



SLIDING ON ICE is fun and it's a noon-hour, before-school, after-school and recess time recreation at Holy Rosary School. The

whole playing area at the rear of the school is a sheet of ice these days and the students are taking advantage of the slippery

surface. Of course sliding isn't much fun if you don't fall down once in a while . . .

(Photos by R. Downs)

He is a fool who cannot get angry; but he is a wise man who will not stay angry.

Jim Teter tells about the football widow who says her husband wouldn't leave the TV set to look at her until she got a nightgown made out of Astroturf.

Esquesing Council has agreed to a meeting with Ontario government officials and representatives of Consolidated Sand and Gravel to try to determine whether or not the company has established an extractive industrial use of their land near Speyside.

The 1962 edition of township council authorized issue of a building permit at the site to the company. Subsequently, some material was extracted from the land, but later the pit was inoperative. This was the case when the township's agricultural holding by-law was passed in 1969.

When township planning board began working on the official plan, it designated the land extractive industrial, but council later proposed an amendment asking that the designation be deleted. The company proceeded to file an objection against the official plan, which is still undergoing scrutiny at Queen's Park.

Requests meeting
Doug Jennings, solicitor for the company requested a meeting with government officials, when

he appeared before council Monday night. He said the company has \$700,000 invested in the property and had hoped to begin operations as early as a year ago.

Jennings maintained the use of the land for sand and gravel purposes was clearly established in the early 60's. The lands have never been used for anything else, so there has been no discontinuation of use, he claimed.

He suggested it would be advantageous to all parties to have the Federal Quarry Act. The interests of the municipality would be well protected, he said.

Councillor Dick Howitt suggested that if the company felt they had established a use, they should apply to the Department of Mines and Northern Affairs for an operating license.

"The province will issue licenses to any quarry operating without consulting us. Your quarrel is with the province not us," he charged.

Embarrassment
"We have stood up at public meetings and said we designated land according to existing uses

and all other applications would be dealt with as proposed amendments to the official plan, once it is approved," Howitt continued. "You're placing council and planning board in an embarrassing position."

Howitt also pointed out the present council is not bound by a 1962 council resolution, which only authorized issue of a building permit that was never used.

In the view of Deputy-reeve Len Cox the time it has taken to process the official plan is the big problem.

"I must admit I have had qualms about holding up some of these applications," he said. "I often wonder if we're not going to end up with egg on our face and lose some really desired assessment."

The deputy-reeve indicated his willingness to meet with anyone necessary to speed up approval of the official plan.

Reeve Tom Hill said he thought the answer to the Consolidated problem hinged on how much material was taken out of the property to establish an extractive industrial use.

No help for Joe

Esquesing Council refused Joseph Bonnano, Lot 7 Con. 9 help to tear down a garage on his property, when he appeared before council last week.

Situated only five feet from the township road, the garage location is in contravention of the township building by-law. Council ordered Mr. Bonnano to tear down and relocate the building last month.

At a November meeting, clerk-treasurer Delmar French admitted there had been an error in the township offices in issue of the building permit and Reeve Tom Hill criticized building inspector Tom McLean for not inspecting the site.

Reeve Tom Hill did suggest Mr. Bonnano might wait until warmer weather arrives, before following the council order.



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