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In Georgetown

Town helps trailer park to relocate

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Town council will help residents of Willow Park Trailer Park in Norval look for a new home.
Councillors voted Oct. 5 to help the 30 families in Willow Park search for a new site after a detailed presentation by Roger Perryman, a resident of the trailer park.
Willow Park is located on a floodplain which poses a major threat to residents there once the Halton Hills Village subdivision is completed.
Storm sewers in the subdivision would increase the flow of water into Silver Creek during a storm subjecting Willow Park to flood conditions.

Mr. Perryman defended the lifestyles of trailer park residents who are often the victims of miscast stereotypes, he says.
Trailers in Willow Park are selling for close to \$50,000, Mr. Perryman said.
"There are a lot of uninformed ideas of people that have never seen

a trailer park," he said.
Many people believe the homes are "lower class" and "run down," he said.
"We believe mobile homes are an easy way to get into the housing market," Mr. Perryman said.
Retirees on fixed income and young families eager to build up some equity are ideal candidates for a mobile home, he said.
"We feel that relocation is the best solution for Halton Hills in general," he said.

"We feel that we have the right to choose our lifestyle. We feel that we shouldn't be forced to change our lifestyle because of development in Halton Hills," Mr. Perryman argued.
Residents of Willow Park are living with uncertainty he said. "The uncertainty that we have hanging on us right now is very hard to live with," he said.
"If a park is not made available then Halton Hills will lose its only affordable housing," he said.



Feet first

Resting their feet after a four kilometre walk for the United Way Sunday is Shawn Dunlop (7), Erin Shillington (6) and Leigh Shillington (9). The United Way held the walkathon to raise funds for its annual campaign. Walkers could complete either an eight kilometre route of cut that in half to four kilometres. The United Way pulled in over 1,828 from the efforts of 42 walkers. (Herald photo)

Halton's landfill crisis a political hot potato

Halton Region will decide today how to act on staff recommendations to have all of the Region's garbage exported when the Burlington landfill site closes at the end of January.

But the garbage crisis is becoming a political hot potato and the Planning and Public Works Committee was unable to make a decision on the recommendations Sept. 30.
Region staff have told councillors Halton's transfer capacity must be expanded by April. To do that the Region must either expand the Burlington transfer station or build new transfer stations. One new station costs about \$2.5 million.

Region staff have said the cheapest option would be to expand the current Burlington transfer station at the dump at a cost of about \$400,000.
But Burlington councillors are crying foul. Halton has made previous commitments not to expand the Burlington dump but they were forced to do just that at least twice before.

Burlington councillors say it's time to honor that commitment.
The Region "should honor its commitment and close the entire landfill site (once the dump is full in January)," Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkewich said.
You do not have the financial analyses over a long period of time (to prove the Burlington expansion would be cheaper)," he added.

"It's pretty damn poor faith to say we're stuck so to heck with the commitments," Burlington Councillor Joan Little said.
"You know that's really crummy faith."
But Halton Hills Councillor Pam Sheldon disputed the claim that a commitment had been made to close the transfer station.

"At no time, until we got this report (from Region staff), did I understand a commitment to not expand the landfill site to also mean a commitment to not expand the transfer station," she said.
Region staff have recommended building one or two more transfer stations in south Halton and Milton would truck its waste to the Georgetown transfer station.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller was cautious about that proposal.
"I'm not anxious to see all the garbage trucks in Milton coming to Halton Hills," he said.

"We must have more truck traffic than any other municipality in Halton so it would be very easy to support a transfer site in Milton," he said.

"It isn't beyond the realms of possibility for municipalities to erect their own transfer sites," said Regional Chairman...
"I can't believe that we're here talking about going north to go south," Councillor Sheldon said of the Milton to Georgetown waste disposal proposal.

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"Closing one transfer site (at the current landfill site) and asking them to open another one doesn't make sense," she added.
"I think the whole thing is irresponsible and it's stupid. It's political," she said.
"This has been nothing but politics from day one," said Oakville Councillor Fred Oliver.

POWER waits for firm to make dump proposal

A local group's attempts to oppose the private proposal of a dumpsite in the Acton quarry have been put on hold until the private proposal is formally submitted.

