Oakville location "too far away" says EHS member

Museum move raises questions

By DONNA KELL Herald Staff

Although Halton Region could locate a new \$7.5-million museum in Halton's geographic centre, a local member of the Esquesing Historical Society says the Oakville location is "too far away."

Regional staff filed a report to councillors saying the Halton Region Museum, located in Kelso Park should be moved to one of two locations. Bronte Creek Provincial Park was a preferred choice over a Crawford Lake, Campbellville, location.

"There were several different places. I understand they want a location that's on a travelled road that's more accessible for the tourist industry," said historical society chairperson Jean Ruddell. But she added that "it's too far away from Halton Hills."

Mrs. Ruddell also said the artifacts from Halton Hills now in the over-crowded buildings in Kelso would remain, but local people would be hesitant to give artifacts for an Oakville site, she said.

The Region originally suggested a main museum for four municipalities to share. Additional "satellite" museums could house displays and create a local flavor.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said at last week's Regional administration and finance committee meeting that Halton Hills should push for a satellite museum.

"If I were the mayor of Halton Hills, I would want to find a way to get a satellite facility," he said.

But Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said the idea would have to be shelved. "It would be great to have a satellite museum in Halton Hills to take some of the (artifacts) but we can't afford it," he told the finance committee.

Mayor Miller said the \$7.5million proposed for the new museum is "just a start." The Region will come to "the end of the bucket" in funding, he said.

The facilities at Kelso Park cost museum-goers extra money to use because there is a gate fee and then an entrance fee, said Paul Attack, Director of Heritage Services at the museum. "Rarely do taxpayers pay \$6 at the gate plus \$2.50 for a family to visit our museum," says a Regional report.

And Mr. Attack says there is no proper storage for the museum's archives. On a tour of the museum, he showed where bats and mice were a problem in the large barn structure where pests have "been gnawing away at some of the artifacts." The artifacts from the four municipalities are kept in crowded quarters on the property.

Valuable paintings and old photographs are protected in a smaller building called the "piggery", which is a former piggery once used by a farmer. But the photos and paintings cannot be displayed until they can be in a climate-controlled building, said Mr. Attack.

He said there are no climate control devices to keep the museum pieces from spoiling. In some places it is too dry, and in others, too damp, he said. The buildings are too cold in winter and too hot in summer.

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"I'm very sympathetic with the staff at the museum. They do a wonderful job," said Mrs. Ruddell. She added that the facilities need to be improved to store all the Region's artifacts. "They don't have proper storage for archival material," she said.

After touring the museum facilities last week Regional councillors agreed that steps should be taken to save the museum's artifacts. The administration and finance committee will send the museum report to Regional council for information. Councillors will then debate the issue.

Halton Region's commissioner for planning and development, Rash Mohammed, said the Bronte Park location was chosen because it is closest to Halton's centre. "The point of maximum accessibility for the highest population is Burnhamthorpe Road and Highway 25," he said last week.

Some Regional councillors said many of the museum's visitors ... would be from out-of-town.

A new location would give the 27year-old museum "visibility and centrality" Regional councillors heard.



The Hospital Auxiliary funding chairperson, Vi Haines (left), auxiliary president, Barbara Phipps, RNA, Pauline Himeshazi, Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital administrator, Dianne Lawson, and RN Jennifer Page sit comfortably in some of the furniture the auxiliary recently donated to Georgetown hospital for its staff lounge. (Herald photo)

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Public Information Centre

Armstrong Avenue Reconstruction, Phase 2 100 m West of Sinclair Avenue to 550m West of Sinclair Avenue

A Public Information Centre will be held:

PLACE: **Town of Halton Hills**

> **Administration Building Committee Room** Trafalgar Road Georgetown, Ontario

DATE:

Thursday, May 18, 1989

TIME:

6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This Information Centre is being held to provide the Public with an opportunity to review the detailed design drawings for the construction of the above-noted project.

Interested persons are invited to drop in at the Information Centre and comment on the proposed work.

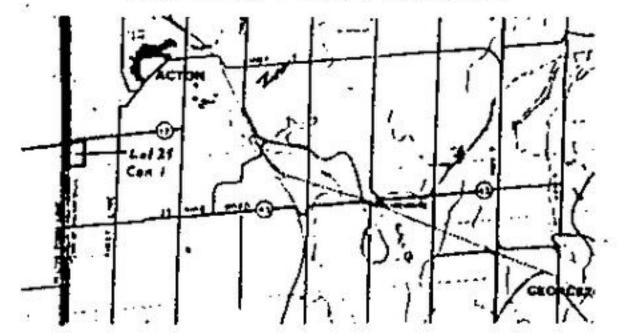
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COURTESY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 1/REGIONAL ROAD 12/ **TOWN LINE ROAD**



Council for the Town of Halton Hills has authorized a Public Meeting in order to examine and discuss an application to Amend the Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit the establishment of a 30 site mobile home park. The subject property is located in Part of Lot 25, Concession 1, Town of Halton Hills and is located southeast of the intersection of Regional Road 12 and Town Line Road. The subject property is about 62 acres in total area and the applicant intends to use a portion consisting of about 6.0 acres for development purposes.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

Additional Information Available in the Planning Department.

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 1989 Time: 7:00 P.M. Location: **Council Chambers Administration Building** Trafalgar Road (7th Line) **Town of Halton Hills**

H-88-033 M. & D. Barber Ad. Ho. 1091

File:

Bruce D. MacLean, B.A., M.C.I.P. Deputy Director of Planning

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ARMSTRONG AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION, PHASE 2

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 301 of The Municipal Act, being Chapter 302 of the revised statutes of Ontario, 1980, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Administration Building, Trafalgar Road, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, May-23, 1989, will consider the passing of by-laws for the road construction as set out below:

Contract P-89-C-3

Armstrong Avenue Phase 2 100m West of Sinclair Avenue to 550m **West of Sinclair Avenue**

Plans detailing this project and proposed by-laws are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to the Engineering Department at 877-5185.

The Council will hear, in person, or by his Counsel, any person who claims that his lands will be prejucially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the office of the undersigned no later than Thursday, May 4, 1989.

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VACANCY ON THE HALTON HILLS HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION, WARD 1 (ACTON)

The Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills invites any interested persons who qualify to submit an application, along with a personal resume, to be considered for appointment to fill a vacancy that currently exists on the Halton Hills Hydro-Electric Commission, Ward 1, (Acton).

Qualifications

- (a) Is a resident, owner or tenant of land within the Town of Halton Hills or the spouse of such an owner or tenant prior to September 6, 1988;
- (b) Is a Canadian citizen; and
- (c) Has obtained the age of eighteen (18) years on or before November 14, 1988.

Applications, along with personal resumes, will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m. on May 23, 1989.

All applications should be marked "Confidential".

Dated this 10th day of May, 1989.

Mr. Dan Costea Administrator-Clerk Town of Halton Hills P.O. Box 128 L76 4T1

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