

Reject angle parking

A delegation of downtown businessmen was unsuccessful in its bid to have angle parking restored on a section of Main St. Monday.

Emerson McCready urged council to restore angle parking on the Main St. until the difficulties of access from the Mary St. parking lot are overcome and perhaps other lots are developed on Mill St. He saw angle parking not as a solution, but as a temporary answer to current parking difficulties experienced by many shoppers.

Challenging the idea that the street was for moving traffic and not for parking, Mr. McCready questioned where the traffic was moving, and for what.

Reg DiCola reported comments from customers indicated they found it difficult to parallel park. He cited problems in other larger centres where the core areas of communities were allowed to deteriorate.

He suggested if the town would proceed with the reconstruction of Mary St. as planned two years ago, the merchants might be more inclined to redevelop their rear entrances.

Mayor B. Best emphasized the town had spent \$100,000 to acquire parking on Mary St. He said he realized reconstruction should have taken place but he observed that plazas have to provide their own parking and are then taxed on it. He wondered

if downtown businessmen would sponsor a petition to provide parking improvements and have the cost charged back on a local improvement basis, to their properties.

High priority
The mayor pointed out that Mary St. had a high priority in the soon-to-be-released Roads Needs Study.

Reeve B. McCuaig declared he was opposed to angle parking. He saw it as dangerous and a retrograde step. Main St. is the only through street in town, he pointed out.

Declining to ask county council, which is responsible for the street from curb to curb, whether angle parking could be restored, members declared they were opposed to angle parking.

Act progressively
Reeve McCuaig, in subsequent discussion, urged council to act promptly on the rebuilding of Mary St. and pave the parking lot on a local improvement basis. "Then we've acted progressively", he suggested. He observed that perhaps then merchants would tear down the fences on their property that are currently protecting 20 parking spaces.

Deputy Reeve M. Powys charged that angle parking was hazardous and if customers and businessmen knew the extent of the hazard, they would not oppose parallel parking.

Several other councillors spoke in opposition to angle parking, opting for an early start on the reconstruction of Mary St.

Objections

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and Halton Land Group. Don Ennis, Regional Manager for Wimpey Canada, said that until last week he had been under the impression the storm sewer could be used upon completion of the first phase. He said this had been agreed upon with HRCA verbally. He said it was bad business to put 2,000 feet of expensive pipe into the ground and not receive any benefit from it. "This change will hurt us and hurt the town," he said.

Since the quadrant was first inhabited last summer residents have depended on a temporary hook-up whereby water is pumped from the development and channelled down the Ontario St. Creek. A mechanical failure a few weeks ago caused water to back up and flood 14 homes in the Wimpey subdivision.

All same way
Ennis said Wimpey had built all the homes they would be allowed to build until channelization is completed and he thought other developers in the quadrant were in the same situation.

The first phase of channelization will include that area of the stream from Main St. north to the CPR and west to Martin St. Further phases involve the stream south of Main St. to approximately Parkway Dr. for straightening, deepening and cement lining. The section north of the CPR to Woodward St. and the Riverplace Cresc. section will be done after the first phase is completed.

Stephen said he felt the balance of the channelization after the first phase should follow the first phase immediately. Land assembly and expropriation

proceedings for the balance of the project are underway. Stephen said he hoped the balance could be done under one contract. While it is only guess work at this point, it is likely the project won't be finished much before the early part of 1975.

SAME WAY

Found on an office bulletin board: "In Case of Fire, simply flee the building with the same reckless abandon that occurs each day at quitting time."

Settle committees . . .

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Kerr and Melanson. Named to the development committee are Councillor Krantz as chairman, Mayor Best, and Councillors Moreau, Porter and Childs.

Planning Board appointments from council are Mayor Best and Councillors Porter, Childs and Kerr. Citizens appointed are Norman Pearce and Percy Barr.

The Economic Development Commission will include Councillors Porter and Melanson and citizens John Ostler, Jim Bailey, Don Jackson, G. Brown and R. DiCola.

Named to the Parks and Recreation Committee were Councillors A. Melanson and J. Kerr with H. Hopkins being appointed for a three year term. The Arena Board will have council representation from Councillors A. Melanson and S. Childs. Citizen members will be Marty Caputo, Robert Brush, Charles Johnson, William Rowney and Parks and Recreation appointee Mrs. Rose Harrison.

Library Board members will be Mrs. E. Riddell, R. MacKay, G. Jackson, K. Marshall and Mayor Best or his alternate

Deputy Reeve Powys.

Council broke with tradition this year, declaring its appointment to the Halton Region Conservation Authority should be a member of Council. They named Councillor G. Krantz, Dr. C. A. Martin has represented the town on the Authority since its inception.

Single appointments approved by council were Reeve McCuaig to the fire area committee, C. W. Biggs to the parking authority, L. Wood to the committee of adjustment and Mrs. E. Duignan to the Halton Museum Board.

One thing about wild oats—sowing them is not confined to any one season of the year.

Enthusiasm . . .

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will entertain as well. Milton Youth Council will be holding a dance at the coffee house Friday night. Workers at the Youth Council held a blitz selling snowmen tags last weekend to raise money for the festival and to help offset costs of their dance.

Gary Heaney, a member of the Youth Council, was chosen as this year's version of "Milt the Snowman." He made his first appearance on the weekend, helping to promote the blitz on the sale of snowmen.

Small plastic snowmen are being sold and will serve as admission to the fairgrounds and most of the events at the grounds. Contestants and spectators will have to wear a snowman. An effort is being made to have the snowmen sold in advance.

Other firsts for the festival will be a pie eating contest, an arts and craft show, a broomball game with the firemen challenging local police, a demonstration by the Red Knights snowmobile team and a swimming competition. The swimming competition will be held at Ontario School for the Deaf.

Popular events
Other popular events back from last year include the snow sculpturing contest, the mutt show and the parade Saturday morning which will kick off that day's activities.

The Canadian Champion is sponsoring the snow sculpturing, the Rotary Club under the direction of Gus Goutouski is organizing the mutt show and the Optimist Club will hold a puck shooting contest and hay rides.

Once again the popular dog sled races will be held and they are being organized by Doris Smillie. Arrangements have been made to have the Rothman's Caravan with the mobile sound system available and have the St. John Ambulance in attendance.

Gun display
Halton Sportsmen's Association will have a booth in the arts and craft hall with a collection of antique guns on display. Members of the club will man the booth and will be eager to discuss the work of their clubs as well as projects past and present.

Milton Legion ladies are sponsoring the pie eating contests and 30 contestants will each have one apple pie to eat. The fastest pie eater will be judged the winner.

The Lions club of Milton will have their food booth open and have hot drinks and food available.

The group meets tonight at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall and hopes to iron out final details at that time.

—Think snow! The town's third annual Snow Festival is set for Feb. 16, 17 and 18.

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