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Ratepayers' protests not needed

Withdraw condominium application

A hearing on the rezoning of Bronte St. lands to allow 254 units of three-storey condominiums was withdrawn by the town Friday morning, when the developer involved in the hearing refused to agree to the town's request that the development be staged.

Chaingate Developments Ltd. proposed the 254-unit condominium development plus 10 single-family homes on three vacant blocks of land lying north and south of Heslop Rd. and Anne Blvd., on the east side of Bronte St. The northerly block would contain 99 units, the centre block

40 units and the southerly block 115 units plus 10 single family homes. Now in a "D" zone, the lands have to be rezoned to permit medium density occupancy. The medium density designation was suggested in the town's official plan.

Neighbors object
Homeowners in a wide area surrounding the lands objected to using the lands for condominiums, which they feared would devalue their homes and cause flooding and traffic problems. They banded together recently and formed an

association which engaged a lawyer to carry their objections to Friday's OMB hearing. But their objections weren't necessary after all. About 45 of the homeowners attended Friday's hearing but the hearing was concluded before they were called to voice their objections.

All at once?
Mayor Brian Best told The Champion after the hearing that the council feared Chaingate might sell the three blocks to different builders. The way the town's agreement with Chaingate was worded, all three builders could have demanded permits for construction of the condominiums at once. Chaingate had earlier agreed to stage the development, Mayor Best said, but the staging was not spelled out in the agreement the firm and the council had signed, so a new one was drawn.

first, and when it is "substantially occupied" development could begin on the central block. The northern block was to be held until the central block was occupied.

Council is to pay 65 per cent of the cost for a storm sewer that would drain all three blocks of land and the developer would pay the remaining 35 per cent. The town's cost is estimated at close to \$150,000.

Council met Thursday on the eve of the hearing and approved a draft of a new agreement which would force the developers to stage the development, from south to north. Chaingate refused to sign it.

10 foot buffer
Solicitor McConachie explained at the outset of the hearing that 18 foot of land were involved. A 10 foot buffer strip of trees would be provided between the condominiums and all

Solicitor Ness told the OMB chairman the storm sewer was proposed to be oversized to serve more than the Chaingate properties. "There was never any suggestion we could not build them all at once, if we wanted to," he said, adding it was imperative the builder proceed on all three blocks as quickly as possible. "We want to go ahead as quickly as we can," he said.

His firm has already agreed to help pay the storm sewer costs, but if the town wants to force the development to be staged the company would withdraw its agreement to share costs on the sewer, the Chaingate solicitor

said. After a brief recess, when the solicitors conferred with councilors and Chaingate officials, Mr. McConachie called for a withdrawal of the application altogether. "I think it should be a new application," he said. "That is your privilege, I accede," replied the OMB chairman, and the hearing ended, about an hour after it started.

May sue town
Afterward, Mr. Ness told The Champion his clients might want to bring a suit against the town for damages. The council had

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HRCA elk is shot police charge pair

Charges were laid Monday night by Burlington Police against two people believed responsible for the shooting and abducting of a pregnant 500 pound elk from the buffalo compound at Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area on Walker's Line in North Burlington.

But more than two people were involved in the incident, according to Staff Sergeant Matt MacPherson of the Burlington Police. He indicated charges are pending against other individuals and said it would only be a short time before they are apprehended.

Missing Friday
The elk was believed to have been shot Thursday. Frank Timmermans, manager of the Halton Region Conservation Authority's game farm, said he noticed the elk, one of four in the compound, was missing when he checked the area on Friday morning. Particles of hair were found on

a portion of the six foot fence which surrounds the compound, leading Timmermans to believe that the animal had been dragged over the fence by three or four individuals.

The three year old elk was to have calved during the first week of May.

Post \$200 reward
Over the weekend the Halton Sportsmen's Association, Milton, had posted a \$200 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the people responsible for the elk's death. HSA's past president Paul Coulson said the incident was "a black mark against all hunters."

The Department of Lands and Forests at Hespeler received an anonymous telephone tip giving clues to the identity of the culprits over the weekend. Burlington Police would not elaborate on how they discovered the individuals involved, except for some "information received." Apparently the animal was butchered by the abductors.

Inside today

Home improvement section

Spring is here. If you're planning any improvements to your home this spring, check the third section of today's Champion. It's a special home improvement section with plenty of ideas on how you can carry out home improvements with the assistance of local stores and dealers.

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Propose 18 row houses on Bronte St. property

A proposal to construct 18 row houses on the west side of Bronte St. received approval in principle from Milton Planning Board last week. The Board was reviewing a proposal submitted by Prezel Construction for land south of Cy Hillon Enterprises, which would require a zoning change to R6.

Sewer concern
Members of the planning board expressed concern about the

sewer capacity in the area and Dr. Ivan Hunter suggested the developer should prepare an engineering survey on the system. Chairman Norm Pearce suggested it was the town's responsibility to prepare such a survey, which would take in more than the developer's land.

Members requested the developer delete one unit from his plan, reducing it to 17 so it would more closely conform to side and rear yard requirements.

Seek comments
The proposal is then to be submitted to other municipal agencies for their comments before it is reconsidered.

