

Council supports changes to NEC authority

By **STUART JOHNSTON**
Staff writer

Pressure from a special interest group intent on wresting powers away from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) successfully persuaded a Halton regional committee to again endorse their fight Wednesday.

The 600-member Niagara Escarpment Landowners Coalition (NELC) has been fighting for the past 18 months to reduce the NEC's responsibilities and hand them over to county

and regional governments straddling the escarpment, which runs from Niagara to Tobermory.

They convinced the region's planning committee to ask the ministry of environment to change legislation so Halton's planning staff can process development permits within the escarpment area, instead of the NEC.

Halton Hills councillor Marilyn Serjeantson, Oakville's Stephen Sparling and Burlington's Joyce Savoline voted against the motion, preferring to wait until answers such as the costs to the

region are known first. Chairman Pete Pomeroy, Halton Hills rep Rick Bonnette, Burlington's Barry Quinn, Oakville's Fred Oliver and Milton's Barry Lee favored the administrative change.

The committee's recommendation will be debated at regional council on Wednesday.

Last month, the committee passed the same resolution, but regional councillors deferred the matter until last week to give opposing views an opportunity to be heard.

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Touring the lights

The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown is holding its annual Seniors Tour of Lights this Wednesday evening (Dec. 16).

Buses will pick up seniors at all the senior centres in town, Preston's in Glen Williams, the legions and Moore Park Plaza between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. The buses will meet at Loblaws and leave for the tour at 7:15 p.m. Seniors who don't catch the bus at the above mentioned locations can get one at Loblaws before the tour starts.

Following the tour the buses will drop the seniors off at Georgetown District High School for refreshments, and Christmas music.

The tour is free. To pre-register call John Duncan before 6 p.m. at 877-5163, after 6 p.m. at 873-1710 or David Lennon at 877-6116.

Post office delivers

Employees of Georgetown Post Office are holding a food bank and toy drive. All non-perishable goods or unwrapped toys are welcome. Help us help the less fortunate. All donations will go to Love in Christ food bank in Georgetown.

Fire Dept. vehicle

Town councillors gave the green light for the fire department to spend \$25,619 on a new fire prevention/utility vehicle from Georgetown's Andrew Murray Motors. Thirteen bids were received but the lowest came from the local dealership.

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Local residents Doug Rock and Chris Sallay were honored last week for their efforts in rescuing a disabled helicopter pilot at Pearson International Airport in June of 1991. Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Help helicopter pilot

Locals receive Medal of Bravery

By **LISA TALLYN**
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Halton Hills residents Doug Rock and Chris Sallay received Medals of Bravery in Ottawa Friday for their efforts in helping a disabled helicopter make a safe landing at Pearson International Airport back in June 1991.

The two men were among six who came to the rescue of a Heli-Trans helicopter pilot who was stranded in the air because one of the chopper's pontoons had broken off during an earlier accident, making it impossible to land.

All six men involved in the rescue — the other four were Tim Kunica, Glenn Maxwell, Terry Watson and Tim Swift — received their medals from Governor-General Ray Hnatyshyn in a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

The incident occurred on June 28. The helicopter's pontoon had broken off after the pilot lost control of the chopper in the wind and it smashed to the pavement. He was attempting to land it because a door had popped open.

Rock of Georgetown and Sallay of Glen Williams were both working at Air One, a corporate charter company, on June 28th when they heard the heli-

copter hovering outside at about noon.

"I was in the back room and heard the helicopter coming in," said Sallay an aircraft maintenance engineer. "I saw it hovering in front of the hangar and noticed that one of the floats wasn't there it all. He couldn't land."

Sallay said it was impossible for the pilot to set the helicopter down because it would have flipped over due to lack of balance.

Rock says the men who came to the pilot's rescue had to do some fast thinking. This was not an everyday occurrence.

"We ended up propping it up on a stand," said Rock.

"We used some wire mesh stairs and attempted to put them under the helicopter so he could set it down," said Rock.

All the while the chopper's rotor blades were whirling over their heads.

When the helicopter was finally stabilized the rescuers faced another problem, the pilot couldn't shut down the engine because it had been damaged in the accident.

Rock ran inside the building, got a fire extinguisher, and discharged it into the engine, shutting it down. The pilot escaped without injury.

Region to join fight against dump sites

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Halton Region is joining forces with the town to fight two potential dump sites adjacent to Halton Hills' eastern border.

Halton's planning committee agreed to oppose the Interim Waste Authority's (IWA) selection of two potential sites to dump Peel's garbage in over the next 20 years. They are located east of the Halton/Peel border, north of Norval and close to the Credit River. Two other locations are in Caledon, the third is near Huttonville.

Halton Hills has already declared its opposition to the ministry of environment, but regional officials are considering taking a different route to fight the provincial body — in a court of law.

In an interview, an angry regional chairman Pete Pomeroy believes Halton could take the wind out of IWA's sails by challenging them in court.

Pomeroy argued the environmental assessment act was not strictly followed by the provincial board responsible for finding dump sites for Peel, Durham, York and Metro Toronto, and charged it arbitrarily chose sites for "political reasons" and not environmental reasons.

"If they are going to shove it down our throats, let's embarrass them," he said. "The IWA clearly disregarded the environmental assessment process, and I believe we could possibly challenge that in court and do an early hit against them."

Pomeroy accused the IWA of "finding the path of least resistance."

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