

Request to appeal Willow Park move approved by Halton

Residents opposing Halton Hills' plan to permit 30 permanent mobile homes in the North-Halton Trailer Park in Acton will get their chance to appeal the decision at an upcoming Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

But no hearing date has yet been set.

The Acton park is to be the new home for residents now living in

Norval's Willow Park. That park is being expropriated by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority because of flooding hazards.

Regional council voted last Wednesday to grant Christine Davies' and Trevor and Jane Roza's request to be allowed to appeal the town's plan to the OMB.

Representing Ms. Davies, the Roza's and other residents pro-

testing the 30 homes, Bill Elliott told councillors Wednesday the new homes would deplete their water supply.

He questioned the Region's decision to test for the availability of water on the site last May. According to the Region's report and the ministry of environment, there is sufficient water to supply the new mobile homes and those of the neighboring residents. But Mr. Elliott said the tests should have been done in August. During June, July and August, part of the site can be used by a maximum of 225 campers. The Region therefore should have carried out the water tests during August - the peak of the camping season, Mr. Elliott told councillors.

he acknowledged the need for more housing throughout the Region, but housing of this sort should only happen on property hooked up to the town's water and sewer services, he said.

Halton Regional councillor Joe Hewitt seemed to support the position of the town's three other Regional representatives when he tried to appease Mr. Elliott's concerns saying the ministry of environment, the Town of Halton Hills and the Region have all done studies that show the 30 mobile homes will not jeopardize anyone's water supply.



Money for trip

Mayor Russ Miller presented a cheque for \$2,500 from the Town of Halton Hills to Barbara Koszler and Sheila Willis of the Georgetown Choral Society in the council chambers last week. The money will be used to help sent the choral society on a 10-day trip to Holland. The Choral Society also had a draw to raise money to buy music sheets. V. Farndale won \$200, George DeKleer won \$100 and Jean Lorrinan won \$50. All three are from Georgetown. (Herald Photo)

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since the escarpment is recognized as an environmentally sensitive area, he said. The United Nations recently declared the escarpment as a biosphere reserve area.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is responsible for land use planning. And since the NEP and the Regional and town official plans now all conform, the environmental uniqueness of the escarpment overrides the planning aspects, explained Mr. Elliot.

Town councillor Joe Hewitt, who made a bid for the Halton North nomination in 1988, said Wednesday night the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is the most appropriate provincial ministry. Mr. Hewitt was one of many North Halton Liberals attending Wednesday night's riding fundraising dinner in Campbellville. The NEP "is a land-use policy, not an environment policy, said Mr. Hewitt, who also sits on the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

He asked, why shouldn't a land severance issue on the escarpment come under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs when this is the case for any other land severance?

The province's Minister of Municipal Affairs, John Sweeny, who was the guest speaker at Wednesday night's dinner, said the province's decision was partly based on the public's perception that the NEP would be better served under the environment ministry. The minister also pointed to the United Nation's recognition of the escarpment as a biosphere, and the upcoming five-year review of the plan as two other reasons for the switch.

Mr. Elliot was pleased the budget has provisions to help the farming community. A total of \$96 million will now be available to farmers to help them meet higher interest rates and to improve soil conservation practices, said Mr. Elliot. These are the type of programs farmers wanted, said Mr. Elliot.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller called the budget "not too bad." He was especially pleased that it "didn't appear to hurt lower income people."

As for the town's business community's reaction to the budget "it was a nothing budget," said the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce's acting general manager Doug Penrice. "It was nice to see (the province) lay-off on the taxes." But although there were no tax increases, there were no tax decreases, said Mr. Penrice.

The manager qualified his enthusiasm for the province balancing the budget, saying it would have been more credible if the province had reduced spending to achieve the goal. They relied on increased revenue - or tax increases to the 1989 budget which took effect this year to bring in a balanced budget, said Mr. Penrice.



Shakespeare or Poe?

So many books, so little time. Adam Otto, 20-months-old, ponders over a wide array of books wondering which ones are worth reading. The book sale at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown caught a number of people's attention as the hall was filled to capacity. The sale was held by the Univeristy Woman's Club. (Herald Photo)

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