

## Council Briefs

# Town councillors recommend approval of golf course

Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday the Niagara Escarpment Commission, (NEC), approve construction of an 18-hole golf course and equestrian centre on a piece of property located on the east side of Highway 25 and south of Sideroad 10.

Committee's recommendation will go before Town Council this Monday for final approval. General Committee is comprised of Town councillors.

Last September, Council deferred commenting on the golf course proposal until it had more information about the amount of water the course would use.

Representatives from the golf course's developers, Eagle Ridge, told General Committee Monday 90 per cent of the needed water will be taken from three man-made ponds. Ground water will only be used as a supplementary source, committee was told.

Committee members were told that assuming NEC approval is given for the golf course relatively soon, preliminary work on the course will start this fall. The course is scheduled to be finished by 1994.

Mr. Austin didn't predict when development would be sufficient to justify the Environmental Study Report being done.

### Road-widening should be shelved

Halton Hills Engineer Bob Austin told Town councillors Monday the slow-down in development along Main Street South between Maple Avenue and Sideroad 10 in Georgetown means plans to reconstruct this area of Main Street South should be shelved for the time being.

Earlier this year many Main Street South residents balked at the idea of widening the road when a preliminary design for the road widening was unveiled by Town staff. At that time, staff had told councillors it was about to start an Environmental Study Report on the possible impact the preferred road reconstruction design would have on the surrounding environment.

However in Monday's staff report Mr. Austin said, "the need for reconstruction of Main Street South between Maple Avenue and Sideroad 10 due to development pressures is not anticipated in the next three years. Rather than write the Environmental Study Report now, it will be prepared at a more appropriate time depending on the progress of development in Georgetown South."



### Parade proposed

Get ready, because here comes a parade. Town General Committee recommended Monday Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce hold a parade in Acton in conjunction with "Back to Acton Days", Saturday, June 15.

The recommendation will go before Town Council for final approval this Monday.

The parade is scheduled to begin outside the Acton Post Office at 11:30 a.m. and travel south on John Street to Mill Street, then west on Mill Street to Park Avenue, then north on Park Avenue to Prospect Park.

### Parking prohibited

Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday that parking be prohibited at any time on the west side of McFarlane Drive in Georgetown.

# Agreement over Acton quarry carries no legal weight

By BENDUMMETT  
The Herald

Years ago a handshake was good enough to seal and guarantee an agreement, but not any longer, says Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller.

It's this lesson Mayor Miller and local environmentalists are now learning the value of as they grapple with trying to stop the Acton dump proposal from becoming a reality.

Mayor Miller said Monday the original owner's of the Acton Quarry, Indusmin, had agreed with the Town in the early 70's to re-route the Third Line through the quarry once all quarrying of the site had been completed. Originally, to begin quarry operations on the property the Third Line had to be re-directed around the site.

According to Mayor Miller, Indusmin promised to rebuild the Third Line so it would travel down one side of the quarry and then up the other side.

In retrospect, there was one problem with that agreement, said Mayor Miller. The agreement wasn't registered in title, giving the agreement little legal footing, he said.

Since buying the Acton Quarry site from Indusmin in the mid-80's, Milton-based United Aggregates Limited has always claimed it was never told by In-

Indusmin about the agreement to re-route the Third Line.

Mayor Miller believes because Indusmin made an agreement with the Town over the Third Line, United Aggregates should honor that agreement even if it was unaware of the agreement at the time of purchase.

"An agreement is an agreement," said Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller predicted if United Aggregates was forced to rebuild the Third Line through the quarry then the dump proposed for the quarry would not be possible.

Milton's Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI) wants to lease the quarry land once quarry operations cease and use it as a garbage dump. The application is currently before Ontario's Ministry of the Environment, (MOE).

Mayor Miller said the Town's lawyer has written to Jamie Connelly of the MOE's Approval's Branch, informing him of the agreement the Town had with Indusmin and believes United Aggregates should uphold.

The mayor rejected a suggestion that United Aggregates could appease the Town by rebuilding the Third Line over top of the quarry once it had been filled

with garbage.

"The MOE won't let much happen on top of a landfill," said Mayor Miller.

According to a letter obtained by the Herald from the MOE Approval's Branch and addressed to local environmentalist Rita Landry, the Approval's Branch is unaware of any agreement between the previous Acton quarry owners and the Town for the Third Line to be re-routed. The letter which was dated June 3, 1991 was sent to Ms. Landry from Mr. Connelly.

Contacted Monday about the letter, Mr. Connelly said he had not yet received any letter from the Town on the issue of the Third Line.

However, Mr. Connelly said the Approval's Branch assessment of the Acton Dump proposal would have to be repeated if a road was being proposed to run over top of the quarry once filled with garbage.

The assessment of the Acton dump proposal done so far by the Approval's Branch has been on the assumption that once filled with garbage, the landfill would be seeded and used for "agricultural purposes or passive recreation uses," said Mr. Connelly.

The recommendation will go before Town Council this Monday for final approval.

### Dump referendum requested

Town General Committee recommended Monday staff design questions relating to the Acton dump proposal and what the Town should be doing about it to be used as part of a referendum on the dump. Town Mayor Russ Miller said the Town needs clear direction from its residents on how Council should fight the proposal. Councillors want the question to be included on the ballot for the municipal election this November.

### Development application

Town councillors learned Monday a development application to build a one-storey commercial retail building on property located at Mountainview Road north of Todd Road, has been submitted to Town planning staff. Staff is currently evaluating the proposal and will soon present a report for council's consideration.

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