

Crossing guard to patrol near Harrison School

The parents of children walking to Harrison Public School in Georgetown will soon be able to rest a little easier.

Halton Hills Councillors directed staff to hire a temporary crossing guard to patrol Rexway Drive near the school.

Council made its decision after Max Jackman, the school's principal and Karen Walker, a parent with two children attending Harrison, told council of the danger children face crossing Rexway Drive to get to school.

Ms. Walker told council a child was almost hit by a car last week while crossing the street.

At the urging of Mr. Jackman and Ms. Walker Council also directed staff to investigate the possibility of installing a traffic light to ensure the school children's safety.

However, Town Engineer Bob Austin said the option has already been investigated and installation of a traffic light is not possible.

Despite the explanation, Town Mayor Russ Miller said staff should continue to investigate the possibility thereby keeping the Town's option open.

Housing statement urged

Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday the Town's Municipal Housing Statement be approved. The Housing Statement outlines the percentage of types of housing the Town is projected to need over the next 10 years.

General Committee, which is comprised of Town councillors, made its recommendation after hearing from Gail Rutherford, President of local ratepayer group Residents Active in Development Decisions, (RAIDD).

In the past RAIDD has opposed the statement because group members claimed the housing mix projections were incorrect. The projections were 65 per cent single

family homes, 15 per cent townhouses, and 20 per cent apartments. However following a meeting between RAIDD members and Town planning staff the housing statement was changed to include the following housing projections: 65-70 per cent single family homes, 15-20 per cent townhouses, apartments.

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

Clean-up okayed

Town Council directed staff Monday to take steps to clean up a pile of construction rubbish illegally dumped at a marsh on the Fallbrook Trail, west of Confederation Street in Glen Williams.

Area resident Brett Slade told councillors he was "horrified" when he found the debris beside the marsh last week.

He told councillors if the debris ever got into the marsh the aquatic and bird life would certainly be harmed.

Townhouse proposal urged

Town General Committee recommended Monday a proposal to build three townhouses at Church and John Street in Acton be approved despite hearing opposition to the proposal from area residents.

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

Church street resident, Ernie Waller and John Street resident, Bob Turkosz, told council the townhouses aren't in keeping with the single family homes and duplexes that populate the area.

They predicted more high density townhouses would be built in the area if the proposed development was approved.

However, Acton Councillor Norm Elliott appears to have summed up the opinion of many councillors



saying the application was a reasonable compromise. He was referring to the fact that the original development proposal for the property called for four

Townhouses.

Public address system

Town General Committee recommended Monday the Town spend \$13,571 to install a public announcement system in the Town Council Chambers.

A majority of councillors supported the expenditure because the system would benefit the public.

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

Marketing strategy

Town councillors directed staff to establish two committees to devise a long-term marketing strategy for the Town to encourage new industry to locate in Halton Hills.

The recommendation was carried

despite opposition from Coun. Joe Hewitt who said it should be up to industrial land owners in Halton Hills to market their own property.

Vandals challenged

The Acton Business Improvement Area has no intention of being scared off by a bunch of vandals.

Acton Coun. and BIA member Gerald Rennie made this statement Monday after telling councillors the BIA's new sign has been vandalized. The sign, which is located at the corner of Mill and Main Street, cost several thousands of dollars to install, said Mr. Rennie.

However, the BIA plans to repair the sign, he said. Meanwhile a reward will be offered to anyone who provides information leading to the identification of the culprit(s).

Region Briefs

Pomeroy receptive to quarry amendment

After initially calling the idea frivolous, Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said Wednesday there appears to be more credence behind possibly preventing United Aggregates from quarrying the Acton quarry site on the south side of Sideroad 22 in Halton Hills.

Chairman Pomeroy made his comments after local resident Giuseppe Gori urged Halton Planning and Public Works Committee members to support a Niagara Escarpment Amendment preventing United Aggregates from quarrying 75 acres of the Acton quarry site on the south side of Sideroad 22.

Mr. Gori, who is a member of local environmental group, Ecology Awareness Group - Landscape and Environment (EAGLE), has initiated the Niagara Escarpment Amendment, saying the area in question contains environmentally sensitive areas.

Following Mr. Gori's presentation, Chairman Pomeroy said he originally thought the amendment was frivolous but he is not so sure now. Although acknowledging the quarry company has a provincial licence to excavate aggregate from the land south of Sideroad 22, Chair-

man Pomeroy said the company has not been a good corporate citizen. He points out United Aggregates, as part of Reclamation Systems Incorporated, wants to establish a dump in 50 per cent of the quarry.

Instead of carrying out a meaningful rehabilitation program once the quarry is exhausted, the company has turned around and wants to put garbage in it, he said.

Following the chairman's lead, committee members voted to defer voting on the amendment until staff had more time to investigate its legitimacy. The recommendation will go before Regional Council this Wednesday for final approval.

Fertilizer fill-up

Regional Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday The Scott Composting Farm, which services Halton area farmers with fertilizer compost, be permitted to extend its operation from 200 to 300 days. That translates into the farm being allowed to handle 300 instead of 200 tonnes of compost material.

Farm operator Jim Scott said the operation needs to be expanded to properly service farmers located in and outside the Region.

Final approval must be given by Halton Region Council.


Dump downer

The Acton dump proposal has received another knock. This time from the Approval Branch of the Ministry of Environment.

According to an Approval Branch document obtained by the Herald, the company behind the dump proposal, Milton's Reclamation System (RSI) has not adequately dealt with issues surrounding 'Black Creek. Specifically, the Approval's Branch wants proof from RSI that the effluent discharged from the dump "would be comparable to or better than the water presently available in the creek." The proponent must also assess the impact of the chemical oxygen demand of the effluent on the dissolved oxygen levels of Black Creek, according to the document.

"In summary, the proponent has not shown that the proposed discharge of treated effluent to Black Creek will comply with Ministry standards and policy, which have been put in place to protect the aquatic environment."

No one from RSI could be reached for comment at press time.




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