"Because no final proposal is forthcoming for some time from Shielding to the Ministry of the Environment P.O.W.E.R. (Protect Our Environment Resources) had decided to channel its energies into finding a solution to the garbage problem," says P.O.W.E.R. spokesperson Darlene Kirwin.
P.O.W.E.R. President Ruth French said the Ministry of the Environment sent Shieldings Inc. "back to the drawing table" in July when it decided the firm would have to apply for the dump under the Environment Assessment Act.

Shieldings is the parent firm of Reclamation Systems Inc., formally Concor Waste Disposal.
Reclamation systems is the firm in charge of the Acton Quarry Proposal.

Such a ruling by the Ministry is unusual as most private companies go through the less stringent regulations of the Environment Protection Act.
Any public company, such as a Region or a municipality, must app-

Some councillors are angry at the Environment Ministry or forcing an Environmental Protection Act hearing on a proposal by Walker Brothers of Thorold to accept Halton's municipal waste.

The Region had hoped to start shipping its garbage there in October. But until that hearing is finished, probably by the end of 1987, that process has been put on hold.

"Come next February if we don't take some action here, there's going to be green garbage bags sitting on people's lawn next spring," Mr. Pomeroy said.

Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz thinks a joint Oakville Burlington search may not come up with an agreeable transfer site location.
"What happens then? Where does the economics go then? I think that's likely what could happen," Mayor Krantz said.

Our teachers have what Metro wants

By MARY-LIZ SHAW
Herald Staff

If Toronto's elementary school teachers lived in Halton, they might be still working.

Halton Elementary Teachers' Association president Colton Roberts said elementary teachers in this area received up to 100 minutes of preparation time as part of a two-year contract in 1985.

The HETA agreement also states that teachers will receive no less than 80 minutes per week or 16 minutes of preparation time per day. The Metro Teachers' Association was originally asking for 180 minutes per week while the Metropolitan Toronto School Board was offering 80 minutes.

Although the teachers' association later decreased its offer to 120 minutes per week, talks have since broken down between the two sides. Neither side expects negotiations to resume before the end of this week.

"We're watching the situation (in Toronto) with some interest," said Colton Roberts. "Preparation time is an issue for us locally."

Mr. Roberts noted that elementary teachers in Halton have never gone on strike. According to the Metro School Board, the current elementary teachers strike is the first in the federation's history since it was formed in 1975.

"It's unfortunate teachers feel upset enough to go on strike," Mr. Roberts said. "But, it is a legitimate strike and a legitimate contract issue."

HETA's contact expires at the end of this year. When negotiations begin in January between the federation and the Halton Board of Education, a new contract will cover the 1987-88 school year, Mr. Roberts said.

The HETA President could not explain why the issue of preparation time was settled so easily in Halton. He noted, however, that the teachers' federations in Toronto deal on two levels.

Seven distinct boards negotiate certain issues, while others come under the larger Metropolitan Toronto School Board. The current debate is "much more complex" because it is a Metro Toronto concern, Mr. Roberts said.

Firefighters extinguish two car fires

Firefighters responded to two car fires last week. The first occurred on Wednesday at 35 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown. A fire started in the engine of a 1977 Country Squire station wagon at about 12:30 p.m. Damages are estimated at \$1000.

Another car fire on Thursday morning caused \$10,000 damage to a 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The car was parked in front of 49 Deltex Blvd. the cause of the blaze is undetermined, fire officials said.

Firemen also answered three rescuator calls in Acton on Friday and Saturday. In all cases, the victim had recovered by the time the fire department arrived.

On Saturday at about 9:30 a.m. firefighters were called to the railroad tracks near lot 20, concession 8 to extinguish a fire in a box car. Officials said the car was not damaged. The fire consisted of piles of garbage.

A furnace backfired in a home at lot 22, concession 6, causing some smoke damage to the inside of the house. Fire officials said, however, the damage was not extensive. There was no fire. The fire department responded to the call Sunday at about 4 p.m.

Firefighters also responded to two false alarms at the Acton High School and Curwood Packaging on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown. The first call came at about 6 a.m. Friday and the second occurred at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

In the hills

Christmas crafts

It's not too early to start shopping for Christmas gifts and crafts. To prove the point, Arts and Crafts of Georgetown is holding its 45th annual exhibition and sale Oct. 17 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 and a buffet luncheon is available.

