

## Council Briefs

# Armbro Construction proposing industrial subdivision

Halton Hills council heard Monday during a public meeting how Armbro Construction Limited of Brampton is proposing to build a rural industrial subdivision on a 64.47 acre property located between Steeles Avenue and Highway 401.

Although none of the neighboring residents attending the meeting spoke out against the proposal, some expressed concern about their water supply if construction went ahead. The residents wanted assurances there would be no negative impact on their well water if the proposed four industrial units in the subdivision were constructed.

The applicant told council members and the residents test wells have been drilled and the results show any negative impact would be confined to the subdivision. The applicant told the residents a maximum of 200 people would be working in the complex.

The applicant went on to say the subdivision, once completed and fully occupied, could mean approximately \$1 million in yearly tax revenue for the Town.

Residents also asked if there would be proper drainage and a barrier built separating the subdivision from the residents.

Town planner Glen Wellings said these concerns could be addressed during the site plan process.

Before construction can proceed, the company needs Town council to rezone the property to new special industrial, prestige industrial and conservation special zones.

The planning department will now write a report on the proposal including a recommendation for or against the application at which time council will consider the proposal.

### Big Brothers invitation

The Big Brothers of Halton social agency group has invited Town councillors to the group's Appeal Spiel '91 Fundraising Curling Bonspiel, Saturday, March 23. Council learned of the invitation Monday. Those who want to participate as a team are responsible for raising \$500 in pledges. The event will take place at the Oakville Curling Club.

### Food relief requested

The Toronto-based Symon Petura Institute asked Halton Hills councillors, by means of a letter Monday, if they would participate in the City-to-City Ukrainian Food Relief.

"The Ukraine is under threat of starvation now," according to the institute's letter.

Participating would involve Halton Hills twinning with a Ukrainian city and then providing food to that city, indicated the letter. Council approved the letter as information only.

### Name used without consent

Councillors learned Monday Acton resident Robert Warrington's name was put on a petition opposing the Maple Avenue Development proposal without his consent.

According to a letter appearing before council Monday, Mr. Warrington wrote, "upon checking this item out, I have since found that my over-anxious father-in-law used my name and address without my consent and knowledge for the petition."

Mr. Warrington requested his name be removed from the petition since he favors development of that property, the letter stated.

### Greenland strategy endorsed

Town councillors directed planning staff Monday to write a report on Halton Region's endorsement of the province's Greenland Strategy.

Councillor Pat McCarthy introduced a resolution that staff also consider the possibility of establishing a foundation for the

Town which would purchase greenland as a way of protecting this type of property from the development.

### Volunteer Week

Halton Hills Council Monday declared April 21-28 Volunteer Week during Monday night's council meeting.

### Improvements needed

Acton Coun. Norm Elliott said Monday he was both gratified and frustrated at a provincial Ministry of Transportation report indicating traffic control improvements are needed at intersections along Highway 7 and Trafalgar Road.

"The report confirms my knowledge of the intersections from driving in the area. But I'm frustrated at the length of time it will take the MTO to make any

recommendations for approval." According to an MTO letter, the recommendations won't be forthcoming until July, 1991.

He directed staff to investigate the possibility of improving the area before July, saying the intersections represent an accident waiting to happen.

### Development application

Halton Hills councillors learned Monday Georgetown-based developer Don Ricciuto has applied to build a 12,500 square foot plaza at the former location of Little's Trailer World on the northeast corner of Guelph Street and McFarlane Drive in Georgetown.

Planning staff indicated a report on the application would be forthcoming at a future date. Staff didn't indicate the date.

## Recycling message gets through to Halton Hills residents

The recycling message of the past few years obviously hasn't been ignored by residents of Halton Hills.

According to statistics provided by Ted Drelow, Town Manager of Operations, the total amount of recyclable waste produced in Halton Hills increased by 387 tonnes from 1989 to 1990. Townspeople produced 1,515 tonnes of recyclable material in 1989 and 1,902 last year.

