

NEC response expected by July

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The Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC's) response to a hearing officers' report on the Five-Year Review of the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) will likely be made by the end of July, the commission's assistant director and manager of Plan administration said last week.

Cecil Louis, who is heading up the Commission's Five-Year Review team of planners, said four meetings in June will specifically deal with formulating a response to the report about proposed policy changes to the NEP recommended by the commission.

Meetings will be held June 16 and 17 and June 23 and 24. All will be closed to the public.

At the meetings, the NEC will consider staff recommendations about NEP policy proposals. A report containing the commission's recommendations will be prepared and sent to Minister of Environment Bud Wildman, as well, the commission's response will be made public.

Its recommendations and those of hearing officers Mary Munro and John McClellan will be considered by Wildman, who will ultimately decide what NEP changes will be recommended for adoption by the Ontario Cabinet. If Wildman's recommendations differ from those in

the hearing officers' report, the law provides 21 days for written public submissions to cabinet.

In the 400-page report released by the hearing officers March 24, the NEC was criticized for not providing sufficient supporting evidence to back its proposed revisions to the plan.

The commission proposed new restrictions to protect the escarpment including a prohibition of new sand and gravel pits and stone quarries, as well as policies which would make subdivisions nearly impossible on 60,000 hectares (150,000 acres) designated rural in the escarpment plan area.

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New plastic surgeon joins hospital team

John Oliver, Executive Director of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, has announced that Dr. Ray Martin, a new plastic surgeon, has joined the medical team.

Dr. Martin's practise at Georgetown hospital includes virtually all procedures related to the field of plastic and reconstructive surgery including hand and facial surgery, the removal of skin cancers, and skin grafts (other than major burns, which would normally be referred to Wellesley Hospital). Patients with mastectomies may choose another form of plastic surgery known as breast reconstruction.

Cosmetic surgery to change an individual's appearance is increasingly popular for men and women. Most cosmetic surgery can be done as an out-patient, with no overnight stay required. All types of cosmetic surgery will now be available at Georgetown hospital. The majority of all plastic surgery, with the exception of cosmetic surgery, is covered by OHIP.

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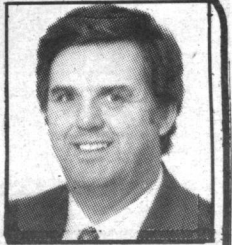
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The annual Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area children's Easter parade was held Saturday and special prizes, donated by the downtown merchants were available to lucky youngsters. Pictured above, front, left to right; Five-year-old Jesse Montgomery was the winner for the Frilliest bonnet, seven-year-old Emily Fisher was the winner for the most Colorful bonnet and five-year-old Emma Carter was the winner for the Funniest bonnet. To the rear of the youngsters are the Easter Bunny (Anne Curry) and GCBIA manager, Margaret Vint. Judges in the bonnets contest were Town of Halton Hills Councillors Pam Johnston and Anne Currie. photo by Colin Gibson/HHTW

Sexual assault arrest

Police made an arrest Saturday night in a sexual assault incident which occurred March 30.

According to Halton Regional Police Service, 20-year-old Acton resident, Matthew Adlen, allegedly called out the 15-year-old victim on the pretense of meeting someone else. They ended up on the old tannery property in Acton, near the garages. Adlen then apparently lured the victim into an abandoned car, where he sexually assaulted her. The suspect took the young girl home afterwards.

Adlen, who was an acquaintance

of the victim, had left the area before police were able to determine the identity of the assailant. He was subsequently arrested without incident at his Mill St. residence when he returned.

Alden has been charged with sexual assault, weapons dangerous (using a weapon in a dangerous manner), forcible confinement, uttering a death threat, and breach of probation (on a past young offenders charge).

He appeared for a bail hearing Tuesday morning in Burlington.

Unique parking plan proposed for hospital

A Community Forum, held at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital last Wednesday was the setting for a public discussion on the hospital's proposed new Voluntary Contributions Program.

As reported to attendees, this new program would use voluntary contributions from staff, physicians, patients and visitors to offset the costs of maintaining the parking lots and surrounding grounds. The operating expenses are estimated to be approximately \$65,000 per year.

According to Connell Smith, Georgetown Hospital's Chair of the Board, "The health care industry is facing increased challenges. Rising labor costs and legislative changes, coupled with reduced government funding, have become a fact of life in the 90."

"We consider a voluntary contributions program as a viable alterna-

tive to a paid parking program. Public support, however, will be essential to its success," notes Smith.

Georgetown hospital is presently one of the few remaining institutions in the province that does not have paid parking.

To encourage the public's participation, coin drop boxes will be conveniently located throughout the hospital, and signs will be posted at the entrance of the parking lots and hospital.

Attendees were also advised a study would be available within six months to report on the success of the voluntary program. The community was advised that if the program was not successful, paid parking could become a reality.

Established in 1961, Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is a

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