

# Hornby residents object to trucking firm

## Fear it will 'mean the death of Hornby'

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Several Hornby residents made it clear at a public meeting Tuesday night they do not want a trucking facility on Steeles Ave. near Hornby Rd.

The meeting focused on H.A.S. Gill Transportation's application to amend the town's official plan and zoning bylaw to allow for the trucking operation.

In the spring, the town charged the company with a zoning infraction for illegal use of the

property alleging the company operated a truck depot on the property between September 1995 and March 1996. Gill was in court on the charge Thursday, and the trial date was adjourned to September 5.

In letters to the town stating their objections to the truck facility, many area residents say the business continues to operate. A petition signed by about 115 area residents who object to the Gill proposal has been filed with the town.

At the meeting Hornby resident Vic Hendrickson said he was opposed to the application because the property was in a

rural cluster area. He said approval of it "will mean the death of Hornby." Hendrickson added the facility has meant noise, pollution and reduced property values for area residents.

Hornby resident Randy Howden said he was fed up with the dust and the noise from the trucking facility and added he hears beepers from trucks backing into the yard beginning at 3 a.m.

Jim Snow, also of Hornby, said he couldn't believe "how you people are so asleep at the switch to allow this (trucking facility) to get to this stage" without permits and approvals.

Peter Che, a planner representing the applicant, said Gill intends to situate its building parallel to Steeles Ave. to create a buffer from the trucks. He added the driveway will be relocated and paved to cut down on dust. He added the truck traffic and noise issues are still being studied.

Town planner Alan Binks said Halton Region is opposed to the proposal because the trucking terminal is not a permitted use there in the region's official plan.

Binks said in his report on the application Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) is concerned the trucking operation is affecting the creek that runs through the property and a surface drainage outlet has been built without HRCA's permission.

Councillors didn't debate the Gill application but are expected to at an upcoming meeting.

# Police capture escapees

One of two men who escaped from Maplehurst Correctional Facility in Milton Wednesday afternoon was found later that evening in Halton Hills near Steeles Ave.

The second man was found early Thursday morning near James Snow Parkway in Milton.

Police say the two men, John Honyust and Christopher Pigeon, escaped from the Milton correctional facility at about 1:30 p.m. by scaling the 10 metre high fence surrounding the property. Pigeon, 19, was in Maplehurst for fraud. Honyust, 20, was in Maplehurst for robbery and fail to comply.

Police received information the pair had been seen in the area north-east of the facility. The canine unit

was brought in for the search but the men weren't found.

At about 8 p.m. Wednesday, police were informed a suspicious person had been spotted in the Steeles Ave. and Trafalgar Rd. area. Sgt. Greg Braun said the man was chased into a cornfield. At about 9:25 p.m. Braun said Pigeon was discovered on the roof of a truck parked in the yard of Town and Country Farms on Steeles Ave. at Hornby Rd. He was arrested without incident and held for a bail hearing Thursday.

At about 1:40 a.m. Thursday Halton and Ontario Provincial Police arrested Honyust near the 401 and James Snow Parkway in Milton. He was also held for a bail hearing Thursday.

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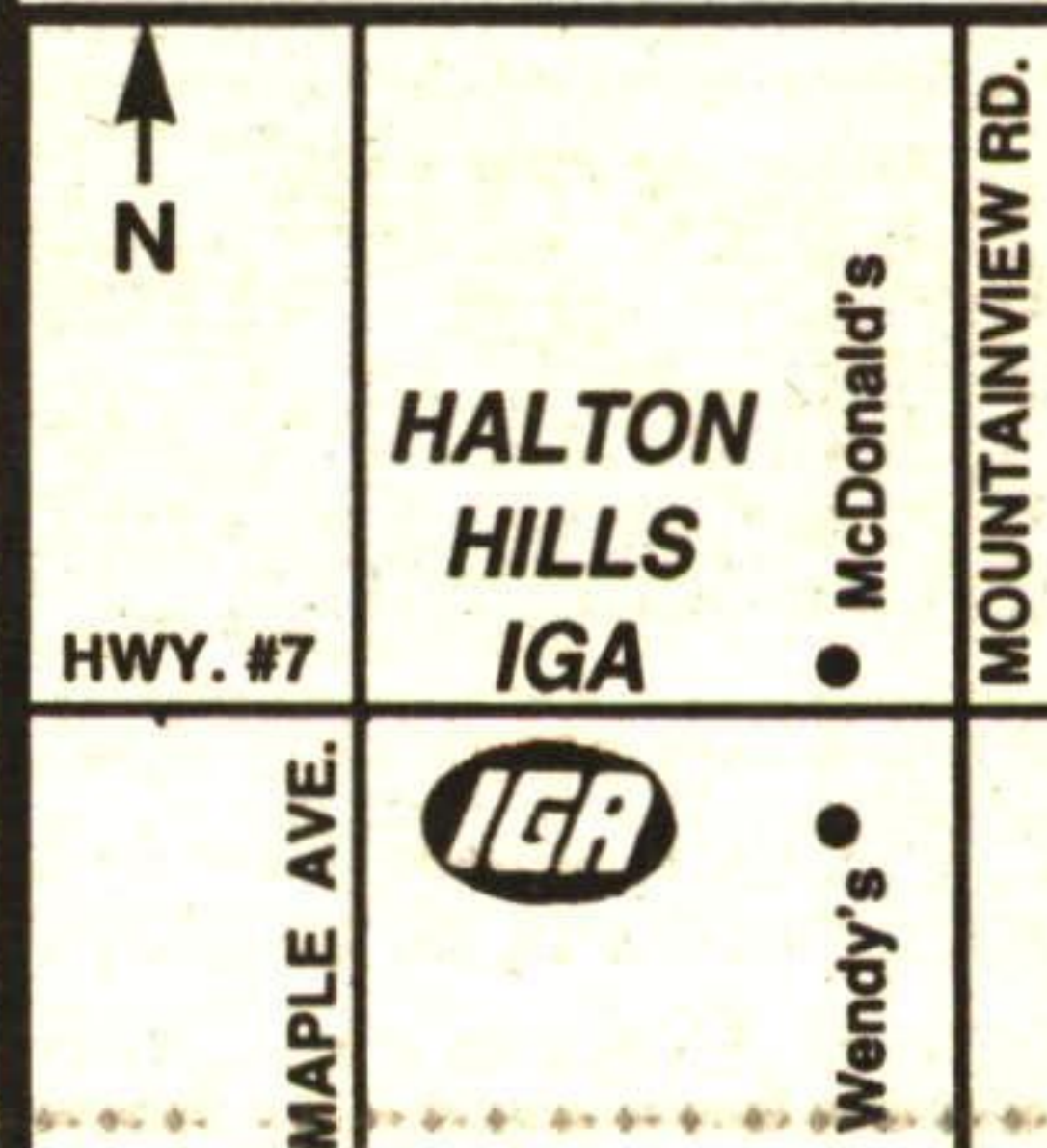
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