Community-Halton transportation system?

By BEN DUMMETT The Herald

Despite not being economically feasible at the present time, a public transportation system connecting. Halton Hills with municipalities in the south area of Halton should be established in the near future, says Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy.

Chairman Pomeroy made his comments Wednesday following a Regional Planning and Public Works meeting. During the meeting, Halton Region's transportation consultants Jack Diamond and Bob Nairns unveiled a transportation strategy for an improved public transit system to service the more populated areas in Halton.

Since the greatest portion of Halton's population is located in Oakville and Burlington, . both located on south Halton, the consultants focused on an improved public transportation system for these municipalitles during their presentation.

However, during his presentation, Mr. Nairns said a northsouth transit system should be established sooner rather than later despite there being an insufficient number of people in Halton Hills to make the service pay for itself.

Chairman Pomeroy said money from the Regional tax base should be used to support a transit link connecting the north and south areas of Halton to enhance the community feeling

among all people in Halton and to provide services throughout the Region more efficiently.

The transit system would permit the Region to establish centralized services instead of having to spread them out throughout Halton as is done now, said Chairman Pomeroy.

To illustrate his point, Chairman Pomeroy used the example of medical and social services. Professionals in these fields acknowledge it is better if people can access these services and still remain at home, he said. To accomplish this goal now equivalent services must be established in both the south and north areas of Halton, because of no connecting transportation system at present.

However if a north-south link was established, then only a centralized service would be required, said the chairman. "And a centralized facility is better than several smaller ones," he added.

The Region will present the strategy to Halton Hills Council and the general public June 17 at the Halton Hills Civic Centre.



Peter Pan production

Allisson Bobor will star as Peter Pan when dancers from the Halton Hills School of Dancing present the story of Peter Pan on June 7, 8 and 9 at John Elliott Theatre on Church Street in Georgetown. The production involves a cast of over 50 performers. Tickets are available at the Halton Hills School of Dancing on 142 Mill Street, Georgetown or call 877-1581. (Photo submitted)

C.V.C.A. is aiming for higher profile

Seeing a shopping mall is a publicity person's paradise, it makes sense the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, (CVCA), will use this type of facility to make itself more widely known.

Starting next year, the CVCA will establish displays at various shopping centres throughout the authority's jurisdiction, which includes the Halton Hills area, to better inform the public of its services and the conservation areas it operates, said CVCA Communication Director Robert Peace Tuesday.

"Public visibility is one example of how the authority can improve community awareness, said Mr. Peace.

The authority oversees the Credit River watershed from Orangeville to Lake Ontario at Port Credit. As well, it operates conservation areas including the Terra Cotta Conservation Area, in nearby Terra Cotta.

A recent report done by Sheridan College students on behalf of the authority, said Mr. Peace, confirmed his "gut feeling" that the authority has an awareness problem.

As a result, the authority will spend the next year introducing new programs to increase its profile.

Georgetown was one of the few areas profiled by the Sheridan students where a relatively high number of people knew about the authority and what it does, said Mr. Peace.

As part of the authority's publicity campaign, there are plans to open up certain CVCA lands to the public. That means non-used CVCA lands will be publicized as nature areas for hiking and fishing, explained Mr. Peace.

It is this type of recreation activity that the CVCA wants to promote rather than theme park facilities, he said.

The Sheridan College study showed most people want the CVCA lands to remain as close to their natural state as possible, said Mr. Peace. Hiking trails and fishing holes are activities conducive to the maintenance of the natural surroundings, he said.

As well, these types of activities are much less expensive for the CVCA to establish and maintain. Expenditures are of great concern to the authority since the provincial government

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has not increased the CVCA's yearly funding by more than four per cent for several years, said Mr. Peace.

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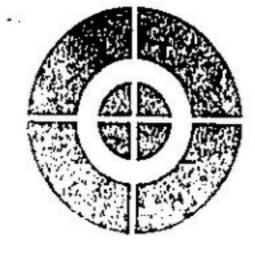
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