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Plan recreation complex for Crawford Lake area

Halton Region Conservation Authority approved preliminary plans to develop the Crawford Lake into a recreation complex. Sketch plans presented to the Authority make allowances for camping grounds, a picnic area and nature trail and eventually a swimming pool.

The plans outlined by HRCA planner William Warwick show parking provisions for an

estimated 220 cars. He told the executive members that the parking lot would help reduce parking congestion that now exists in that area.

He noted the provision of a swimming pool would limit the number of people swimming in the lake.

Plans to buy a 138 acre parcel of land abutting Crawford Lake at an estimated \$70,000 were

explained. The land owned by John Howard was appraised at \$700 an acre in 1967. In 1968 HRCA secured the Crawford Lake area.

"Development by this Authority will come in time," vice chairman Alan Wright stated. "This is just a sketch of the proposed site," he pointed out.

No estimate of the total expenses involved in developing the area of the anticipated date for construction to start were discussed at the meeting.

Chairman of the land use advisory board Brock Harris noted Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur of Nassagaweya Township had endorsed the purchase. The Reeve is presently in Europe and could not attend the meeting.

Arrange funds

Money for the purchase of the land will come from a fund originally intended for improvements on the Fourteen Mile Creek in Oakville. That project has been postponed.

Authority manager Murray Stephen explained the creek project was delayed until next year. Mr. Stephen suggested the province would pay the entire cost of engineering at the Crawford Lake project.

"This is all just preliminary but this is a reasonable price and I feel we should buy these escarpment lands," continued Mr. Wright. "I wouldn't like to see another Caledon incident."

Acquire escarpment land
With the acquisition of the Crawford Lake parcel and another 225 acre property in the Mount Nemo area the Authority will own 1,900 acres of escarpment land.

The purchase plans to purchase 225 acres in the Mount Nemo area and lease this land to the town of Burlington. Burlington has agreed to absorb 95 per cent of the cost of the land and use it for park area. That land is east of Guelph Line near No. Sideroad and adjoins land purchased by Uniroyal Ltd. several years ago.

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Ask three way stop at collision scene

Esquering Council has promised prompt action on a request from residents of Milton Heights for a three way stop and caution lights at the intersection of the Esquering-Nassagaweya

town line and Three Sideroad, scene of the serious car-dump truck collision Friday, which injured 12 persons, including 10 children.

Jack Zanatta presented a

petition, signed by residents of both sides of the roads, to council Monday night. The petition also asked for installation of street lights and the posting of limit signs for residential areas.

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Twelve are hurt three seriously

Twelve people, 10 of them children, were injured in a car-truck collision at the corner of First Line, Esquering and the Esquering-Nassagaweya Townline, near Kelso Conservation Area on Friday.

Three of the children are in Hamilton General Hospital being treated for serious head injuries. One of the youngsters remains in Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital, one remains in Milton District Hospital and five were treated at Milton hospital and released. Driver of the car, Mrs. Joyce Cyr, 33, of Bramalea was treated at Milton hospital for injured ribs and hips and was later released. The second adult in the car, Mrs. Marlene DeGasperis, 36, also of Bramalea, was admitted to Oakville hospital suffering from internal and head injuries.

DeGasperis, 14, Paul, 7, and James, 12.

Another child Karen McCabe, 10, of Bramalea is in Oakville Hospital with head and leg lacerations.

Driver of the dump truck Mike Tsourouppakis, 49, of Toronto was uninjured in the collision. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$150. Damage to the car was estimated at \$700.

Milton OPP Constable Glen Reibling investigated the accident.



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They work

Cars sold, baby sitters found, apartments rented, a market for food produce found and even a pony and saddle sold came as results of classified ads in last week's Champion.

Road stays same so does danger

In the tradition of William Davis and his Ontario Cabinet in the Spadina Expressway example Halton County Council agreed last week that if the people of Lowville do not want a super road they won't get one. After dumping \$54,000 on the engineering and soil testing and other preliminary work on the road county council reviewed their project with the Lowville people at a public hearing and about opposition that existed.

The project limits were from Colling Road south of Lowville to 10 Side Road north of the hamlet. In an interview following county council's decision to drop the project county engineer D.J. Corbett said he had been instructed by roads chairman Jim Swanborough to fix the road up where it was needed and keep it in good shape.

Limited
"We are extremely limited in what we can do to eliminate danger on that route. We can improve drainage, move a monstrous ditch back near Colling Road and improve the base of the road on hills through Lowville," he said.

He added that at one point the culvert will be widened, the road resurfaced, and the bank trimmed and seeded or sodded. We will strengthen the asphalt where the surface is puffed out, he said.

\$750,000 project
The engineer said the pre-engineering estimate came in at \$750,000 for the project. While the most critical portion of the project was through Lowville it did extend north of Campbellville to 10 Side Road.

The engineer described the Guelph Line as a major north-south arterial route from Burlington and the QEW to Highway 401. 1,000 to 1,500 cars travel

the road everyday now and projections indicate from 2,000 to 3,000 people will use it daily in three to five years.

