

Council reverses earlier decision

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A presentation to council from the Scotch Block Ratepayers Association resulted in council changing its decision on the Polonia Razem Community Club recreational facility proposed for the Fourth Line.

The town was asked to comment on the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) application and last month council recommended approval of the club, subject to site plan approval from the town.

The recommendation passed also stated prior to the issuance of a development permit the owner has to satisfy the regional health department with respect to servicing issues and the NEC should be satisfied there isn't a conflict with area agricultural operations. The NEC was also requested to circulate the application

to the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee and Halton Region Federation of Agriculture for review and comment.

Monday night Geoff Knuff, spoke on behalf of the ratepayers, and stressed to council how the group is very concerned that the Niagara Escarpment Commission is processing an application for the club and their ward councillors were unaware of the application until it appeared on the council agenda.

Knuff suggested council should request staff to alert them of any controversial land use issues at least two weeks before they appear on the council agenda.

Knuff outlined the ratepayers' 11 concerns with the application to council. The proposal calls for the use of 15 acres of an 100-acre farm property, located on the Fourth Line south of 15 Sideroad, for a private club.

Knuff said the proposal is incompatible with agriculture and that the Fourth Line is "an unsafe gravel road which is not constructed to accommodate substantial volumes of traffic."

He said the number of picnickers per day is uncertain and could be much higher than outlined in the application.

He raised concerns about alcohol consumption on the site, impact on the environment, noise abatement, garbage management and the need for an enforceable site plan agreement.

After voting to reconsider its earlier decision, council passed a motion to withdraw its support of the application due to the negative cumulative effects of the application.

Council supported forwarding the 11 concerns raised by the ratepayers to the NEC to be addressed.

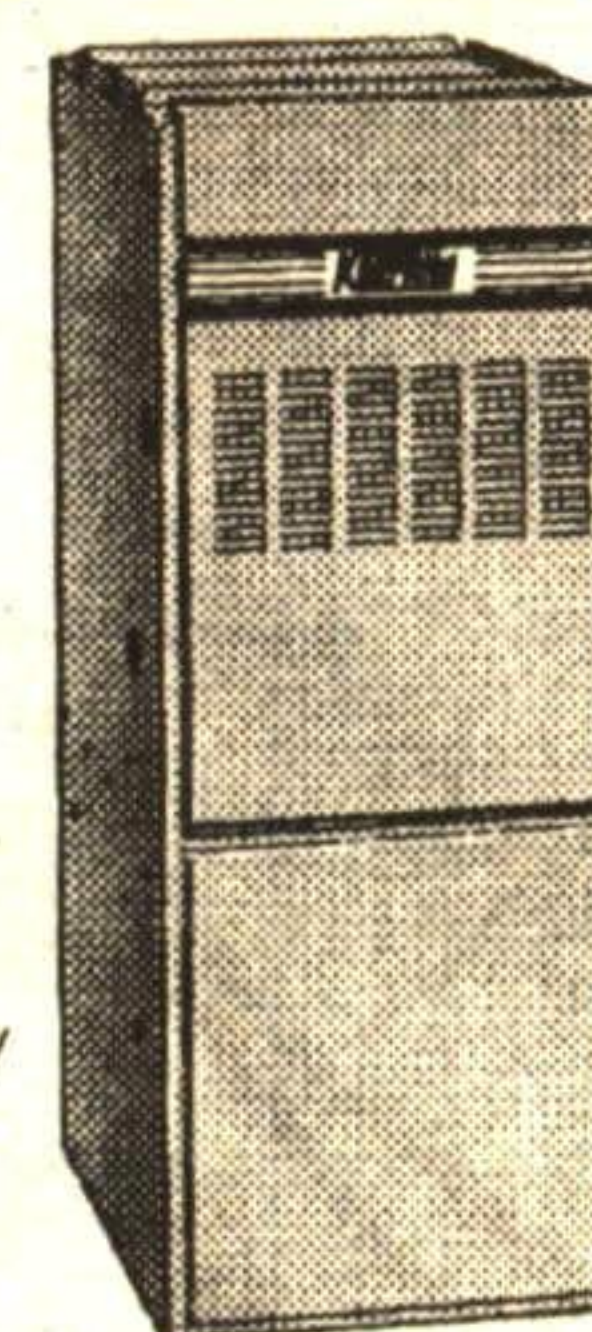
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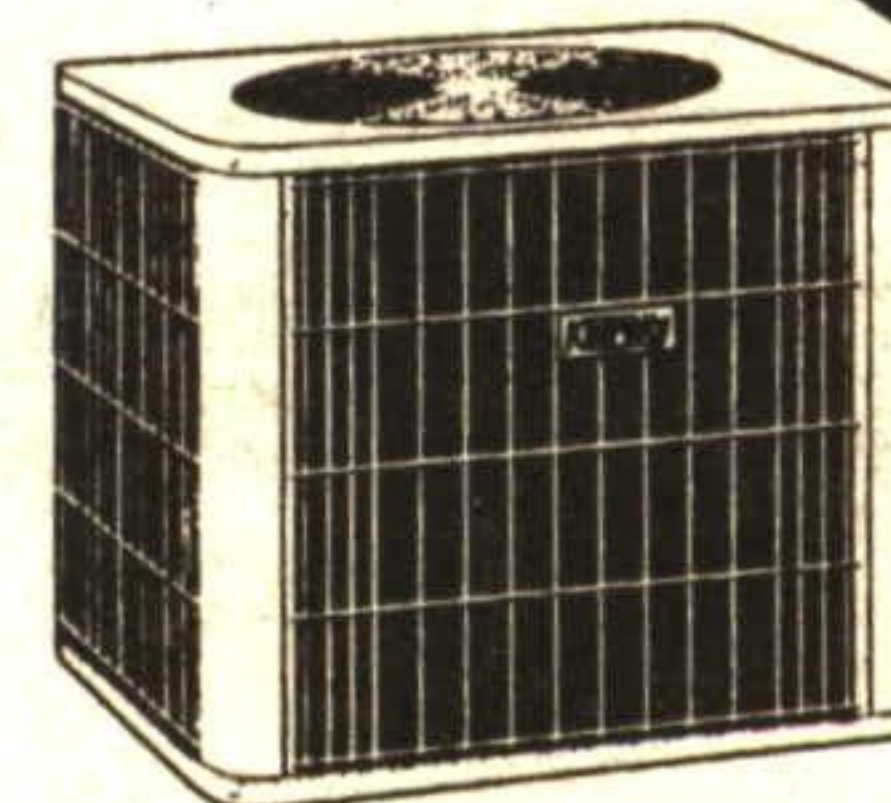


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