

# GO won't expand here soon

Halton Hills residents shouldn't expect an all-day, two-way GO train rail service in the near future, Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy told members of the Region's planning and public works committee last Wednesday.

The province "is moving towards" expanding the Georgetown GO transit rail service, the province's Minister of Transportation William Wyre said at a press conference in Toronto April 5. But chairman Pomeroy, who attended the press conference, said the extended service is a "low priority" for the province. He told committee members the proposed expansion won't happen for about

the next ten years.

Necessary track reconstruction is one problem discouraging the province from introducing the all-day, two-way service to Georgetown sooner, the chairman said.

The province has allotted \$400 million to the GO transit rail project which, besides Georgetown, includes similar services for Milton, Richmond Hill and Stouville.

The \$400 million is over and above the normal amount of funding the province provides the municipalities annually for roads, highways, GO transit and municipalities' transit systems,

Mr. Wyre said during the press conference.

The announcement, as it pertains to Georgetown, was part of the province's extensive plan to expand the Toronto area transportation system during the next ten years.

Other expansion plans to the GO train system benefitting Halton include an all-day service to Fairview station in Burlington by 1992, a new GO station at Waterdown Road, also in Burlington, to begin this year, improvements to the Lakeshore East line between Whitby and Oshawa, and the extension of the GO train service to the downtown Hamilton station, according to a regional report.

## Chamber manager resigns

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is looking for a new general manager.

Mary Ann Chapman, the current general manager, handed in her resignation recently. She will leave her position May 1. Ms. Chapman has accepted another job, but she would not elaborate on the new position.

Ms. Chapman acknowledged this isn't a good time to leave the chamber because it is in the middle of preparations for this year's upcoming B.I.G. celebration.

The chamber has set up a search committee to find a replacement,

said Ms. Chapman.

Meanwhile, Walt Dixon, who heads up the search committee, said former general manager Doug Penrice will take over the position in the interim so plans for BIG go ahead as scheduled. Mr. Dixon couldn't say when a new general manager would be chosen.

The general manager said she was as surprised as anyone that she was with the chamber for only four to five months. Ms. Chapman had replaced Doug Penrice.

"I'm leaving on the best of terms," she added.

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## Dufferin's bid for landfill is withdrawn

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Dufferin Aggregates has withdrawn its proposal to put a landfill in its quarry partly located in Halton Hills.

The landfill would have been twice the size of the proposed Reclamations Systems Incorporated (R.S.I.) Actor landfill. The Dufferin quarry would have had a capacity of between 30 to 40 tonnes of garbage while the Actor quarry's capacity is 18 million tonnes.

The Dufferin quarry is bordered on the east by the First Line in Halton Hills and in the west by the Sixth Line in Milton.

Mayor Russ Miller, like the rest of Halton Region's councillors, learned about the surprise move Wednesday at a Regional council meeting. And like most councillors, especially those from the north, the mayor was pleasantly surprised with the news.

"I'm pleased to see this, but I'm a bit surprised," said Mayor Miller after Wednesday's council meeting.

But Mayor Miller tempered his enthusiasm saying as long as there is a quarry, there is a possibility of someone wanting to build a landfill.

Dufferin Aggregates had always said it's a good corporate citizen and "it looks like they might have proven it," he said. The mayor rationalized Dufferin didn't have much choice but to withdraw the proposal. The company, said Mayor Miller, knew there was strong opposition from the Town of Halton Hills and the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

The company had promised to withdraw its proposal if it didn't get public support.

In a letter addressed to the Region that was received the same day it was written, April 18, the vice-president of St. Lawrence Ce-

ment - Dufferin's parent company - Bill Townsend told the Region "we have never had any desire to force our solution on the community ... (and) having presented our solution to the appropriate bodies, (Halton Hills, Milton and the Region), and being unable to obtain sufficient support at this time, we will now return our focus to our main business ... aggregates."

The letter followed a meeting between the Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and Mr. Townsend. "I asked him (Mr. Townsend) to withdraw the proposal," said the chairman after the council meeting.

And as far as the chairman is concerned, the possibility of the Dufferin quarry being used as a landfill in the future "is a dead issue."

The chairman set up the meeting because the Region's planning and public works committee had sent the aggregate company the "wrong message."

A majority of committee members defeated a motion to outright reject the proposal at their April 11 meeting. Instead they recommended Regional council simply acknowledge the proposal.

"They came to us (the committee, which the chairman is part of) and asked for a yes or no, but we

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## Going quackers

After being savagely attacked by 30,000 ducks, Tom Reed (left) and Tony Schlegel try to keep their heads above the waves of waterfowl. The duo were just a couple of the many Kiwanis members tagging ducks in Brampton in preparation for the Kiwanis Credit River Duck Race. The ducks will start the race at the Norval Bridge and bob their way down to El Dorado Park in Brampton. The ducks are still selling for \$5

each and can be attained by phoning the Duckline at 796-DUCK. Members of the Georgetown, Brampton and Flower City Kiwanis Clubs are also selling the ducks for the April 28 race. Prizes include a \$3,000 shopping spree at the Olde Hide House, a cellular phone and a 1990 Pontiac. The money raised by the event will go to local charities. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)

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