

# Budget talks bogged down

A special meeting of Halton Regional Council to review the five year \$40,000,000 capital budget broke down Wednesday morning when councillors became so confused with the proceedings that very few came out of the meeting with a solid grasp of what had been presented.

The meeting was by far the poorest production on the regional scene since Ric Morrow took over as regional chairman.

The meeting was late starting, due to the lack of a quorum and even when it did start the council was left without a quorum at different points in the meeting.

The capital budget is a complex task at any time but the process was made more difficult to follow because of new guidelines that increase the amount of money for capital projects that will be put on the current level.

Some councillors had received both a revised report after the Public Works Committee considerations and other councillors had the original budget before them without any cuts.

At one point in the meeting Regional Chairman Ric Morrow lost his temper and told Public Works Committee Chairman Jack Rafitis to either take his seat and take

part in the meeting or leave the building.

Morrow's outburst was triggered when Burlington Alderman David Coons asked why a certain item had been removed from the budget.

When Morrow turned to Rafitis for the answer he wasn't in his seat but at another part of the council chambers in private conversation with other council members.

"If the chairman of the works committee could stay in the room for more than three minutes at a time we could get some of these answers."

"Either take your seat or get out of the building. I've had enough of this nonsense", Morrow shouted at Rafitis.

Rafitis took the chastising lightly but did return to his seat. "I spent six hours yesterday with Mr. Coons and he had no questions and now today when the press is here he has questions," he said.

Before the meeting ended Mr. Morrow apologized for the poor preparation and the subsequent confusion and difficulty council had in dealing with the budget.

Morrow said the budget will be before council April 20 for approval and final draft will be presented prior to that date for scrutiny.

# The Rock Scene

By Nelson Gareau

IF, AT FIRST YOU DO NOT SUCCEED... TRY, TRY AGAIN!

Two of today's brightest new stars, Peter Frampton and Gary Wright were not "overnight success stories". Their road to fame took many years to develop a following among the rock listeners.

Peter Frampton became a star in his home country (England), with a young popular rock band called The Herd. He recorded two albums with The Herd, before moving to one of England's best rock bands, Humble Pie. With this group, Frampton became a star on two continents (Europe and North America). While with Humble Pie, he took part in five successful albums, including "Rockin' the Fillmore", a classic live recording.

In 1970, the young pop-star went out on his own. After recording four albums, Frampton languished in anonymity. He was beginning to get down on himself. Instead of quitting, Frampton gave it one more try. The results were phenomenal! "Frampton Comes Alive" out-sold every album ever recorded! Three singles taken from the album all made the Top 10 listings on most radio stations. They were "Show Me the Way," "I Love Your Way," and "Do You Feel Like We Do."

Peter Frampton is recording a studio album which should be released later this year. He has also been selected to play the lead role in the movie dealing with the Beatles; Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Gary Wright was born in the U.S. While in Europe, attending the Free University of Berlin, Wright met Mike Harrison. Together, they formed Spooky Tooth. This band combined hard rock with electronic music. Wright became their lead vocalist and main lyricist. He became known as one of England's best keyboard players. After taking part in five recordings, including "Ceremony", Wright decided to start out on his own.

His first two solo attempts never even paid for themselves. He was thinking of leaving the performing and recording, to become a producer. His manager, Dee Anthony asked him to give it one last, serious effort. The results: "The Dream Weaver" made Gary Wright a star in his own right.

In his latest effort, "The Light of Smiles", Gary Wright has picked up a following. They regard him as a mystic and technical genius.

# Oaklands comments on diphtheria outbreak

Officials of Oaklands Regional Centre in Oakville have issued a statement indicating that they do not believe that the recent outbreak of diphtheria started at the centre. The statement is in response to recent publicity concerning the outbreak.

During a recent press conference Medical Officer of Health for Halton Dr. J.H. Chamberlain indicated he felt the initial case was at the Centre, not from the community at large.

Four Halton residents have been diagnosed as carrying diphtheria organisms. Three of them are children living at the centre and the fourth is a teacher at Morden School in Oakville.

Children from the centre take some of their classes at Morden School.