In 1967 the county roads committee issued instructions to start improving the road and upgrade it so it could handle traffic of a major north south artery.

In 1968 the engineering study was carried out and in 1969 and 1970 the draft report was established and in 1970 after a number of delegations and a series of three trips to the site the committee adopted Line D and told the engineering department to proceed.

Once into design work more and more requests for meetings and information were received. In 1971 when Burlington Reeve Jim Swanborough took over as roads chairman he received complaints from some of the people and agreed to hold a public meeting.

Following the June 10 public meeting roads committee met July 8 and recommended proceeding with Line D. Council rejected the recommendation and the project was dropped.

The engineer said the some of the roads bends in the road were very dangerous and some portions of the road critically deficient. He predicted that an accident would occur as the road was used more often in years to come.

will officiate at the opening. It is also hoped that Premier William Davis will attend. Councillors and government officials will also be invited.

It was decided by members that a sign, to be made by HRCA employees, would be unveiled at the site.

Three delegates of the Authority will take part in the week-long tour of the conservation authorities.

New offices for HRCA considered

A new office building at Milton Heights is being considered by the Halton Region Conservation Authority. The building would be on land bought several years ago adjoining the Kelso Conservation Area on the Esquering-Nassagaweya Line.

The new building would contain a board room and several offices and would cost an estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000, vice-chairman A. R. Wright noted.

The HRCA now rents office space on Main St. above the Dominion Hardware store.

"But we have outgrown these facilities," Mr. Wright concluded.



HILLBILLY DAYS for the W.I. Dick summer playground, developed into a morning of fun and games at Centennial Park. Resting listlessly are bottom left to right Stephen Callahan, Lisa Gervais and Susan Frame. At top are Wendy Somerville, Derick Neelands and Joanne Auger. An afternoon of fun planned by the leaders was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.—(Staff Photo)

Norval school

Reed offers help Lawson cool to idea

The decision to leave Norval School is a source of joy for the people of Norval and Julian Reed and his group of Norval and District Ratepayers. However Reed and his cohorts are not ready to let the matter die a natural death.

Several months ago Reed, accompanied by a handful of Norval Ratepayers, protested the envisaged closing of the Norval School. After due consideration the board opened the school would remain open.

Wants expansion
At Wednesday's meeting Norval School was the topic of discussion once again. In a letter to the board Mr. Reed begged the board to take immediate action to provide a kindergarten for the hamlet this year.

The board plans to bus the 12 registered kindergarten students to Pineview school. Reed claims that while only 12 kindergarten students are registered several parents are keeping their children home to avoid letting them travel the buses.

In his letter Reed offers what must be a unique sort of an arrangement. Acknowledging the lack of capital funding of the board Reed offered community help.

Let us help
"How about letting us provide the accommodation, and you

simply provide the teacher and normal basic furniture? We could consider structure at a later date when funding might be more available," he suggested. "Have you also considered relocating a now empty portable? Church basements have been offered. I am sure these hastily assembled thoughts can be greatly improved upon. It is hoped they might provide some food for thought among the board members," the letter read.

Because the letter was received only two days prior to the board meeting an investigation into the allegations had not been made, Director Jim Singleton told the board.

Do they know costs?
"I'm not sure they know the cost of building schools. He said he had no evidence to substantiate Reed's claim that children were being kept home because they would have to travel by bus for kindergarten."

Mr. Singleton said an investigation would be made to determine how many children are affected. "We are able to make staff adjustments in September and move staff to pressure points if we have to," he said.

The results of the investigation are expected at the August meeting of the board.

Lawson cool to plan
Esquering trustee Bill Lawson

Planners support day care site

"Please don't close me down," Mrs. Kaje Sonne pleaded with members of Milton Planning Board Wednesday evening. "I am desperate".

Following several futile attempts to relocate her day care centre, Mrs. Sonne has again sought the help and support of Milton Planning Board for a centre on the corner of Heslop Rd. and Commercial St. Heslop Rd. and Commercial St. Planning board after considerable discussion, agreed to refer the proposal to Milton council and recommend the land be rezoned from residential to institutional.

Five supporters of the day care centre offered Mr. and Mrs. Sonne and lawyer Peter McWilliams their moral support, although arguments in favor of the proposal were not received from the floor. Mrs. Sonne's new plans for the centre were presented to the board by Mr. McWilliams, representing Focus Developments. Focus plans to build a two-storey home-style building suitable for the day care centre operation and give a long term lease (five years) to Mr. and Mrs. Sonne.

Little bother
The centre would engross one complete floor of the home and the upstairs would be converted into a two bedroom apartment. The centre would tie in with the

school surroundings and it is across the street from any neighbors, causing little or no bother, explained McWilliams.

