

# Heritage registries, eyesore schools on council agenda

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It was a packed agenda at Halton Hills council, with Mayor Rick Bonnette bringing forth a resolution on Tyler Transport failing to be included in the school board's bid process, as well as discussion about studying employment lands in the area.

Here's a few other notes of interest that came up around the horseshoe that evening.

1) Council passes motion to add McNab Cemetery to the Heritage Registry

This was an item that was brought to council in February after locals in Norval called for the Pioneer Cemetery to be added to the Heritage Registry.

Norval Pioneer Cemetery a possible native burial site

At the time, staff explained that the cemeteries did not align with the purpose of the registry, which is to protect buildings, or give the town time to respond to a demolition application if one comes up for a building of historical significance. Council directed staff to come back with a report on potentially putting all pioneer cemeteries in Halton Hills on the registry.

"I'm glad to see this here tonight," said Bonnette, as council passed the motion.

2) Mayor mentions possible Property Standards complaint for Speyside School

Halton Hills received a correspondence letter from the town of Essex, talking about shuttered school properties that become downtrodden and derelict.

"We've got a prime example here," said Coun. Bryan Lewis, explaining that Speyside has become an eyesore over the years before the school board sold the building.

Bonnette noted that 12 years ago, the school board would not consider selling the property to an interested business and it subsequently fell into disrepair.

Coun. Jon Hurst agreed, saying that he also heard from people interested in purchasing the property that could not connect with the school board.

"It's a shame," said Hurst. "They should have more respect to what they have and don't need." Bonnette made note of possibly filing a property standards complaint against the property.

3) Town gets \$225,000 for cycling infrastructure Coun. Jane Fogal rejoiced at the news of the town receiving funding for bike lanes, which will be used to establish a bike path in Limehouse. The monies, provided by the province through the Ontario Commuters Cycling Funding Agreement, will help the town build a cycling connection from Acton to Georgetown.

"That route is going to be much safer," said Fogal.



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