



THESE THREE MEN were among several who gathered near Oakville for the inaugural meeting of the Bronte Provincial Park Wednesday. Minister of the Department of Lands and Forests Rene Brunelle, chairman Don Blenkhorne and Halton East MPP Jim Snow are shown here. The park promises a host of new characteristics. Plans are geared to have the park partially opened in 1973.—(Staff Photo)

Bring parks to people

Bronte park committee sets wheels in motion

According to Premier Bill Davis and Minister of the Department of Lands and Forests Rene Brunelle, the Bronte Provincial Park promises to be a marked departure from the 114 provincial parks in the province.

"We are bringing the parks to the people rather than paving miles of asphalt to take the to the parks," Mr. Brunelle told the 14 members of the Bronte Park advisory board at the inaugural meeting held near Oakville at the County Squire Restaurant Wednesday.

The 15 acre park promises

some interesting features. Nature trails with paved paths will be installed for the blind and to accommodate wheelchairs.

Handy

While many are expected to use go train facilities to get to the park it is expected the 1,500,000 within 25 miles of the park will make greatest use of the facilities.

The Park will occupy 1,500 acres in Oakville and Burlington bounded on the North by Highway 5, on the east by Highway 25, and on the south by the Queen Elizabeth and the Oakville Burlington Line will form the

western boundary. The park will remain open all year and serve needs in education, recreation, nature study, and the preservation of open space. Facilities for hiking, cycling, nature viewing, outdoors education, family picnicking, swimming, tennis and baseball, football and soccer are all to be found in the Bronte Park.

The advisory board includes 14 men of various professions. Headed by chairman Don Blenkhorne of Oakville the committee will strive to develop a policy for the park. Local people have been appointed to ensure the needs of the local people are being met.

During the meeting Mr. Brunelle, Minister of Energy and Resources George Kerr, and Minister without portfolio Jim Snow spoke briefly.

Diversified parks

Brunelle said the park would add further to a diversified parks system. He noted there was already a primitive park in Hudson's Bay, an underwater park at Tobermory, a park community development at Wasaga Beach and a variety of programs on the Niagara Escarpment.

During his address Brunelle congratulated Snow for his significant role in bringing the park about. "Mr. Snow has been a long time proponent of this park and his persuasiveness has served to keep this concept alive and finally to bring it to fruition."

Tom Lee, supervisor of Park Planning with the Department of Lands and Forests said the committee would be expected to have the policy established in two months and the development of the park was expected to take place in the fall with a partial opening slated for 1973.

No parking on Main St. ? Parking Authority worried

Members of Milton's Parking Authority aren't too happy with a Halton County Council roads committee proposal to eventually ban parking from Milton's Main St.

In a letter read at last week's meeting of Milton Council, Parking Authority chairman J. M. Ledwith said the committee heard that only parallel parking would be allowed after Main St. west of Martin St. is reconstructed in 1972, and that in eight years no parking at all would be allowed on the Main St.

"The members of the Authority feel there is a lack of communication between whatever body is responsible for Main St. and the Authority," he said.

The possibility of there being no parking on the town's main shopping street is "a decided threat to the merchants, the people who have served Milton these many years, supported by loyal Milton and area residents," he said. "We would appreciate any major change in policy being brought to our attention in the future."

In closing, the authority chairman praised councillors and town employees for their assistance and co-operation in 1971. The new Mary St. parking lot is a credit and next year when it is paved or has guardrails installed, a system of charging for all-day parking will be introduced, Ledwith said.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION Jim Singleton Bodnar was acclaimed to the position and chats with newly elected chairman of the Halton County Board of Education Ernie Bodnar and vice-chairman Bill Johnston. Esquesing.—(Staff Photo)

Bodnar elected chairman

A 39-year-old engineer was acclaimed to the chairmanship of the Halton County Board of Education. Ernie Bodnar was declared chairman at the board's inaugural meeting Thursday in Burlington.

Bodnar lives in Georgetown with his wife Dorothy and four children. Three are high school students and one is an elementary school student. Bodnar is the deputy engineer for

the town of Mississauga.

Deep concern

Prior to the amalgamation of the 10 former boards in the county he served on the Georgetown District High School Board. While he did not outline ambitions for his term as chairman he indicated deep concern about not allowing Burlington to be removed from the county. He said he felt Halton would be left as a small unit without Burlington and indicated that a merger with Peel would be likely if Burlington were removed.

Bill Johnston was elected vice

chairman replacing John Ronson also of Burlington. Johnston defeated Esquesing trustee Bill Lawson in that race.

Bodnar outlined the contribution past chairman Doug Wood had made in his two year terms and reviewed previous contributions the past chairman had made in education.

Experience

Wood had served the old Oakville Board for seven years, four as vice chairman, one as chairman. Since then Wood has been active with trustees' associations at the provincial level.

Restrict snowmobiles

Halton County Roads committee has recommended the banning of snowmobiles from major roads in the county. The towns of Georgetown and with two exceptions Milton are exempted from the by-law because they have their own.

The by-law prevents the machines from travelling on the travelled portion of county roads and bans them all together from the major arteries.

Town rules

In Milton snowmobiles will be banned from Bronte St. and Derry Rd. under the county by-

law while other county roads in town and all town roads will fall under the town's jurisdiction.

The machines are banned from all provincial roads under provincial legislation.

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