

NEC to hold open houses

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The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), announced Monday it would hold four open houses starting this Thursday and running through Oct. 4 as part of the two-year review of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, (NEP).

The open house for Halton North will be held Sept. 24 in Milton at the Hugh Foster Hall, said Richard Murzin, a commission spokesman.

The purpose of the open houses, explained Mr. Murzin, is to gain information from the public on how they think the plan should be updated. Under provincial legislation, the plan must be reviewed five years after being ratified to ensure its contents still maintain

VON looking for volunteers

The Victorian Order of Nurses is best known for its excellent visiting nursing program. However, the Halton Branch of the VON also operates a number of programs which call for volunteers.

Currently, the Halton VON is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers.

VON volunteer programs offer rewarding challenges in areas that involve clients who need specialized assistance in their daily lives.

Across the Region, VON volunteers are available to provide emotional and practical support as well as care-giver relief for many families.

Last year, VON volunteers gave more than 6,500 hours of service to 154 terminally ill clients and their families through the Hospice Volunteer Program.

The Friendly Visitor Program provided 11,333 hours to support and share with 212 elderly clients living at home.

The Seniors Day Program which assists families of clients who have Alzheimer's Disease, or who are otherwise cognitively impaired, saw VON volunteers giving over 1,800 hours of caring to 48 patient clients.

As a volunteer, you may choose to relieve some of the isolation and loneliness of the elderly, help a senior with everyday activities such as cooking and gardening or give emotional and practical support to a terminally ill patient at home.

To become part of this group of caring professionals and volunteers with the VON, contact Joan Loughheed or Betty Read at 827-8800.

its original goal - "to provide for the maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment and land in its vicinity, substantially as a continuous environment, and to ensure only such development occurs as is compatible with the natural environment," said Mr. Murzin.

The spokesman said that the review will go ahead despite the change in provincial government.

Topics open for discussion during the open houses include such items as how to deal with land severances, mineral resource extraction and the relationship of provincial policy statements on the NEP, said Mr. Murzin.

On the issue of land severances, the commission is considering whether more severances should be allowed for farmers given the farming community's worries that the slow economy is making it difficult for some farmers to make a reasonable living, he explained.

Closer to home, the NEC is faced with the debate over whether or not mineral extraction should be banned along the escarpment, said Mr. Murzin.

With respect to provincial policy statements, as they pertain to the plan, Mr. Murzin explained that sometimes the Niagara Escarpment Commission interprets the plan one way while a provincial ministry interprets it another way. In this instance the commission is sometimes unsure how it should proceed, he said. During the review process, the commission will look at ways of changing the plan to avoid these kinds of problems, explained Mr. Murzin.

Once the open houses are completed and comments are received from various government and non-government agencies, regarding the plan, Mr. Murzin said formal public hearings will be scheduled concerning any proposed changes to the plan.

The hearings won't begin until May or June 1991, he predicted.



Legion car club winner

Car club chairperson Marion Carney (left) and the 40th Legion Car Club Draw, Ray McCartney. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 president, Hank Russell, (right), present a new car to the winner of

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The property is located on the north-east corner of Acton Boulevard and Queen Street in Acton. The property has a municipal address of 135 Queen Street, Town of Halton Hills (Acton).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.
ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

TIME: 7:00 p.m.
DATE: Monday, October 15, 1990
LOCATION: Council Chamber
Halton Hills Civic Centre
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