



Remembering our heroes

Local residents look on in silence during the reading of the Honor Roll at the Acton Remembrance Day services at Trinity United Church on Mill St. (Herald Photo by Steven LeBlanc)

CVCA implements slope restrictions

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has implemented further restrictions on development within the Credit River Watershed to prevent slope erosion due to construction.

According to the CVCA's new setback requirements, construction can only take place a minimum of five meters from the edge of a slope located anywhere in the Credit River watershed.

Chris Worte, CVCA Watershed Planning Manager said, prior to the

change in policy, construction could take place on the edge of the slope.

The new restriction creates a buffer between the slope and construction activity ensuring construction activity doesn't affect a slope's natural vegetation, explained Mr. Worte.

In the past, there has been a problem of building material falling over the edge of a slope and not only disturbing the vegetation, but also, ending up in the Credit River, explained Mr. Worte.

Region Notes

Freeze on rural development relegated to limbo status

A proposal for the Regional municipalities to impose a freeze on rural residential development until a Region-wide water study is complete, now sits in limbo.

Halton Regional Council decided Wednesday to "table" instead of deal with a staff recommendation calling for Halton's four municipalities to consider placing a moratorium on rural development until the Region can determine the quantity and quality of area well water.

Tabling a recommendation means putting it in limbo. Furthermore, the decision means development can go ahead in accordance with each municipality's Official Plan.

Halton Region Council made its decision despite urging from Ballinafad resident Daphne Shropshall it impose the moratorium.

"In the name of good old fashion common sense hold off on allowing development until we're sure where the water is, its quality and quantity," Ms. Shropshall told Council members.

Other communities in the province are reporting shortages of water because of permitting development to go ahead prematurely; the

Region shouldn't want to make the same mistake, said Ms. Shropshall.

The staff recommendation called for the area municipalities to consider adopting an interim control bylaw to implement the moratorium.

However, Halton Hills Regional Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson pointed out provincial legislation requires a municipal study justifying the moratorium be carried out as a condition of the bylaw's adoption.

In this case that study is the Region-wide water study. However, Regional Council has decided it shouldn't go ahead, if ever, until sometime next year.

Currently the study is being considered as part of the 1992 budget deliberations.

Mark Meneray, Halton's lawyer, said once the water study issue is resolved, then the Region can consider requesting area municipalities place a development freeze in rural areas.

Program approved

After being assured a spraying program to kill gypsy moths in Halton is safe, Regional Council voted Wednesday to support the

idea.

The gypsy moth, which is currently defoliating large tracts of forest area in Burlington in Oakville, is soon expected to invade North-Halton unless the spraying program is implemented, Halton Region Conservation Area officials have warned.

Oakville Regional Councillor Janet Mitchell, a supporter of the program, predicted many trees will die if the gypsy moth population remains unchecked.

Dr. Robert Nosal, Halton's Health Commissioner, told Regional Councillors the primary ingredient in the spray, Bacillus Thuringiensis, has been shown to have no negative impact on people or animals.

However he reassured councillors people living in an area scheduled to be sprayed will be notified ahead of time of what is too happen.

People will be warned that children and those who have problems with their immune system should stay away from sprayed areas for two to three days after spraying has taken place as a precautionary measure, said Dr. Nosal.

Milton OPP detachment accepts cost-cutting order

Staff Sergeant Al Smouter of the Milton OPP said the detachment is "receptive" to deficit-cutting measures put in place by Solicitor General Allan Pilkey.

"We (the OPP) are not immune to the recession and we realize expenses have to be curtailed," said Staff Sgt. Smouter. "We live in tough times and we have to be more accountable with our expenses and resources."

The entire force, consisting of 5,800 uniform and civilian staff, has been told to slash its \$16 million

budget deficit.

Among the cost-preserving measures being taken into consideration include limiting cruisers to travelling no more than 108 km. per shift, overtime restrictions, decreases in the number of training programs and a hiring freeze.

The hiring freeze is the only real cut-back Staff Sgt. Smouter said he was concerned about.

"This means if someone retires or is transferred, there won't be any recruits to take their place, so manpower will be reduced."

But he doesn't believe this will directly affect the Milton Detachment as only one person has retired.

The force has also been ordered to cut its motorcycle exhibition team, "The Golden Helmets" and its Pipe and Drum Band.

Only one Milton officer belongs to either one of these public relation groups and Staff Sgt. Smouter said since the officer will no longer be attending public relations events, he'll be able to contribute more time to actual law enforcement.

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