

Council Briefs

Town to finish subdivision work

Halton Hills Council approved Monday the Town spend an extra \$30,830 to finish public services work concerning the subdivision, Halton Hills Estates, in Stewart-town.

The work includes storm sewer cleaning, installation of culvert grates, installation of chain link fences, lot drainage improvements, minor lot grading and driveway paving within the roadway right-of-way, according to the staff report.

This and other work was outlined in the subdivision agreement signed between the Town and the developer, Halton Hills Development Corporation. The agreement also included a letter of credit for \$399,832 the Town could access if the developer was unable to finish the work outlined in the agreement.

The developer ran into financial difficulties in April 1990 and the Town subsequently took over the remaining amount of work, according to the staff report's author, Town Administrator-Clerk Dan Costea.

However, Mr. Costea told council the remaining work will total \$35,530 more than was allocated to the Town through the letter of credit.

Council decided all of the remaining work was essential except boulevard tree planting. As a result, the \$4,700 cost for tree planting was subtracted from the amount of extra money approved.

Mr. Costea said that legally the Town is only obligated to do the amount of work covered by the letter of credit. But he felt the Town has a "moral obligation" to do all of the necessary work.

Acton Coun. Gerald Rennie agreed, so much so, that he voted against the tree planting cost being eliminated.



Coun. Pat McCarthy voted against the money being spent because he objected to the Town paying for driveway paving within the road right-of-way.

Council sides with church

Halton Hills Council decided Monday that several requests by St. John's United Church on Guelph Street in Georgetown concerning the church's renovation project could be better handled by the Town's Site Plan Committee. That committee deals with design details of construction projects. Church representative Andrew Leverette told council members Monday, the church had already approached Site Plan Committee about the project and at that time, the committee said a building permit wouldn't be issued until the church agreed to fulfill certain requirements.

Mr. Leverette said the requirements, which all relate to the renovation works, should either be eliminated or deferred. He stressed the church is operating under financial con-

straints and therefore the requirements should be considered in the context of these constraints.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie echoed the sentiments of the other councillors when he said the church's request should be sent back to Site Plan Committee and committee members should take into consideration that the church is a non-profit group that serves the community.

Report requested

Town staff was directed Monday by Council to write a report on whether local developer Al Pilutti should be permitted to sever a piece of property in Glen Williams west of Wildwood Road.

Mr. Pilutti told Council he wants to sever the property to build two houses.

Before Mr. Pilutti is permitted to sever the property, Council must lift a development freeze for the Glen Williams hamlet area.

The freeze was imposed last year to give Town staff time to complete a storm sewer study. The study has yet to begin because of a lack of Town funds, said Town Engineer Bob Austin.

Hire-a-student day

Monday, Halton Hills Council declared June 19 as Hire-a-student Day in Halton Hills.

Additions approved

Halton Hills Council approved Monday that Georgetown McNally Construction be permitted to construct an addition to the company's Armstrong Avenue Industrial Mall. During the same meeting, council gave the go-ahead for Brampton Collision Limited at 564 Guelph Street to build a 1,120 square foot addition to the company's building.

Town questioned over dump issue

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dusmin to abide by the agreement.

It is generally acknowledged if the Third Line was re-directed through the quarry then the dump proposal would get caught up in bureaucratic red tape for years to come.

As it stands now, the dump proposal is expected to go before the Ministry of Environment late this year for final consideration.

Contacted Thursday, Mayor Russ Miller said the Town has directed its lawyers to determine if the agreement with Indusmin is legally binding.

The lawyers have so far said the Town's case is weakened because the agreement has not been registered in title.

Asked why the agreement wasn't registered, Mayor Miller replied, "it was a lack of good administration staff (at the time)."

Town Administrator-Clerk Dan Costea said the agreement isn't legally binding but, "we feel Indusmin has a moral obligation to follow through with the agreement."

The controversy surrounding the agreement also involves the fact that when Indusmin sold the property to United Aggregates in the mid-80's the reconstruction of the Third Line was omitted from the purchase agreement. No one appears to be able to justify this omission.

If the Town is right and the Indusmin-Town agreement is weakened because it wasn't registered, then why was Indusmin allowed to start quarrying activity in the first place, questioned Mr. Young.

If the agreement isn't legally binding then the Town should be able to take over the property and reconstruct the Third Line itself, he said. When asked if this would be possible given the property was purchased by United Aggregates, Mr. Young speculated the agreement between United Aggregates and Indusmin is not

legally binding since the Town agreement with Indusmin wasn't legally binding.

The Town lawyer couldn't be reached for comment on this matter at press time.



70th Anniversary

The Limehouse Women's Institute held a special party last Sunday at the Limehouse Memorial Hall, as the association celebrated its 70th Anniversary. Displays, antiques, photos and crafts were made available for perusal by the public. Pictured above, left to right, Glenda Benton, the association's Public Relations Officer and association President, Jean Anderson, were on hand Sunday to greet and make welcome the public. (Herald photo)

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