



Signs of spring

Carol Moas, Carla Jean Derkson and Donna Kerby were three of six models on hand to show fashions at the Bridal Plus Fashion Show Saturday at the Terra Cotta Inn. In the above photo the models fashioned bathing suits from Lazy Day Blues in Georgetown.

POWER meets MOE

Group still worried about dump process

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People left Thursday's POWER meeting feeling their concerns about the proposed Action dump had not been resolved, said POWER president Ruth French.

Over 100 people crowded into the Limehouse Public School to have questions answered by two Ministry of the Environment representatives.

The citizens group based in Limehouse has been objecting to the landfill site since it first heard of the proposal from Reclamation Systems Inc. to make an application to build a landfill site at the Action quarry.

POWER members do not feel the environmental assessment act is being enforced with the private company.

Haltion Region had to do research on alternate sites to find the safest site on which to build a dump, Mrs. French said. These people choose the site on which they can make the most money, she said.

"They should look at the safest site and go ahead rather than go with the site to make money," she said.

POWER just wants the Ministry of Environment to address the money issue.

Haltion Region pumped in millions of dollars to do an in-depth study on several sites and the private proponent should not get the easy way out, Mrs. French said.

Tim Sharp, environmental planner in the assessment branch of the Ministry, said the Ministry just wants to insure that the process is equally fair for the proponent (Reclamation Systems Inc.) and the public.

Ministry representatives do understand the concerns of Haltion Region and Haltion Hills in general, he said.

Councillor Pam Sheldon stated that the Region had to look at 57 sites to determine where to place its landfill site.

While the basis for the Region's decision was which site was the most environmentally sound, the proponent's site is diminished by the number of business deals they can make, she said.

George Nelson, officer for the Haltion-Peel district of the Ministry of the Environment, said Reclamation Systems must satisfy the judge of an independent board.

"If the board is not satisfied, it is highly unlikely the proposal will go ahead," he said.

The Georgetown resident was curious as to whether studies done by the Region rejecting quarry sites would be taken into consideration.

Mr. Sharp assured the gentleman that those opposed to the landfill site will be able to tell why they feel the site should be rejected.

The proponent must show why Haltion's original study was wrong and how they can improve the site.

Mr. Nelson said the Ministry is concerned with water contamination caused by leaching, the quality of water flowing in Black Creek and the proximity of the dumps to the homes.

Concerns about the landfill site have been stated and it is up to Reclamation Systems Inc. to address these concerns, he said.

"Now it is up to the proponent to satisfy the board," he said.

POWER stands for Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources. The lobby group was formed after an application was filed for a proposed landfill site on the United Aggregates lands southwest of Georgetown.

\$5 million capital budget forecast

The town will spend over \$5 million on capital projects in 1988 if the Budget Committee's preliminary recommendations are approved by council.

The town would only have to collect about \$1,150,000 in taxes to pay for the projects.

Lot levies, subsidies and income from other sources would pay for the remaining \$3.8 million in capital projects.

A large chunk of the Town's expenditures is a \$1.7 million loan to the Haltion Hills Hydro Commission. That will pay for Hydro's move to Acton in the coming year.

The committee wants to spend about \$1.6 million on transportation services, \$380,000 on administration, \$250,000 on the fire department, \$184,000 on recreation and cultural services and about \$70,000 on the library.

The municipality is also expecting to pay out about \$300,000 for conservation authority projects in 1988.

Each department has a priority list which it hopes will be approved by town council when it considers the budget.

The biggest expense for the administrative section is a \$175,000 contribution to pay for the town's \$8.1 million Civic Centre expected to be completed by December.

Over \$112,000 is earmarked for repairs to the concrete bridge on Main Street in Glen-Williams - the number one priority on the transportation services list.

Other transportation projects high up on the priority list include \$10,000

for repairs to the bridge on Main Street North, \$30,000 for drainage improvements and road repairs on the Fourth Line near Lot 7, \$37,000 for gravel resurfacing on various roads and \$45,000 for repairs on the Eighth Line.

The most expensive transportation project the town wants to undertake in 1988 is the \$344,000 reconstruction of the streets and storm drainage works to Longfield Road in the Glen Lea Subdivision. That project is listed thirteenth on the list of transportation priorities.

The fire department's first priority is to purchase a traffic signal control device that allows the fire department to change the traffic lights to green from their vehicles. The department wants to install the devices at Mountainview Road and Campbell Gate, Guelph Street and Sinclair Avenue, Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue and Guelph Street and Alcott Drive. The projects would cost just under \$19,000 a year until 1992.

The fire department also wants to purchase a utility support vehicle at a cost of \$19,000.

First on the list of recreation and cultural services is \$10,000 in repairs to the roof and walls of Georgetown-Memorial Arena in 1988. The town wants to spend a total of \$100,000 on repairs on the old arena spreading the cost over five years.

The town is also considering spending \$22,000 on a new condenser for the Acton arena and \$30,000 on structural repairs to the Cedarvale coltage.

Included in projects for the library is \$30,000 to upgrade the automation system which town officials say is "obsolete."

Also on the list of possible capital projects for 1988 is the blue box recycling program and the purchase of two new recycling trucks at a total

cost of about \$182,000.

The CVCA has not listed a priority of projects but they include \$6,000 for repairs to the paper mill dam on River Drive in Georgetown and \$500,000 for acquisition of Willow Park in Norval.

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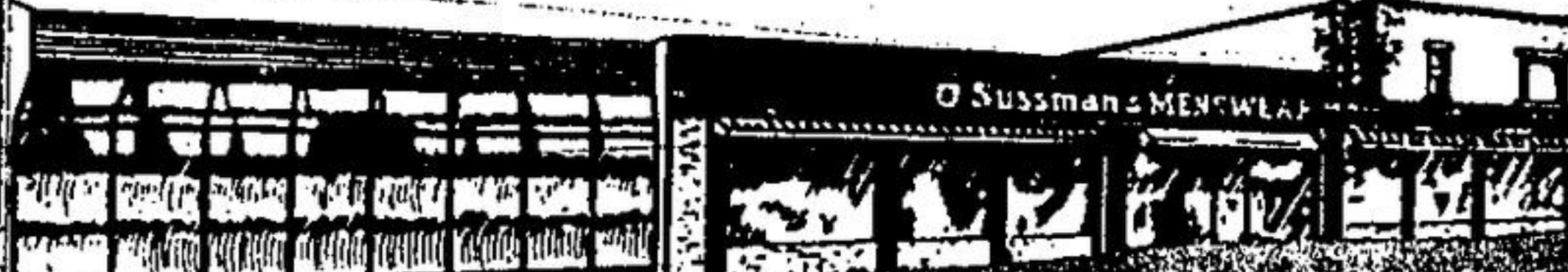
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