

# MacNab appeals to council to save family burial ground

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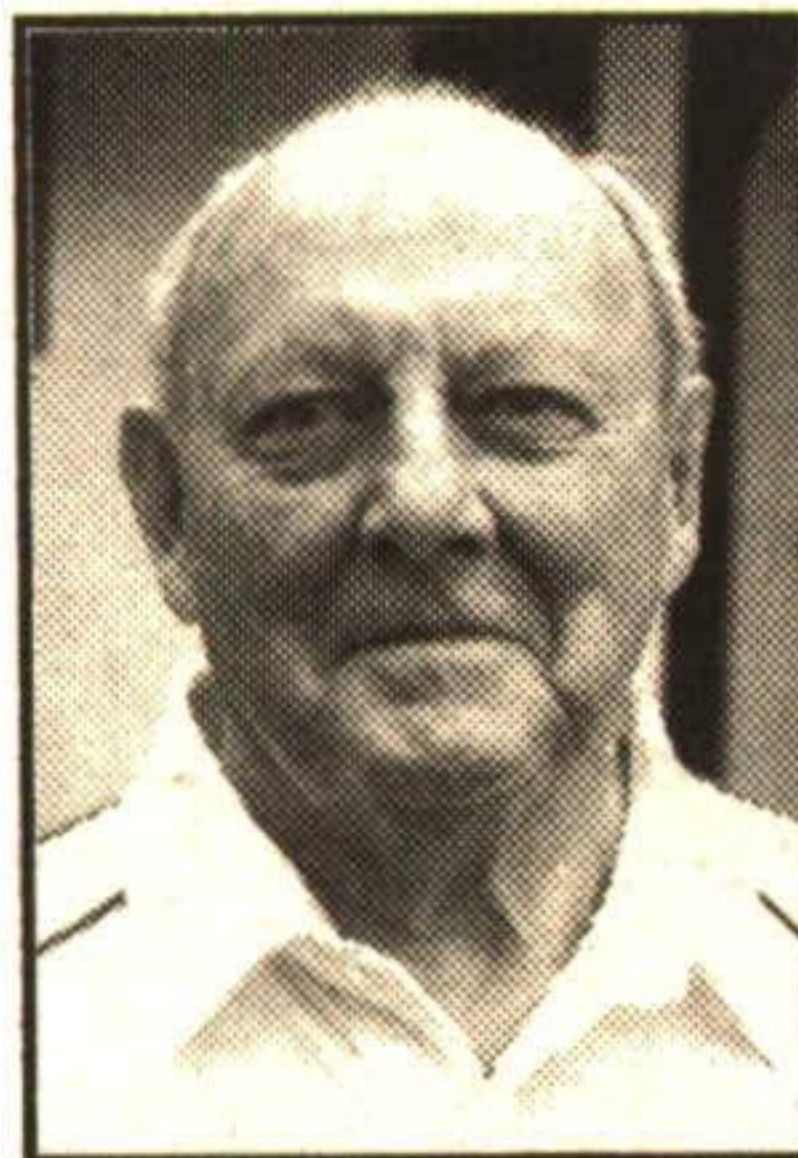
Bruce MacNab, a descendant of the MacNab founders of Norval, was at council Monday night to request council become involved in an attempt to save his family's burial ground in Norval from becoming a building lot.

Norval resident Julian Reed has filed an application of subdivision for the property along with four surrounding parcels of land.

MacNab told council a geophysical examination of the property done by consultants hired by Reed did not cover the entire property, particularly a portion near the front where MacNab said Indians and children were buried.

MacNab also questions Reed's ownership of the burial ground.

"There is no confirmation of a quick claim deed. All records have been lost for both cemeteries (MacNab and Hillcrest in Norval) and there is no confirmation



BRUCE MacNAB

MacNab burial ground back in the 1960s.

"Area residents believe there is more than one burial there," said councillor Cathy Gastle who represents Norval.

MacNab wants the town to take over the cemetery.

"To close the cemetery off would only require two fences. If the town took it over that would be the total cost, there would be no maintenance, it is just bush," said MacNab. The Norval Women's

whether any of the graves had been moved (from the MacNab burial ground)," said MacNab.

MacNab said an elderly uncle of his recalls seeing a gate and several tombstones on the

Institute is interested in erecting a cairn on the property.

During the application process it was determined by the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations that Reed was the owner of the burial grounds. Since then Reed has received certificates of approval from the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations to close two portions of the property as a cemetery.

A small portion at the rear of the property has not been closed, and will be left as a cemetery.

MacNab said that portion is not accessible to the public.

MacNab added the money has been pledged to appeal the decisions made by the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and he wants the town to get involved in the appeal.

Councillor Gail Rutherford, one of council's representatives on Heritage Halton Hills, the local conservation advisory committee, said in light of the MacNab information that the front section of the land wasn't examined, her group will take another look at the burial ground. However Heritage Halton Hills will not meet until the third week in October and should have a report for council after that time.

Council deferred the MacNab burial ground issue for two weeks because staff member Stephen Thompson, who has been working on it for the town, was absent at Monday's meeting.

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