

Councillors question asphalt plant

Town councillors grilled a local company's representative Tuesday with questions about a proposed temporary asphalt plant at the corner of Steeles Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard.

The 10-acre property is owned by Bluecliff Holdings Inc. The company has applied for a three-year permit to mix gravel on the site.

The industry would run throughout the spring and summer months, councillors heard. There would be about 80 trucks a day entering and leaving the facility, said Bluecliff representative Uly Alfano.

Rural Councillor Robert Heaton asked if the roads could sustain the traffic.

The Region does not "anticipate any difficulty" or see a need for a traffic impact study, said town planner Ian Keith.

A public meeting held last month heard residents concerned with noise, traffic on rural roads and pollution from the plant. A petition dated Aug. 21 contains 34 names of area residents opposed to the asphalt plant.

The petition said that the proposed area is "primarily a residential area" and "should not be subjected to this kind of facility. Other plants of this type have proved to create noise and air pollution," the

petition said.

Mr. Keith said Bluecliff has agreed to build berms to reduce noise from the plant. But Mr. Alfano said there would not be much noise. A "normal conversation" can be carried on near the site, he said.

But some councillors said they want an actual "decibel count" of the noise because the present evaluation is too "subjective."

Rural Coun. Alf Spence said there would be a backlog of traffic when the asphalt plant opened for business at 7 a.m.

"I would have a lot more sympathy with your operation if I didn't envision a line-up" on Steeles Avenue, he said.

Mr. Alfano said there would be no traffic waiting to get on the site.

A house located on the Whaley Corners site would be used as a business office for the plant and would house three employees. Mr. Alfano said although the house is not in good repair now, it will be repaired for office use.

The tenants are there "on a month-to-month basis. It's understood when we're ready, they're out."

Town council will vote next Monday on whether or not to approve the asphalt plant that town staff recommended for approval.



Steamed up

The 29th annual Steam-era Fair was held this past holiday weekend and those who attended the four-day event were treated to a variety of steam engines and related equipment. One of the displays was (left) a hundred-year-old thickness planner. Hidden behind

the flying wood chips is Guelph resident Rick Laramy who is removing the piece of lumber as it comes through the machine. Daily parades, grandstand shows and tasty homemade meals were other fair highlights. (Herald photo)

Firefighters answer 5 calls

The Halton Hills Fire Department responded to a grass fire on Princess Anne Drive in Georgetown last Saturday afternoon. The fire's cause is unknown, officials say. The same area flared up again Monday morning. Fire department officials speculate smouldering ashes left from the previous fire caused the next fire.

A Georgetown woman burned her hands when a pot of cooking oil left on a stove burner ignited at a Rosetti Court residence in Georgetown Wednesday afternoon, fire department officials say.

There was a false alarm at a factory on Rosetta Drive in Georgetown last Saturday, fire officials say. Its cause is unknown.

Firefighters responded to an alarm activation at a Guelph Street factory in Georgetown late Wednesday afternoon. Officials speculate the alarm was set off by a telephone repairman who was working in the building when it went off.

Firefighters doused a bonfire in a quarry at Lot 27 and Concession 10 in Halton Hills late last Saturday night. When firefighters arrived on the scene no one was there. But officials say the fire might have started while youths were having a party.

Music awards

Congratulations to the following students of Elaine Wassermann who have been successful this past year in Royal Conservatory of Music examinations.

In Preliminary Rudiments, first class honors went to Mark Peterson, Carry Schmelter and Christine Brenckmann. Richard Sowers achieved first class honors in Grade 1 Rudiments.

Honors were attained by Tara Nord and Judy Laroque in Grade 2 piano, by Manda Melvin in Grade 3 piano and Mark Peterson in Grade 4 piano. First class honors went to Diana Morrow in Grade 6 piano.

Flowers a best seller

In 1980 a botanical book was published by the University of Toronto Press that has since become a perpetual seller.

The book's title is "and some brought flowers." It is an anthology of early Canadian botanical writing, excerpts from letters, diaries and books written by the first European people who came to this part of the world and settled here.

Gallery House Sol, on Charles Street in Georgetown, has had an exhibition of John's latest works about every two years, since that first show in 1973. About 30 works will be on display, starting Sunday, Sept. 10. The artist will be at House Sol, on the first day of the exhibition, from 2-6 p.m. The exhibition will continue to Sept. 23 at the usual hours: Tuesday to Thursday, from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday to Sunday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

In addition to John Revell's work, visitors will encounter a group show of flower paintings and sculptures by several other artists, some of them from Georgetown, including Sandra Altwerger, Lyn Barrell-Cowan, Charlotte Brainerd, Jane Burns, Gretchen Hamilton Day, Andreas Drenters, Heather Grindley, Borge Jorgensen, John Mattar, Aref Najam-es-Sani, Una O'Callaghan, Sybil Rampen, Margaret Squire, Barbara Stephens, Jo Walterson and Ying Wong.

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