A letter co-signed by Executive Administrator Don Bath and Dr. D.G. Schooling, the doctor at the institution, says, "It is most unlikely that any of the three carriers we detected in Oaklands

Regional Centre arrived with diphtheria. As no other carriers were detected in Oaklands, it is within the realm of possibility that they did acquire the diphtheria organism from an outside source.

The letter went on to say, "It is regrettable that the statements which have appeared in the press recently would lead one to suppose that the Oaklands residents are prone to carry diphtheria and other infectious diseases. Indeed, the residents of Oaklands are tested, inoculated, and supervised as to their health more carefully than is the average student or resident of the municipality."

A large percentage of residents at Oaklands have been transferred from large institutions for the mentally handicapped at Smith Falls

and Orillia. The letter from Mr. Schooling and Mr. Bath pointed out that all residents at Oaklands are tested for various diseases before being admitted.

The letter acknowledges that some diphtheria outbreaks have occurred in institutions in recent years. The Centre's contention that the outbreak didn't start at the centre is in conflict with statements by MOH Dr. Chamberlain.

Dr. Chamberlain said his assumption that the original carrier was at the centre was based on "pretty solid grounds." He did, however, indicate "a way out change" of it beginning in the community.

His suspicion is supported by a senior consultant with the Ministry of Health.

# Auction, dance for T-B Citizens

Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group held a successful box lunch meeting in March, to raise funds to help pay legal fees the group will incur in its fight against Site F in Milton as a regional landfill site.

Several more events are planned to raise funds, including a baked goods and crafts sale at Milton Mall Saturday, April 30; a country

auction featuring a variety of old and new items on June 4 at the Dave Katz home; and a Blossom Ball Friday, June 10 at Tyandaga Golf Club in Burlington.

Members are also planning to sell tickets on a donated quilt, at the fall fairs in Milton, Acton and Georgetown and hope to have an Oktoberfest dance in Milton in mid-October.

# Court battle . . .

(Continued from page One) from Mr. Estrin. Estrin's letter warned the region that unless the plans for a landfill site were abandoned he would take legal action on behalf of his clients.

Councillor Jack Rafitis suggested referring the report to the regional solicitor for comment. Mr. Morrow said there could be no debate on the motion. He was prepared to have the letter referred for a report until he was criticized for not having referred and requested a report on his own.

Only then did he admit that he had in fact done that and was in possession of duplicated copies of the report from the regional solicitor.

Councillor Archie Donaghey told the chairman, "You should have told us you had it."

The chairman explained he had every intention of distributing the report but he had to follow council's direction. Council went in-camera to discuss the matter for 20 minutes.

Mr. Martin's report says the bylaw and resolutions passed by council on the matter are valid in his opinion. But he points out both the zoning by-law and official plan have to be amended.

Martin's report says the region will have to apply to the Town of Milton for permission to acquire the land and to amend the relevant zoning by-law and official plan.

In the event that Milton turns that application down it will go before the Ontario Municipal Board for a ruling. Milton Council has approved the hiring of a legal firm to fight the establishment of a landfill site in Milton.

Named as applicants in the motion to quash the by-law and resolutions are James and Margaret Holmes, Stuart and Freda McFadden, Arthur and Sarah Laing.

The three couples are also named as plaintiffs in the Ruisance suits along with David and Anne Katz, Warren and Sherry Blake-lock, and Mary and Elizabeth McLaughlin.

Both Regional Chairman and Solicitor Mike Martin refused to comment on the case Wednesday. Mr. Martin's only comment was that

"it looks like it will be exciting."

Mr. Morrow said he wouldn't comment on it because it is a legal matter. He said Mr. Martin was authorized to work in the best interest of the region. He did confirm that hydrogeological testing is being carried out by the consultants in concert with council's direction.

The Citizens' Group has presented several briefs to the regional council, conducted special tours of the sites for councillors and organized letter campaigns trying to convince council to seek other places and methods to dispose of the region's waste.

When the matter finally came to a head March 2, Council voted in favor of developing a dump at that location on the southern boundary of Milton.

Low speed collisions are much more dangerous than most people realize, says the Ontario Safety League. Eighty-four percent of all car accidents occur at speeds under 40 m.p.h. And here's another surprising statistic: In 47 percent of fatal accidents, the travel speed (not impact speed, which is often lower) is under 40 m.p.h.

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