Duignan's meeting request ignored

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan did not show up Monday evening to explain the expenditure control plan and social contract but sent a letter instead, stating he would be "pleased to meet with a small delegation at his Milton office."

"I personally find his unwillingness to meet with this council an affront," stated councillor Norm Elliot. "It appears there's something behind this." Councillor Pam Johnston added that Duignan's request for Halton Hills council members to travel to Milton, when Duignan lives in Georgetown, is "ridiculous." Councillors decided to ignore Duignan's request.

Halton Hills dumped-on by Peel

Town councillors protested a compensation subcommittee report, Issued by the Peel Regional Consultation Network on proposed dump sites, at Monday's general council meeting.

Three landfill sites, which are being considered in Peel Region, are particularly close to the boundary of Halton Hills. Two sites are located between Mayfield Rd., Winston Churchill Blvd., and the CN tracks, and another is on the corner of Highway 7 and Mississauga Rd.

Councillors were protesting compensation principle 2.3.2., which states that "no compensation or royalties in lieu of or as part of impacted resident compensation from the compensation fund shall be paid to area municipalities. (e.g. Caledon, Brampton).'

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson stated that Halton Hills should be considered for compensation because it is so close to the sites, but its residents would not be allowed to benefit from the facilities.

Mayor Russ Miller agreed with Serjeantson, but admitted "there's every indication that Halton Hills will not be given consideration." He nevertheless promised to look into the issue.

Preservation policy

A motion was introduced by councillors Marilyn Serjeantson and Ron Chatten to develop a policy





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regarding the feasibility of saving woodlots threatened by development. This motion was influenced by the development of Halton Hills Village Homes Inc., which will result in the destruction of a woodlot. Toby Barwick, speaking at the May 17 general council meeting, promised to plant 75 trees on community owned lands, as well as one on each lot. Serjeantson insisted that if woodlots were to be cut down, financial compensation should be offered to the town.

Councillor Gail Rutherford agreed to the preservation of the lots, but added, "the thrust of this policy should be preservation, not getting money. The trees should be incorporated into the design of the development."

Town staff was instructed to study the issue and report back to council at a later date.

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