

Upset by gravel pit designations council fails to approve official plan

Esquering township's draft official plan, approved recently by township planning board with one dissenting vote, was referred back to council for reconsideration, when it came up before council for approval Monday night.

Councillor Dick Howitt, who cast the lone dissenting vote as a member of planning board, spearheaded the move to have the plan referred back to the board, after a delegation of seven ratepayers, who live in the area of the proposed gravel pit on the property of Thomas McGee on the 10th line south of Norval, appeared before council to ask that the plan go back to planning board for further discussion. Council has no power to amend the plan, but must refer it back to planning board if they are dissatisfied with it.

Councillor Howitt said he understood the official plan was to be drafted to show existing land only, in the first place. Later, he said, council was swamped with various requests from ratepayers to have their personal uses. As a result, council decided at that time not to entertain further applications from ratepayers until such time as the official plan was approved.

"In spite of this, planning board has picked out of 45 applications only two to designate as extractive industrial sites," he told council. The properties in question are Mr. McGee's and that of Consolidated Sand and Gravel near Speyside.

Thought unfair
"I thought it unfair that planning board should designate certain areas without giving those in the area an opportunity to object," Howitt went on.

"We should treat all residents the same, not give two owners an advantage," Howitt said. "The merits of these pits should be dealt with at a later time." Deputy-reeve Russell Miller and Councillor Len Cox supported Howitt's argument and voted for referral back to

and Gravel, Reeve Hill reminded council the company claimed they had received approval from council to go ahead with the project as early as 1962.

Howitt claimed the 1962 resolution merely granted the company a building permit.

"Issue of a building permit is not enough to designate a quarry in my opinion," Howitt suggested.

Consolidated president Hugh Grightmire, who also attended Monday night's meeting said his company had submitted blueprints to council in 1962. Although no building was constructed, he said 75,000 tons of material have already been taken out of the land.

Grightmire said he would like this council to re-affirm the resolution of the 1962 council.

Quarry suitable
"I believe we have attended all the necessary meetings and made the proper presentations," he said. "I suggest if our quarry is not suitable, no quarry ever will be."

He said that with or without the official plan his company had planned to begin operating this year.

Grightmire also told council owners of the land on which Cameron Heights Development plan to build an estate subdivision containing homes which will have a completed value in the \$75,000 range, were well aware what purpose the Consolidated land was to be used for, when Consolidated bought their 600 acres.

"We told them then, we would never disturb them. It's in the records," he said.

Earlier in the meeting, council received a written submission from the Cameron Heights firm, suggesting that operation of a rock quarry would not be compatible with the subdivision and would decrease the property values of all taxpayers in the immediate area. The Cameron Heights development is proposed for Lots 13 and 14, Con. 3, also near Speyside.

Delegation speaker
John Cartwright, spokesman for the 10th line delegation, said 80 ratepayers had attended a meeting at Pineview School. Most of the ratepayers, he said, had been previously unaware of the gravel pit proposal for the McGee property. He suggested council could communicate better with ratepayers so that they would know what's going on. Reeve Hill reminded Cartwright there had been a public meeting on the official plan held at Stewarttown.

"I had a call from Mr. Eros even before that public meeting," Hill said.

Gabe Eros, a second member of the delegation, acknowledged the fact he made the call, but said he had heard about the proposal only as gossip from one of his neighbors.

Desmond Morrow, a third member of the delegation, asked that the plan go back to planning board with the request that they delete all new uses.

A fourth member, Jerry Anger



ONE WORKMAN WAS KILLED and four others injured Tuesday morning when high winds lifted a pile of construction material on the eighth floor of Eden Glen Apartments on Bront St. Milton Police Sgt. William Patterson and Const. Robert Moreau are pictured discussing the accident with one of the workmen who escaped injury. Winds were estimated to be gusting at 50 to 60 miles an hour when the material flew into the workers as they laid concrete.—(Staff Photo)

told council many problems could arise if the pit is allowed to operate. When he asked the reeve his reasons for his antagonism towards Mr. Cartwright, Hill roared, "I hope you send the rest of your life on your property. I hope you never have to make any decisions on your own."