"People are more conscious of what they are throwing away," offered Mr. Drelow as explanation for the increase.

Statistics released by Leferink Transfer Station Limited in Georgetown offer further proof that Georgetown and Acton residents are more recycling-conscious than ever.

The waste weighing less than 150 kilograms dropped off at the transfer station last year contained 32 per cent more recyclable material over last year. The ac-

tual 1990 amount of recyclable waste material was 448,285 kilograms, according to a company press release.

Leferink Station Manager, Bert Leferink, predicted Friday, last year's increase is a sign of even greater recycling to come. He pointed to the fact that magazines, telephone books and the like are just a few of the new materials that can now be recycled. Every year more and more materials will be recyclable, said Mr. Leferink.

The 448,285 kilograms of recyclable material is comprised of the following:

- Scrap metal, 206,420 kilograms
- Newsprint, 132,630 kilograms
- Glass, 34,780 kilograms
- Old Corrugated Cardboard, 47,305 kilograms
- Tin Cans and Plastic Pop Bottles, 27,150 kilograms.

Mr. Drelow said not only has the amount of recyclable

material increased but also, the total amount of solid waste produced by town households has dropped 302 tonnes over the previous year. That equals a savings to the town of approximately \$32,000 in 1990 tipping fees.

Diane Vandervalk, project manager for Waste Wise in Georgetown described the figures as "tremendously positive." "Three hundred tonnes as a percentage of the total waste produced, is a significant percentage," she said.

Ms. Vandervalk who previously worked as a waste reduction manager for the City of Mississauga said in that city the waste stream has remained constant. There was no reduction, she said.

She warned, however, people shouldn't get over confident because some of the reduction in garbage can be attributed to the economic slowdown. The slower the economy the less garbage produced, said Ms. Vandervalk.

## Environment group accuses Town of bias towards company

In opposing a Niagara Escarpment Amendment restricting United Aggregates quarry operations by 75 per cent on the south side of Sideroad 22 in Halton Hills, Town planning staff has favored the quarry company over the residents, said Ecology Awareness Group - Landscape and Environment (EAGLE) spokesperson Guiseppe Gori.

EAGLE will appear before Town General Committee Monday in an attempt to convince Town councillors to overturn a staff recommendation opposing the amendment. The General Committee is comprised of Town councillors.

Halton Hills planner Glen Wellings, the report's author, said Monday, "it's a balanced report."

Considered in the report are environmental issues and a rehabilitation plan for the quarry. A rehabilitation plan lists the alternatives for the quarry once its aggregate is exhausted.

Mr. Gori accuses the planning staff of "defending the rights of

the corporation (United Aggregates) to exploit natural resources instead of defending the rights of the citizens."

He went on to say the planning staff focused too much attention on the issue of the aggregate company's licence to quarry the property instead of on a wide range of issues. These include a possible devaluation of properties neighboring the quarry, traffic noise, dust, well water and environmental protection, according to an EAGLE press release.

Mr. Wellings responded by saying if EAGLE wanted Town planning staff to address such issues as environmental protection, the group should have submitted studies done by professionals supporting its claims. The department recognizes the group's financial constraints but EAGLE should not expect to be treated differently than any other group making a similar request, said Mr. Wellings.

Mr. Wellings also said, before the issue of environmental pro-

tection can be addressed, the issue of the company's licence should be considered. Under the province's Aggregate Resources Act, United Aggregates has the legal right to expand its quarry operations to the south side of Sideroad 22, he said.

If EAGLE wants to prevent the aggregate company from expanding its quarry operation, it should approach the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources to revoke the licence. "The licence is paramount," said Mr. Wellings. Without revoking the licence, extraction can't be stopped, he explained.

Mr. Gori also challenges the company's rehabilitation plan by saying it only lists alternatives such as an industrial park and a landfill, for example, instead of stipulating which alternatives would be appropriate and which ones would be inappropriate.

Mr. Wellings agreed information is lacking in this area but when the time comes to discuss the alternatives for land use, the public's input will be solicited.

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