HRCA not a puppet of region

Region to reword statements concerning the proposed regional landfill site F got an angry response at the Halton Conservation Authority (HRCA) meeting

"I'm not going to try to hide my anger," said Terry Mannell, interrupting presentation by the region's lawyer Dennis Perlin. "The region has shown all the subtlety of a sledgehammer and the probverbial bull in a china shop."

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authority will say what recommendations it wants to submit and not mouth words the region directs. The authority is a separate body, and not a puppet of the Mannell

HRCA was courted by Halton's lawyer and the lawyer and delegates of Tremaine - Britannia Citizens Group, which is fighting the Both sides were reacting to statements concerning Site F put forth by HRCA's land use advisory board. A handout on the

region's submission bore the "Recommended Changes in Statements".

Mr. Perlin argued the region was not attempting to usurp the HRCA role. He said a landfill site was needed and the region was looking to fellow public bodies for support and guidance.

David Estrin, lawyer for the protest group, asked HRCA to apply to the province to have Site F lands 'scheduled'', a procedure that would bring the lands under the authority's jurisdiction, giving it legal powers

read as follows: to grant or deny a fill permit. The land use advisory board the proposal to convert class had recommended amendone farmland into non-agriment of existing regulations not be proceeded with.

The authority referred the matter back to the land use advisory board for study on the extent of flooding in the event of a regional storm.

statements made by the land use advisory board were accepted and a request by the protest group to be informed about any applications to HRCA dealing with Site F was ac-

cepted as well. The adopted statements

cerning groundwater contamination and the costs of groundwater protecting thoroughly resource be studied before any decision is reached on the suitability of Site F.

cultural use.

That HRCA not support

That questions con-

 That if the proposal proceeds, the Woodlots on Site F be preserved and controlled through the appropriate zoning so that the trees are protected and the rural character of the area is main-

terested in Site F as a potential recreation facility.

 That the question of surface water containment and treatment on Site F be documented by the proponent and resolved before a final decision is reached on the suitability of Site F.

The region had recommended that the first statement be changed to read that HRCA, although regretting the conversion of Class farmland into ricultural use, supports and encourages the region's intention to restore the site to agricultural use at the end of the six-year life.

"We all know that's a commented Milton sentative to the authority. "It would never return to first class farmland."

Another statement change the region recommended was that the authority call for the region to install a full and leachate control

waters being contaminated with leachate. Mr. Watson maintained the region's reason for choosing Site F in the first place was because no leachate collection was said to be needed.

possibility of the surface

system to prevent

Eric Larsen, a consultant for the region, said that leachate would not be a problem for 10 years. This information caused a member of the audience to retort: "I thought it (landfill) was only for six years."

"We feel there are other ways of handling garbage rather than a landfill site,' said Craig Reid, speaking for the citizens' delegation. "People in Europe are bidding against each other for garbage for heat."

"We are concerned about our water and our land," he continued. "We have the best water in the world. Let's keep it that way. Forty per cent of sickness would be eliminated if the rest of the world had clean water."

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Reid described flooding in the Site F area last fall and this spring. Ane Katz, also a member of the citizens' group, showed slides of water-covered fields in the area. The slides were taken this spring. There appeared to be some dispute between members of the group and HRCA staff concerning the direction of water flow at the

HRCA withholds payments

completed within 60 days. But the lift did not begin operation vation Authority is withuntil March 11. Skyway holding 15 per cent of its pay claims delay in the delivery ment to Skyway Engineering of parts for the lift made it any for construction of a triple impossible to complete chairlift at Kelso because the construction in the time lift wasn't completed in the

Last fall HRCA contracted

have been assessed. Earlier the authority held back more than \$81,000, but all but the 15 per cent has been released.

Meanwhile, Glen Eden ski area at Kelso had brought in a profit of \$104,567 by the end of February. This amount ex-The authority is with- ceeds last year's revenue for Skyway \$165,000 holding payment of \$24,750 the same time period by until its losses and liabilities almost \$65,000.