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Obituary

Thomas A. Leslie

Thomas Andrew (T. A.) Leslie, R.R. 1, Hornby, passed away suddenly early Tuesday morning, Oct. 26. He was in his 63rd year. He was the only son of the late Thomas A. Leslie and Daisy Cantelon.

Quiet night in N. Halton

He leaves to mourn the loss of a loving husband, father and brother; his wife, the former Marion Giffen, one daughter Mrs. Marilyn Edwards and one sister, Lily, (Mrs. N. Cook) of Cookstown. A son Ronald predeceased him in 1961. He is remembered as a loving granddad by his three grandchildren.

Rev. Lynne Adams of Bethel United Church conducted the funeral service on Thursday afternoon from the Lee Funeral home in Streetsville. Interment was at the Streetsville Cemetery. The pallbearers were four nephews, Leslie Cook, William Cook, Paul May and Robert Wigglesworth, David Scott and James May. Flower bearers were Alfred McCracken, Joseph Bentley, Albert Rogers, Edward Bonham, Harvey Edwards and Vern Larouche.

Mr. Leslie had farmed most of his life near Streetsville. In 1954 he moved to the Oakville district and had just recently retired from active farming. People who knew "T. A." will remember him

Name library representatives

Esquering Council announced the appointment of four members to the township's new library board Monday night.

Named to represent the Milton area was Mrs. Annie Berry, R.R. 3, Milton, Mrs. Donald Wilson, R.R. 5, Milton will represent Acton, while Mrs. A. J. Markham, R.R. 3, Georgetown and Mrs. Ronald Lister, R.R. 4, Acton will represent Georgetown.

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Boy on bike, car collide youth suffers concussion

Milton Police reported an accident on Bronte St. last Tuesday, Oct. 26. Ronald J. Wilson, 10, of 325 Bronte St. suffered a concussion after the bicycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a car driven by Edith Dunnet of Brighton. There was an estimated \$10 damage to the bicycle. There was no reported damage to the car.

Theresa Lapierre of Smiths Falls had an estimated \$400 damage to her car in an accident Saturday. Police say the car drove up on the lawn of Gordon Hadley, 236 Elmwood St. Milton, hitting a name standard. There was an estimated \$250 damage to the Hadley property.

\$500 Damage
There was a two car collision on Friday at Main and Ontario Sts. Drivers involved were Allen K. Johnson, 372 Pearl St. Milton and Mary E. Pickett, R.R. 2 Georgetown. There was an estimated \$200 damage to the Johnson car; to the Pickett car \$300.

A collision between a parked tractor trailer and a car driven by Michael Timbers of 176 Churchill Rd., Acton occurred on Bell St., North of Elmwood Cres. on Saturday. There was an estimated \$500 damage to the Timbers car. The tractor trailer, which is owned by Linton Transfer Central Ltd. of Toronto was not damaged.

There was a single car accident on Sunday at 388 Kingsleigh Court. A car driven by Dermot

Gildea of 364 Kingsleigh Ct. collided with a hydro pole, causing \$800 damage to his car. The hydro pole was not damaged.

Ask taxis about bus

Before approving a bus service for town residents wanting to attend Milton Community Service Club bingo at the high school each Thursday evening, Milton Council wants to make sure such a service won't interfere with local taxi companies' business.

At Monday's meeting council was asked for permission for Dave Lewis to run a bus to the bingo each week. Some councillors were worried this might take business from the taxis and decided to ask the taxi firms for their opinion before granting such permission.

Mr. Lewis would charge a small fee for the service. He has wanted to start a town-subsidized regular bus service in Milton but a decision is pending the approval of a thorough traffic study of Milton in 1972.

Studies in the United States have shown that non-white children often cannot or will not drink milk. In order to find out why, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has awarded a research grant to Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

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