Board members noted a road pattern submitted for 17 acres of industrial land owned by Ken Marshall provided for industries to back onto Highway 401. They observed this could lead to outside storage in the area most visible from the four lane highway, while other industries facing the highway had been required to meet certain standards in highway appearance. The Board also agreed the road pattern should be submitted to the Department of Highways for their comments.

Propose change
A change in zoning from M-1 to M-2 was proposed by Milton Planning Board for the Third Line site of Superior Propane Limited. The site is at the north west corner of the Third Line and the CPR.

The firm noted it wanted to increase its storage capacity at this location, which would mean the increased outside storage of cylinders and tanks. This was not permitted in M-1. Neighboring land was zoned M-2, as was land in Oakville across the road.

It was explained the present Pyrofax Gas plant on Steeles Ave. was moving to this location when the expansion at the site was completed.

Steal flag at cenotaph

Someone with either a streak of mischief or a vein of patriotism made off with the Canadian flag from the Victoria Park cenotaph, located at Brown and Mary Sts. The flag was taken late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, report Milton Police.

Charges wrongful dismissal

Mrs. Verrall questions hospital board

Two years of controversy over the dismissal of Mrs. R. Verrall, former director of nursing at Milton District Hospital, continued Wednesday at the annual meeting of the hospital board. Mrs. Verrall charged the board with wrongful dismissal, continued to press for reasons she was asked to resign and charged the board had "protected" her right out of her profession.

The conflict has been "very damaging to my personal and professional reputation," she told the board and 100 corporation members attending Wednesday's

annual. "I wonder why I had to reach such an ignominious end—two years in succession."
"I have not yet been given solid and satisfactory reasons" for having to resign her post, she continued, and "I am unable to obtain a position as a registered nurse."

Two year fight
The controversy involving Mrs. Verrall began in February of 1969 when former administrator Dalton McQuaig dismissed her from her post. Suspensions, resignation and threatened walkouts followed, the hospital

was greylisted by the nurses' association and McQuaig eventually resigned. Mrs. Verrall was reinstated later that year by the board and a consultant was brought in to review her work during a lengthy probationary period. When the consultant's report was received, Mrs. Verrall was asked to resign.

At Wednesday's meeting director Bruce MacNab launched the subject again, charging the board had done "a complete snow job." He charged the board should tell some "basic truths" and said his work on the board

was being "frustrated by the underhand things that are being done."

Very strange
Mrs. Verrall rose from the audience and asked the board to clarify her position. She said she did not speak at last year's annual meeting because she was under strict orders to say nothing in public. She felt after 26 years as a nurse her forced resignation was "very strange—to this day neither the administrator nor the board have ever given me any reasons why I was asked to resign."

"What have I been accused of?" she asked.

She launched a personal attack on administrator Ronald Woods, noting the board had asked him to assess her work but he hired an outside consultant to do it. Yet he prolonged and delayed her probationary term for what he called "health reasons."
Mrs. Verrall said it was strange he was not qualified to assess her work, yet he was qualified to overrule a medical opinion by three doctors on whether or not she was fit to continue on Page Six)



WHAT HAVE WE GOT down here? Kilbride Public School students Bruce Richardson, Greg Parent, Virginia Van Grootel and Patti Bester sampled the maple syrup deposits at Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area when they visited the park on Thursday. Public and school tours of both old and modern methods of collecting sap are now being conducted by conservation employees.—(Staff Photo)

County budget up 12.1% expenses are \$3,478,886

Halton County expenditures this year are estimated at \$3,478,886—an increase of 12.1 per cent over last year. Road expenditures will total \$1,153,660.

During the county council meeting Wednesday, Acton Reeve Dr. F. G. Oakes tried unsuccessfully to have a \$5,000 grant to Garlock Gardens in Oakville deleted. He argued the park did not qualify for a county grant.

Oakville Reeve Allan Masson suggested he would pay \$25 of Acton's \$100 share of the grant. Both he and Deputy Reeve Harry Barrett suggested the gardens have as much right to a county grant as the Royal Botanical Gardens. Royal Botanical Gardens received a \$20,000 grant this year and last year.

The following table shows the apportionment and increases to the

municipalities. The cost of a safety construction officer is divided between the five northern municipalities because Oakville and Burlington employ their own men for that function and the five northern areas share one man.

Municipality	Roads	General	Const. Safety	1972 Total	1971 Total
Acton	\$22,727	45,578	1,343	69,717	62,658
Burl.	506,362	1,015,482	1,523,303	1,316,994	
G'town.	75,575	151,562	4,050	231,110	204,288
Milton	34,948	70,086	2,108	107,220	97,370
O'ville.	446,523	895,478	1,340,006	1,223,291	
Esque.	46,208	92,667	2,729	141,745	128,932
Nass.	21,317	42,751	1,392	65,485	59,359
Totals	1,153,660	2,313,604	11,622	3,478,886	3,092,892



ALL THE IRISHMEN (and all who wish they were) had fun Friday when St. Patrick's Day was observed with all the traditions and blarney that surround the patron saint of Ireland's special day. Mayor Brian and Mrs. Best (O'Best??) were wearin' the green Friday night when they were presented with some fresh shamrocks, flown out that morning from Ireland. Kevin Molloy of the Molloy Showband (centre), dance organizer Frank Lee and guest dancer Karen Knight (right) are pictured with the Bests at the dance in Holy Rosary Hall.—(Staff Photo)