

# Council wants public input

Halton Hills councillors want to hear from the public before deciding whether approval will be given to a plan to rehabilitate that part of Silver Creek running through Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

Mike Rowan of the Georgetown-based Izaak Walton Fly Fisherman Club, appeared before Halton Hills General Committee Tuesday requesting approval for his club, in conjunction with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the province's Ministry of Natural Resources, to improve the Creek's flow and to rehabilitate the eroding banks, over a three-month period this summer.

The group's goal is to improve the water system and therefore increase aquatic plants and animals, Mr. Rowan told committee members.

The goal isn't to increase the fish population for local fishermen, he reassured the committee. General Committee is comprised of Town councillors.

Mayor Miller said he supports the group's idea, but before approval is given, the public should have a chance to comment on the plan.

Committee recommended a public hearing be held May 16 at the Civic Centre starting at 6 p.m. so Town council and staff could receive public input on the idea. The recommendation will go to Council for final approval this

Monday.

To gain committee support, Mr. Rowan told councillors that similar rehabilitation projects have been done successfully throughout Ontario. He also showed a video depicting a successful rehabilitation project done in Waterloo, during Tuesday's meeting.

Mr. Rowan's claims were confirmed by a representative from the CVCA and the MNR, both of whom attended the meeting.

The Town's Superintendent of Parks, Bryan Shynall, urged councillors to seek public input before making a decision on the report. Staff is concerned the project may interfere with other recreational activities that go on in Cedarvale Park during the summer months.

The issue of money is one matter about which councillors don't need to be concerned. Mr. Rowan told committee the project will be

funded by both club and provincial money.

Mr. Rowan also tried to appease some councillors who worried children would be prevented from entering the creek while the rehabilitation is happening.

Both Mr. Rowan and Bob Morris of the CVCA said that the project will not increase the creek's flow. That means children will still be able to play in the creek during the project, they said.

Both went on to assure councillors that none of the proposed work would hinder children from easily entering or exiting the creek.

Mr. Rowan suggested a public meeting may not be necessary since the MNR and the CVCA staff have participated in the project's planning.

However, Mr. Rowan bowed to councillors as being the best people to determine if a public meeting was needed.

## CVCA plans workshops

As part of its continuing campaign to bring about water quality changes in the Credit River, The Credit River Conservation Authority will hold two, day long workshops to deal with the problem of sediment loads in the Credit River.

The workshops will be held on Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1, 1991 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Delta Meadowvale Inn (just off the 401 at Mississauga Road) in Mississauga in Graydon Hall D. The media is both welcome and encouraged to attend.

"Increased sediment during construction has become an increasingly detrimental factor to water quality in the Credit River," says CVCA Community

Relations Spokesperson Robert Peace. In the last few months we have heard from concerned citizens, angling organizations, developers and many municipal politicians. Now it's time to do something about the problem and that starts with education at all levels."

The seminar is designed to help those in the field understand the negative impacts of sediment, the mechanics available for sediment control and the approval system.

"We hope these seminars will ultimately allow developers and municipalities avoid expensive fines, build cost effectively, shorten the review time for approvals and provide feedback to review agencies," says Peace.



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