

Outlook on Halton Hills

Town council launches study on Scotsdale Farm

Angry at being left out of the debate on the future of Scotsdale farm, town councillors have set up a

committee to study possible uses of the 540-acre property by Halton Hills residents.

The farm was bequeathed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation in 1983 by Stewart and Violet Bennett and the Foundation has been searching for a group or groups to take over physical and financial management of the farm on Trafalgar Road near Ballinacree since.

After years of negotiations with several groups, which included the possibility of setting up an outdoor education centre by the Halton Board of Education, the Heritage Foundation turned the physical management of the farm over to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority earlier this year.

But payments for improvements and maintenance will not fall into the hands of the CVCA.

The Heritage Foundation received approximately \$800,000 by bequest from the Bennett Estate and from sale of furnishings of buildings on the farm and much of that remains in trust, said L.R. Symmes, Chairman of the Scotsdale Advisory Committee.

The cost of maintaining the farm is expected to come out of those

funds since no other single organization which has proposed to use the farm in the past had the money.

The town asked the Heritage Foundation how much money is remaining in the trust for investment into the property only to be told by Mr. Symmes that "there is a significant portion of these monies still available for future spending at Scotsdale Farm."

Councillors wanted to know exactly how much was left and the unclear response by Mr. Symmes was deemed "almost insulting" by Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson June 13.

Ward 1 Coun. Norm Elliott appealed to his colleagues to put a higher priority on Scotsdale than the negotiations to purchase 4½ miles of abandoned CN rail track to be turned into a hiking and horseback riding trail.

"In my opinion we're letting this whole thing slip through our fingers. Other people are going to utilize our assets and we're sitting here talking about four miles of abandoned rail line," Coun. Elliott said in reference

to a proposal by the Peel Board of Education to set up an outdoor education centre on the property.

Ward 3 Coun. Betty Fisher said the Halton Board of Education is not prepared to pay for developing any portion of the land. "I have the distinct impression that the Board of Education might not want to sink money into a centre in any way," said Coun. Fisher.

Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon wanted to petition the Minister of Culture "to make sure that we're party to what's going on."

The town instructed Recreation Director Tom Shepard to look for money in his budget to investigate ways of using the farm.

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For more information, call 453-0948, or 877-8094.

Employers needed

The YMCA's Youth Employment Service is seeking employers, willing to offer meaningful employment to young people (aged 16-24), in the North Halton area (Georgetown and Acton).

Many of the youths using our service are already job-ready; therefore, once your employment opportunity has been registered with our office, you will be contacted by an interested candidate for an interview.

Remember that these young people are seeking valuable work experience toward their chosen future career, and that there will not be the same level of interest shown for all positions.

For more information about all our programs, contact the Youth Employment Service at 877-8979.

Permit granted

The Georgetown Legion Midget Girls will be able to have a special occasion liquor permit for a fundraising slo-pitch tournament at the Georgetown Fairgrounds July 16.

Gov't. sale

A piano, antique dressers, colonial chairs and sewing machines will be on sale at the Ontario government's next cash and carry sale, Wednesday, June 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Other items for sale include a lawn tractor, riding mower and a vanity unit. A large variety of desks, chairs, typewriters, filing cabinets, calculators, dictaphones, adding machines, acoustic screens and other office equipment will also be available at discount prices.

All goods are on a first come, first serve basis. Location of the sale is 155 Judson St., which intersects Islington Avenue south of the Queen Elizabeth Way in Etobicoke. Cash, Visa, MasterCard or certified cheques made payable to the Treasurer of Ontario are accepted. Ontario government public servants are not eligible to purchase items at the surplus assets sales.