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Development free-for-all won't happen in Halton

There are no plans to have high density development throughout the Region, said Halton's Planning Commissioner, Rash Mohammed Monday, during a public meeting at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Arena.

The Region sponsored public meeting was held to receive public input into how the Halton Region Official Plan should be changed. In accordance with provincial legislation, the Region is currently reviewing the plan to determine how best to accommodate growth. The review will be completed at the end of this year or in early 1992.

Higher density development in certain areas of Halton is one of the major components of what Regional planning staff is calling "a visionary look at Halton."

Several of the 30 people attending the meeting expressed concern the planning staff's interpretation of higher density development could translate into the dismantling of single family home neighborhoods.

Mr. Mohammed said he envisions higher density - four or five storey buildings - located at strategic points in Halton where a public transit system could be justified.

"It won't be a free-for-all," said Mr. Mohammed.

The high density development would be a mixture of residential, commercial and some industrial development, he said. The goal is to bring people and jobs together in order to reduce people's dependency on cars, he explained. Less time spent commuting means more personal disposable time, he said.

Audience members also questioned Mr. Mohammed on the



Rash Mohammed

relationship between the Regional Official Plan and Halton Hills Official Plan.

The local Official Plan must be brought in to conformity with that of the Region, meaning Town zoning bylaws must also conform to the Regional Official Plan, he said.

The Planner did explain however, any individual who disagrees with the local or Regional Official Plan or parts of them has the right to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board to have the plans changed.

Audience member, Esme Ball, questioned this final recourse saying most individuals don't have the money to take an issue all the way to the OMB.

Mr. Mohammed countered with the democratic principle that everyone should have the right of appeal. That's a fundamental principle in Canadian society, he said.



An ancient art

Norma Clayton, (back), of Brampton and Debbie Greenwood, (front), from Acton, were busy making a coverlet on Sunday as part of the Heritage Handweavers demonstration day at Cedarvale Cottage in Georgetown. The pair were working on a 100-inch, four harness loom that requires two people to operate. Other demonstrations visitors enjoyed were spinning, basket weaving and small loom weaving. There were also handwoven items on sale at the event. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

Corporations default on fines owing Town of Halton Hills

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Four corporations owing the Town of Halton Hills a total of \$174,000 in fines have defaulted on their payments, said Town Bylaw Enforcement and Licensing Officer Bob Ustrzycki in an interview Friday.

Mr. Ustrzycki wouldn't reveal the names of the companies or how much each owes because the Town has yet to decide if legal action will be taken against them in an attempt to recover the money.

He did say the largest fine owing to the Town is \$163,000. Based on this amount, it is more than likely one of the four companies is Halton Hills Development Corporation. The company was fined \$163,000 last November in connection with several Ontario Building Code offences involving the construction of 22 houses in Stewarttown.

A company is found in default if the fine isn't paid within 30 days of being notified, therefore the loan should have been paid by the beginning of December.

Mr. Ustrzycki wouldn't comment on the corporation's outstanding fine or the likelihood of it being paid.

The Town has two years after the fine is issued to take civil action against a company in default, at which time the fine becomes void, he explained.

Not referring to any corporation in particular, Mr. Ustrzycki said the Town will first determine if a company in default is solvent before deciding to take any action.

Halton Hills Council makes the

final decision whether legal action will happen. In the case of the four corporations, Mr. Ustrzycki is currently preparing a report for council's consideration outlining the various options the Town can take.

He said Halton Hills Development Corporation was solvent the last time a corporate search was done on the company. Mr. Ustrzycki would only say the most recent search was done within the last six months.

In taking legal action against a company, the Town seeks permission from the court to seize any tangible assets including property, or bank accounts belonging to the firm.

To find out the solvency of a company, Mr. Ustrzycki employs

various methods including "private eye techniques" he said. Sometimes search warrants are even necessary, he added.

Before deciding whether or not to take legal action, the Town will consider whether any Town resident is pursuing legal action against the same company. When this happens, the Town is more cautious because the courts usually compensate a municipality before an individual, said Mr. Ustrzycki.

He said his report to council concerning the four companies will be presented within the next month during an in-camera session. That means press and members of the public are not permitted to be present for the discussion.

Drug overdose

Halton Regional Police arrested a Toronto man for possession of narcotics after he overdosed on heroin and almost died in an Acton restaurant Sunday.

Police say the 31-year-old Toronto man was travelling through Acton with a friend and stopped at 'The Meeting Place,' formerly known as Sit 'n Bull, and mainlined heroin into his system.

An ambulance was called to the scene as the victim had gone into respiratory arrest. He was taken to Georgetown Hospital, admitted and released. Upon his release, police arrested him since

a quantity of heroin and drug paraphernalia were found on his person.

He is also charged with breach of probation. One of the terms of his probation was that he was not to possess or consume non-prescribed drugs.

The suspect-victim's friend, from Oak Ridges, was also arrested after police found the 25-year-old man was carrying drug paraphernalia, a spoon and a folded piece of paper believed to contain heroin.

Both suspects appeared in Milton Court for bail hearings Monday.

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Crazy Boat Race back on course

The Lions Club of Georgetown has announced the 25th annual running of the Crazy Boat Race to be held on the Credit River in the Halton Hills area on Saturday, April 6, 1991. The race provides fun for all contestants and serves to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.

All contestants are asked to collect pledges for M.S. and bring them to the race. This race has been used to raise money for M.S. for the past nine years and approximately \$80,000 has been raised in that time to aid M.S. Entry forms and pledge forms can

be obtained by contacting the Georgetown Lions Club or any of its members.

The race starts in two sections with the serious canoeists starting from Cheltenham Park at 12:00 p.m. The Crazy Boats portion of the race will start at Terra Cotta at 12:30 p.m. The race will end at the Glen Williams Park in Glen Williams.

Also, be sure not to miss the Victory dance. The dance will be held at the Acton Legion, 15 Wright St., Acton starting at 8:30 p.m. Dance tickets are \$5.00 per person.