

Authority member asks if creek can be saved

Some members of Halton Region Conservation Authority feel the Authority's program to change the Sixteen Mile Creek, as it winds through Milton into a concrete lined channel lacks in aesthetic values.

Oakville member Kelly New said he tended to agree with the consensus of many in Milton who viewed the channel program as sterile. "Is there any way to get around this, perhaps straighten out the creek and enforce its banks?" he asked.

Ask engineer

He was directing his question mainly at M. A. MacKrell, the Authority's engineering consultant during an executive meeting of the Authority on Thursday.

MacKrell gave little support to New's proposals. "I believe in the aesthetics too, and we have examined the idea of using rock filled basons," MacKrell said the cross sectional area of the creek's flood plain wasn't wide enough to permit the use of gabions.

The engineer said growing

urbanization would make work on the creek tougher if nothing was done at the present.

During the course of the meeting, executive members approved the expenditure of \$46,550 for design plans for the channelization program.

\$46,550 cost

A Burlington firm, Phillips Planning and Engineering Ltd. is preparing the designs. The \$46,550 figure is split among the three sections of the Sixteen Mile Creek as it flows through Milton.

Cost of design plans for the area from Martin St. to the Mill Pond inlet are \$12,500. Design expenditures for the W. D. branch of the creek from the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks to the Canadian National Railway tracks amount to \$9,050. Plans for the area from Main St. south to the Milton Sewage Plant will cost \$25,000.

The Authority will make an application to the province for a grant of 75 per cent of the total cost. The balance will be made up by the Authority.

HRCA to engage channel appraiser

A Toronto man, Harry Hustler may be doing appraisal work for the Halton Region Conservation Authority's design plan to transform the Sixteen Mile Creek into a concrete channel where it flows through Milton.

At an executive meeting of the Authority Thursday, members asked general manager Murray Stephen to write Hustler to see if he was available for the task. Hustler has worked for the Authority in the past.

Outside help

Vice-chairman of the Authority, Alan Wright, said he

thought it was a good idea using outside help on the channelization project. He said it had been difficult having general manager Murray Stephen do the work on the program, "as far as Dr. Martin is involved."

Dr. Carl Martin is an Authority member who owns land on the first phase of the channelization program, but has resisted compensation offers made to him by the conservation body.

The Authority also intends to conduct a search for solicitors for the program.

Ask chance to explain creek channelization

Halton Region Conservation Authority does not want to get "shot" at during a proposed meeting between members of the Authority and a Milton Citizens Committee.

Alan Wright

Vice-chairman of the Authority Alan Wright used the term "shot" at an executive meeting of the Authority on Thursday, after a letter was read from Mrs. Anne Ptolemy asking Authority representatives to attend a public meeting on the channelization program for the Sixteen Mile Creek in Milton.

Chairman of the Authority, Barry Humphreys seemed puzzled by the contents of the letter. "We're only doing what Milton Council wants us to do," he said. "But it's our design," interjected Oakville member Kelly New.

Executive members of the Authority thought it was a good idea to attend the meeting on the condition the authority's engineering consultant M. A. MacKrell be permitted to explain the reasoning behind channelization.

General Manager Murray Stephen was asked to contact the committee to see if this condition was acceptable. Authority members also want the Tuesday, May 30 date changed to Wednesday, May 31.

The proposed meeting will be held in J. M. Denyes School. Besides authority members, representatives from the province are expected to be on hand.

The first phase of the creek channelization program is scheduled to begin this summer on the area from Main St. north



MILTON YOUTH COUNCIL expressed its appreciation to the Optimist Club of Milton last week, for the many man-hours of work the Optimists have given to the Youth Council's coffee house project. David Lloyd, left, and

Brian Green presented a plaque to Optimist vice-president Marvin Sine at Thursday's Optimist Club meeting, on behalf of the Youth Council. (Photo by J. Dills)

Boy on bike injured OSD bus in collision

A seven-year-old boy was injured Saturday when the bicycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a car on Mill St., report Milton Police.

Anthony Oldenhof of Toronto was taken to Milton District Hospital for treatment and released. Driver of the car was G. Bradford Clements of R.R. 2, Milton.

The Oldenhofs were visiting relatives on Mill St., the scene of the accident. Damage to the bicycle was \$15. There was no reported damage to the Clements' vehicle.

Students hurt

Two students of the Ontario School for the Deaf received minor injuries, when the school bus on which they were passengers was involved in a two vehicle accident on the grounds of the school, on Ontario St.

Operator of the school bus was Eileen Westhaver of Campbellville. The injured passengers were John Doyle and Robert Welch. Driver of the car involved

the CPR and from Main St. west to Martin St. on the west branch of the creek. Milton Council has given the authority the go-ahead on the project.

school bus was \$150; to the Wilding vehicle \$50. Police also report a minor accident on Thursday. Estimated damage was \$100.

was Douglas Wilding of Oakville, a member of the O.S.D. staff. Estimated damage to the

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Obituary

Mrs. Jean Louise Vella

Jeanne Louise Vella, 19, died suddenly of natural causes in Sydney, Australia on May 15, 1972. She was in her 20th year.

She is survived by her husband John of Agincourt, also her parents Gaston and Alphonsine Tielemans, sisters Lorraine, Louisa, Loretta, Yvonne and Francine and brothers Joseph and Lucien, all from Milton.

The Vellas had moved to Australia in August but had

planned to return to Canada shortly. Mr. Vella is now living in Canada.

Mrs. Vella rested at the McKersie Funeral Home on Tuesday and requiem mass was at Holy Rosary Church Wednesday morning. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

—Grass is growing quickly this spring. Dandelions, too.

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