

# Council approves expansion that will include kennel

Terra Glen Animal Hospital will be able to expand to build a small kennel on the 10th Line just north of Georgetown.

Halton Hills councillors approved rezoning for the property Monday allowing the kennel despite opposition from some surrounding residents.

Dr. Nancy Tarzwell, owner of Terra Glen Animal Hospital, said the kennel will include about eight outside runs for dogs behind the clinic. The dogs will be let out three times a day for a total of three hours, she said.

And she plans to install walls along the side of the runs to help deflect noise away from neighboring residents. She also plans to build several walls inside the clinic

to make sure the building doesn't become an "echo chamber" for barking dogs.

Two 10th Line residents who live in the area of the clinic opposed the kennel saying barking dogs would cause too much noise, and odors would come from the kennel which is bound to become unsightly.

The kennel would devalue surrounding properties, residents said.

A report by town planner Glenn Wellings says the closest resident lives 1,300 feet away from the kennel.

Nearby resident Al Irving, who said he is an acoustical-engineer by trade, said a row of 14-ft. high cedar trees would have to be

planted between the kennel and neighboring houses to help absorb the sound.

"Would you really enjoy having a kennel that close to your home?" he asked.

The property is currently zoned light industrial, which allows businesses such as truck or bus terminals, and motor repair shops, noted Coun. Alf Spence. "You could end up with something much worse," he said.

"Maybe I could get some sleep at night," replied Mr. Irving.

The town can restrict the type of dogs housed at the kennel but not the number of dogs, said Mr. Wellings. The town's bylaw enforcement officer can monitor the amount of time the dogs spend out-

side, however the town won't press charges using the noise control bylaw unless a neighboring resident is willing to testify in court, he said.

The dog runs will be cleaned off after each run with disposal of excrement governed by Regional health regulations.

And the distance between the nearest property and the kennel, about 1,300 feet, should be sufficient to alleviate noise concerns, said Mr. Wellings.

Another nearby resident, Al Shepherd, said the town can't control the number of dogs, or the noise coming from the kennel, so the proposal should be turned down.

He said he purchased his house knowing about the light industrial zoning, but that doesn't include kennels.

Although Mr. Wellings said there is "no market information which would lead planning staff to believe that property values (in the area) will be devalued," Mr. Shepherd disagreed. He wanted opinions of real estate agents.

Dr. Tarzwell was given permission to construct the kennel, but councillors instructed her to hire a sound consultant to make sure nearby residents' concerns about noise are addressed.

The public construction of the kennel through the town's site plan committee.

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Regional landfill

## Milton Dump Site Approved

In a decision which surprised many, the Consolidated Hearings Board has approved the Milton site for Halton's next Regional landfill site.

The approved Milton site is located on Highway 25 just below Britannia Road.

The Hearings Board did not approve Halton's "preferred" site at Aldershot in Burlington and, in fact, seemed to indicate the site should not have been considered.

Halton Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy said, "I'm somewhat surprised by the decision (but) not totally."

"It appears the board didn't see it the same way we did."

The decision is expected to bring to an end Halton's 10-year, \$10-million-dollar search for a Regional landfill site. Since late last year, 100 per cent of Halton's waste has been exported to an

energy from waste plant in Niagara Falls, New York and a private landfill site in Thorold at a cost of more than \$1 million a month.

Halton's Treasurer Joe Rinaldo said the cost of exporting waste is costing Regional taxpayers an extra \$6 million a year.

The decision can be appealed by the Town of Milton or by any private citizen to the Provincial Cabinet or through the courts. Although the path through the courts is not clear, an appeal to the Provincial Cabinet would have to be launched within 28 days.

Mr. Pomeroy said he fully expects the Town of Milton to launch an appeal to Cabinet. He contacted all four of Halton's mayors Friday morning, and although he said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz's reaction was hard to read, he said the mayor didn't seem too surprised.

Chairman Pomeroy said, "I honestly believed... that the decision that was made was fair."

The landfill issue has been the single most contentious issue at Halton Region since its inception in 1974. Chairman Pomeroy said the issue has been the most difficult issue he's ever faced, politically and personally.

To build a landfill site in Milton, Halton will likely have to expropriate the land of nine area farmers at a cost of almost \$13 million.

In the decision the Hearings Board recognized Halton's commitment to energy from waste as an important aspect of the Region future waste management facilities. "That is an important decision in itself," said Chairman Pomeroy.



Over the top

Tara Burroughs of the Georgetown Rebels senior girls volleyball team will get an opportunity to go for blocks like this one in the Halton final on Monday at GDHS. Burroughs executed the above move in last Wednesday's

3-0 sweep by the Rebs of Oakville-Trafalgar in the county semifinals. Looking on are Rebel teammates Jen Irwin (6) and Julie Ross (5). The junior Rebels also earned a spot in the Halton final with a win over Aldershot on Wednesday.

## Driver faces charges in fatal accident

A Scarborough man has been charged by Halton Regional Police in connection with the highway death of a Norval woman early this week.

Marguerite Borg, 20, was pronounced dead at hospital Tuesday morning after her 1983 Pontiac Acadian was demolished in a two-car collision on Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Police say Ms. Borg's car was travelling southbound about one mile north of Sideroad Five when it was struck by a northbound 1982 Pontiac-Phoenix, that had entered the southbound lane.

The Phoenix, driven by a Scarborough man, 47, collided "near-

ly head-on" with the Acadian, demolishing both cars.

Firefighters worked for 15 minutes to free Ms. Borg who was trapped in the car. The driver of the Phoenix was held overnight at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

Police say they investigated the 7:45 a.m. collision through their Regional Traffic Department before laying charges against the Scarborough man.

The accused will appear in Milton Provincial Court March 20 on one count of dangerous driving causing death and one count of careless driving.

## Camping Ok'd

The Georgetown Fairgrounds will once again become a camping grounds June 9 when dancers from all over North America come to take part in the Georgetown Highland Games the following day.

Ewen MacDonald, a spokesman for the Halton-Peel Highland Games Association asked councillors to waive the no overnight camping regulations which govern the Georgetown fairgrounds for the Friday night before the games.

Last year only \$37 damage was done to the sod at the fairgrounds following the games and the Highland Games Association paid for that, said Mr. MacDonald.

About 350 young dancers participate in the dancing competition which begins early in the morning so overnight camping is essential, said Mr. MacDonald.

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