

Councillors bicker over Hwy. 25 traffic

Councillor Rob Heaton lashed out at his colleagues Monday night after failing to gain their support to find methods of reducing traffic congestion on Hwy. 25.

Heaton told councillors he "has received a number of complaints" about heavy traffic congestion on Hwy. 25, immediately north of the 401.

He suggested council ask the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to budget for traffic lights in the area, or advise Milton to construct additional lanes, as a way of easing the traffic jams.

However, Councillor Gerald Rennie believed MTO will not heed council's advice, "on the strength of a layman's observation," and suggested they ask for a traffic study.

Councillor Rick Bonnette agreed, but disputed Heaton's charge, arguing he's "travelled that road for three years," and has rarely seen traffic backed up in the area.

"I'll withdraw the recommendation and forget it, and anyone with problems I'll refer them to you," Heaton angrily shot back. "I'll give them Councillor Bonnette's number — even after the election I'll give them your number."

Rennie commented he "objected to (Heaton's) tone," while Councillor Norm Elliott questioned why Heaton withdrew his recommendation so quickly.

"I was going to offer a few words of encouragement to the councillor,

but now I question the sincerity of his motion in the first place," he said.

Heaton heatedly replied he was "quite sincere."

"It's your people using that road, anyway," he snapped.



Nicole Reed of Mississauga was the lucky winner in the Up, Up and Away draw prize held at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area's Fall Harvest of Color event. Trudy Thomas, owner of the Georgetown Main St. store, happily introduces Nicole to her new stuffed friend, McKenzie, the bear.

Ian Fraser appointed P.C. director

Ian Fraser, past president of the Halton-Peel Federal P.C. Riding Association has been appointed Ontario director on the National Executive of the party.

When this riding was formed in March 1988 he was elected the first president. Previously he was vice-president of the York Peel Riding Association.

Fraser is the owner of Pro-Pharma, a company contracting "sales reps" and services to the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.

Please note that the October meeting of the P.C. party will now be held on October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Halton Golf Club.

Lions Club donates van

Georgetown Lions Club has committed to buy a wheelchair accessible vehicle for North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (NHADH). The new vehicle, a Bluebird Micro bus has been ordered and delivery is expected in December. It will accommodate four wheelchairs and four ambulatory passengers.

Alzheimer Society expands

Alzheimer Society for Halton-Wentworth now has an office in Burlington. It is located at Appleview Square, 676 Appleby Line, Suite E112, Burlington, L7L 5Y1. Halton Hills residents can call 873-8559. A remote call-forwarding system will transfer calls to the Burlington number so there will be no long distance charges.

New NHADH president

Christine (Chris) Dewdney is the new president of the North Halton Association for the Development Handicapped. Mrs. Dewdney and her husband Dave live in Ballinacree. Voted as president at the annual meeting in June, Mrs. Dewdney has served on the Acton Auxiliary representative to the board of directors in 1981, the board of directors, 1982-83, 85 and served as vice-president, 1989-91. Mrs. Dewdney enjoys community theatre and works as a Life Skills instructor at a correctional institution.

Pilutti enters election

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increases every year."

"I want to freeze taxes at the same level for three years ... We've hired so many consultants, wasted all that money and where do they get us? Personally, I would want to hire just one more consultant -- ask him how we can save money, cut taxes, but still have the same services we're accustomed to. Then we will pay him after we read his report."

Pilutti stressed he "strongly favors" preserving much of rural Halton Hills as open space or agricultural. He noted lands south of Hungry Hollow should be reserved for affordable and higher density housing developments, with the lands south of 10 Sdrd. to remain rural.

He suggested industrial areas, currently zoned in Georgetown South, should be moved to the Trafalgar Rd./22 Sdrd. area where the Region's reservoir is being constructed.

Pilutti reasoned it is the centre of the municipality, and the open space at the south end would provide a buffer between Mississauga and the Town.

"We don't want to be a part of Mississauga — we should make it eternally green along there," he added. "We need to put green between one municipality and the other — for distinction. I'm all for protecting the environment as much as possible."

The Town's Official Plan and zoning bylaws need to be updated "in order to provide for good development," and Pilutti noted he will see that it's done.

"That's one of my first goals, to develop a comprehensive zoning bylaw and an updated Official Plan," he said. "We cannot have good development without both things. We're still working with a zoning bylaw that was passed in 1957. And, for the needs of today, that's inadequate."

Gastle in Ward 2 race

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tive plaque describing Norval to be unveiled at the end of this month. Overshadowing the event is the residents' fight to prevent a commercial development in the hamlet.

But, Gastle pointed out that it is not indicative about how she feels about development in general. She firmly stated she will consider all

applications on their individual merits, if elected.

The quality and quantity of well water is a big issue to which Gastle also hopes to address. She recalled wells running dry in her hamlet, adding "I know how it is to live without water."

"People suffered from a lack of water, and it needs protection," she added.

Frank Bean steps down

Peel Regional chairman, Frank Bean, has decided to leave politics after 12 years on the job. Bean told reporters in a news conference Thursday he's stepping down to go into business for himself, suggesting possibly a consulting firm with an emphasis on waste management.

Bean has been facing sexual harassment charges levelled at him by a former employee Debbie Phair who was fired in July, 1989. She filed the charges of wrongful dismissal and sexual harassment with the Human Rights Commission in early 1990. Although Bean continued to skirt questions about the outcome of an investigation, he did deny the charge of sexual harassment.

"I can say this: the outstanding legal matter is now resolved, and I am pleased about it."

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