Early deadlines

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next Monday, the Herald's classified and display advertising deadlines have been moved forward. The ad deadline for next week's newspaper is Friday at 5 p.m.

News submissions should also be brought in Friday to ensure publication in the Wednesday paper. For more information call 877-2201.

Boy recovers

A seven-year-old boy, who was hit by a tractor-trailer while he was getting off a school bus, was released from hospital on the weekend.

Paul Brownridge suffered major injuries when a truck driver could not stop his rig in time for a school bus on Trafalgar Road. The Georgetown boy, who attends Pineview School, was hit by the truck as it passed along the shoulder of the road and went into the ditch. The accident occurred September 25 at about 3:30 p.m.

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Pumpkin dance

P.O.W.E.R. (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) invites you to a "Pumpkin Dump Dance".

This Halloween costume dance is being held on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Sit 'N Bull Restaurant on Main Street in Acton.

Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased from Nigel Pettifer at 853-2456, the Linchouse General Store, Osborne Decor in Noval, and the Sit 'N Bull Restaurant in Acton.

Accountant needed

Do you have some practical knowledge of accounting that you would like to put to good use? The Physically Handicapped Citizens Association requires your help. Please direct inquiries to 877-1436.

Robber's a rare bird

Five birds were stolen from an Acton home overnight from Friday to Saturday. The theft entered through an unlocked side door, police said. Stolen were a ring-necked green parakeet, worth \$400,

a pair of green lovebirds, worth \$225 and one white and one multi-colored budgie, worth about \$20. Two containers of bird feed, worth \$50, were also stolen. The birds were taken from a home at 32 Eastern Ave., Acton.

Facility for elderly

'Desperate need' for centre

Georgetown and Acton are desperately in need of a community centre for seniors, a Georgetown man says.

Lew Ward asked for council's help Monday in finding a place for such a facility in Georgetown.

Acton got their search for such a facility off the ground with an executive committee formed last week, Mr. Ward said.

"This is a project which I feel very strongly about," he said.

"This is very, very important." Mr. Ward said he doesn't represent any one particular seniors group. "I'm going at this single-handedly," he said.

Recreation Director Tom Shepard said the Town is negotiating with the Halton Board of Education for Howard Wrigglesworth School.

"It takes time because the legal disposition of that particular school has not been decided by the Board of Education," Mr. Shepard said.

"Once again the whole plan of a seniors centre continually hinges on the acquisition of one particular piece of property. That is wrong. Why not go at it the other way," Mr. Ward said.

Mr. Shepard said there are capital grants available for buildings to serve seniors. "Primarily you should have a facility" before seeking funds from the government to start a senior citizens centre.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie wants two centres -- one in Georgetown and one in Acton.

"I understand it's feasible to get funding for two centres because we are such a peculiar community," Coun. Rennie said of Halton Hills' two urban centres.

"We're in a day and age that we cannot afford specific individual facilities any more," Mr. Shepard said.

Mayor Russ Miller said finding a centre for seniors "is something that's going to take three to five years".

"I think we've part way down the road in that three to five years here in Georgetown," Mr. Miller said.

"In 1974 when I was coaching hockey there was no money for a second arena but we got it," said Mr. Ward, a former ambulance service attendant and Optimist.

Seniors Advisory Committee Chairman John MacDonald said there are discussions under way now to use Wrigglesworth School.

"It basically feels wrong to hold (the people) side up waiting for a location to materialize," Mr. Ward said.

"We have to look at how we can get something for the public at the least cost," Mayor Miller said.

"We know it was not going to be the best and it maybe not meet all the needs but it would be a start," he added.

"These are the people who coached. Now they're saying what about facilities for us?" Coun. Betty Fisher said.



Freedom march

The Peel-Dufferin-Halton Lorne Scots Regiment marched down Main Street in Georgetown Sunday in the Freedom of the Town ceremony. The ceremony is performed once in the lifetime of the regiment. The Mayor allows the regiment to march through the town at any time with their drums beating, flags flying and bayonets fixed. Along with the pipes and drums the Lorne Scots A, B and C companies from Oakville, Brampton and Georgetown and the cadets marched on Sunday. More photos see page A6. (Herald photo by Brian MacLeod.)