The day care centre has been a controversial topic for several months. The Sonne's tried to establish one in a house in Kingsleigh Ct. but council received an 84-name petition opposing the site, signed by almost everyone living on Kingsleigh Ct. Earlier located on Ontario St. the centre brought complaints from neighbors about noise, traffic and utilization of a residential zone. Mrs. Sonne also asked permission to relocate in the township of Esquering, with the mesh with numerous objections.

Focus had earlier tried to develop 10 building lots along the Heslop Rd. side of J. M. Denyes School but did not have enough land. Council blocked the development as it preferred the land to remain as a children's play area.

"We're never going to be without the need for a day care centre," member Percy Barr noted. "If Mrs. Sonne doesn't open her centre, someone else will want to," he explained. Member Bill Woods also agreed with the statement.

Board members agreed the land should be rezoned to institutional and referred the matter to council.

Will hold meeting on fluoridation

The people of Milton will have an opportunity to hear both sides of the current debate on fluoridation of the town's public water supply. A meeting to be held some time in late September will feature a panel of either one or two persons representing the pros and cons of fluoride in water.

While all but one member of Milton Council has indicated in some way opposition to the project Reeve Ron Harris finally won the approval of council to listen to the experts on the matter.

Harris told council he felt the matter had to be considered. He insisted he hadn't made his mind up in favor of it felt it should be a subject for thought.

Harris urged council allow doctors to speak to them, both those in favor and those against. Mayor Brian Best expressed reservations about fluoridation but suggested a public meeting where the people could learn as well as council. His suggestion met with the approval of council.

Charles Fay, chairman of the water committee, expressed opposition to fluoride and wasn't the least bit interested in hearing what the doctors had to say.

"We're too busy to listen to every whim just because one man is interested. We don't have time to listen to everyone in town," Councillor Fay said.

Fay rose to speak a second time on the subject. "It's the only thing left that nature gave us. The milk is pasturized and the cream taken off. The chicken tastes like rabbit. By golly there is nothing better than Milton water. I say let's keep it that way."

Natural fluorine
Mayor Best said the Milton water does include natural fluorine. When he said he wasn't sure how much it contained Councillor Charles Johnson quipped, "You can't have too much of a good thing." Johnson has declared his opposition to the program.

Councillor Art Melanson said his mind was pretty well made up. "I hate to have my mind confused with facts but I'm willing to listen to both sides." Councillor Melanson noted that while some of the doctors support it the Canadian or American Associations do not back it.

Protect the lazy
Mayor Best said it disturbed him to think that some of the town would have to put it in the water for everyone just to protect those who are too lazy to go to the health unit or the dentist to have work done giving the same effect done. Reeve Harris said he had ordered books at no charge advocating fluoridation and would have one for each member of council. Deputy Reeve Percy Barr brought an armful of books opposing fluoridation to the meeting.

Councillors Johnston wondered why it was such a good thing the province didn't seek to put it in milk, and soft drinks.

Tragic crash kills young Milton couple

A young Milton couple died and their 20-month-old daughter remains in semi-conscious condition in Hamilton General Hospital following a two-car collision half of a mile west of Guelph Line on Ten Sideroad, early Sunday morning.

Jeffrey Harkley of Milton died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. Mrs. Harkley, 21, was pronounced dead on arrival at Hamilton General Hospital following the 1:30 a.m. accident and Mr. Harkley, 23, died shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday evening in Hamilton hospital.

Fair condition
The Harkley's were transferred from Milton District Hospital by ambulance to Hamilton hospital because of the seriousness of their injuries. Lisa, their only child, is reported in fair condition in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

The driver of the other vehicle, John Cris, 29, of R.R. 3

Campbellville, is reported in fair condition in the intensive care unit of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, suffering from chest injuries, broken bones, fractured right arm and leg and multiple face injuries.

Burlington Police Constable Clive Arden says he is continuing his investigation of the head-on accident. Both cars received extensive front end damage estimated at approximately \$2,500 each.

The accident occurred when the Harkleys were returning from visiting friends in Hamilton.

The couple, married for about three years, lived in the Speyside area before moving to Milton. Mr. Harkley moved with his family from Winnipeg several years ago and attended both public and high school in Indus. He was employed by Acton Quarries, R.R. 4, Acton. Mrs. Harkley attended both Bruce St. and W.I. Dick Public

Schools and graduated from a four year Business and Commerce Course. She was reported as "a very good student", at Milton District High School. Mrs. Harkley recently worked as a receptionist at the Halton Region Conservation Authority Office in Milton.

The couple are survived by their daughter Lisa. Mrs. Harkley is survived by parents Allen and Shirley Lyons, brothers and sisters Sandra, Brian, Wendy, Billy and Julie of Milton and grandmother Mrs. George Dillow of Scarborough. Mr. Harkley is survived by his mother Mrs. Lorraine Harkley of Acton, and brothers Rick, Dan, Casey and Kelly and grandmother Mrs. Mae Phillips of Campbellford.

Funeral service for the couple will be held at McKersie Funeral Home at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday), with interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.