfield.

"It's a small lot. He has all those old cars which he repairs, paints and auctions off," Mr. McLean said. "He said he would only have five or six of them at a time, but the lot is crammed, and they're right on the weeping bed."

Little town grows

The go-ahead for a 13-home subdivision in Acton is a "giant leap" for Acton, said a smiling Coun. Rick Bonnette at last week's Halton Regional council meeting.

"There does appear to be daylight at the end of the tunnel for Acton," he said, calling himself the "rep. from the little town that's growing."

The 13-home subdivision that got Ministry of the Environment approval recently is the Cedar Roads Development project for behind the Acton High School.

Coun. Hewitt was reluctant to discuss the matter because he said it could end up being a legal matter.

"I advised the residents on what their rights are and how they could proceed if they didn't want the building there," he said.

"Somebody's going to be sued one way or the other. The residents may sue the town," Coun. Hewitt said.

"When you've got banging and clanging going on in a residential area, nothing could make residents happy."

Mr. Italiano tore down an old shed and built a larger two storey structure in its place. There is some question as to whether it conforms to the zoning bylaw for the property.

Mrs. McLean said she'd been told by Coun. Pam Sheldon and Mayor Russ Miller there were "irregularities" over the changes to the property.

"I know the town's on the spot. They can't make him (Italiano) tear it down because he's got his permit," she said.

Cheltenham brick plant doubtful

Brampton Brick Limited won't be putting a brick manufacturing plant in Cheltenham, says a Peel Regional councillor.

Caledon East Coun. Don Currie says the brick company intends to haul out the aggregate from the former Cheltenham Brickworks site instead of building a plant there.

"If the zoning is there, I don't see why they couldn't haul out the aggregate," Mr. Currie said. "There's enough aggregate there for another 100 years."

Brampton Brick director Jeff Kerbel told The Herald the company is considering its options and plans to make an announcement in a couple of weeks.

"There are a lot of things we have been considering but we haven't at this point made any positive, final plans," Mr. Kerbel said. "The development permit is still there. We intend to build a plant."

Brampton Brick wants to extract and manufacture bricks on the site, and submitted plans for a development permit and licence in 1981.

Even if the company puts off its plans to manufacture bricks on its Cheltenham property, "it would always be our intention to, at some point in the future, do so," Mr. Kerbel said.

"It isn't as affordable to be off-site -- not as economical from our point of view," he said.

Coun. Currie said area residents don't want any aggregate extraction or brick making in their neighborhood.

"I don't think they'll be happy," he said of the company's option to

just extract aggregate.

In March, People for the Preservation of Rural Living filed an application with the Niagara Escarpment Commission for an amendment to the NEC Plan. The neighbors want the Cheltenham Brickworks site redesignated from a mineral resource extraction area to "Escarpment natural" and "Escarpment protection" areas.

NEC senior planner Ken Whitbread said the neighbors' amendment is slowly going through the system. Right now, it's being circulated for comment to municipalities and government agencies. No hearings have been scheduled or held, he said.

Bob Long, planning consultant with R.J. Long Consulting Ltd. is employed by Brampton Brick.

"No, they definitely haven't decided to pull out," Mr. Long said. "Quite a number of the approvals have been obtained and I think the development permit and licence application will be activated in early September."

Brampton Brick had put its application for a licence and development permit on hold in the spring, intending to deal with ways to make government agencies and the public happy.

Coun. Currie won't be happy if Brampton Brick decides to pull out or if it only mines the aggregate from Caledon, he said.

"As far as the Town of Caledon is concerned, it will be seeing twice the truck traffic because it takes two times as much aggregate to make the brick," Coun. Currie said.

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Something new is happening to viced setting while no one is at home. Holy Cross Separate School in the Seen here trying out the chalkboard fall. The school is starting a YMCA with their teacher Wendy Stephens. First Base program, designed for are (from left to right) Amy Clark, parents who are working and want 7, Keith Coulson, 8, Aaron Depina- to keep their children under a super- cke, 9, and Angela Coulson, 10.