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CA halts development of Crawford Lake

Halton Region Conservation Authority has called a halt to development of Crawford Lake Conservation Area.

A private group, the Foundation, Conservation has been ready to proceed with fundraising for the first two phases of the project. HRCA members decided it would be preferable to face some embarrassment now than to make a long-term mistake. They plan to meet with the foundation Thurs-

Since HRCA purchased the property in 1969, an Indian Village was discovered in the area. Cost of developing the site, including an educational interpretive centre, roads,

had second thoughts on the

Crawford Lake Conservation

Area. Council had previously

Watson, who had missed the

meeting at which Crawford

foundation was raising funds

for developing the site, the

town would have to operate it

from municipal levies at a

cost of \$20,000 or more an-

Councillors agreed to ap-

prove the plans in principle,

subject to the conservation

authority entering into a

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parking lots and a gate house, was estimated at \$300,000. Operating costs were esti-

mated at \$45,000. "I would rather see the area left in a natural state, put to massive public usage," said Jim Watson, Milton representative to the authority. "That's not the purpose for which it was

"At the time it was bought we didn't know we had an Indian village there," said chairman Brock Harris.

The property has declined very quickly, reported Bill Warwick, director of conservation services. He said the authority has been unsuccessful in policing and controlling it. Controlling uni-

development agreement with

council heard a request from

Farm, Campbellville, for

portion of Fourth Line from

Five Sideroad to the back

limit of his property. Mr

Austin said the Hydro corri-

dor running through his pro-

perty has severely cut into his

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Fourth Line, he would stand a

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versities who want to remove Bird of Oakville. samples for research has been a problem.

Moreover, the area is known and is attracting an unsavory crowd, Mr. Warwick added. "We have to do something." "I'm sick of the argument

we have to develop areas to man of the authority. "If we protect them," said Joan Allingham, representative to HRCA.

representative Terry Mannell said the authority should have made its position clear to the foundation a year ago, adding the authority was treating the foundation in a cavalier fashion.

Halton Hills representative Russ Miller commented the original decision was made by people other than those sitting on the authority now. "Developing this property is to destroy it."

"We're going in a lot of directions," summed up Mr. Watson. "We should redefine our aims and objectives and follow them. We don't know what to do with Crawford Lake.

During the same meeting the authority continued discussions concerning a proposal to install a concrete "Superslide" at Kelso led to further examination of the authority's purpose. "I don't think we should get into the Disneyland type of amusement at Kelso," said Keith

But several others argued the slide would be a moneymaking proposition and

would offset losses in a bad skiing season. "There's nothing wrong with making a buck," said Gordon Krantz, vice-chairdon't make it, someone else

will. The concrete slide will go in someplace." "If it's simply a matter of making money, why turn down Crawford Lake?" asked Paul Farley of Oakville. "You can overutilize Kelso and turn it into a three-ring

Staff was requested to provide further information about the slide.

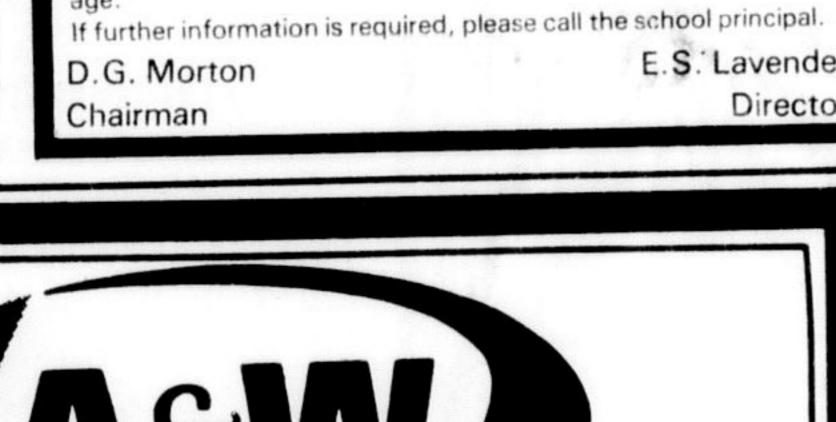
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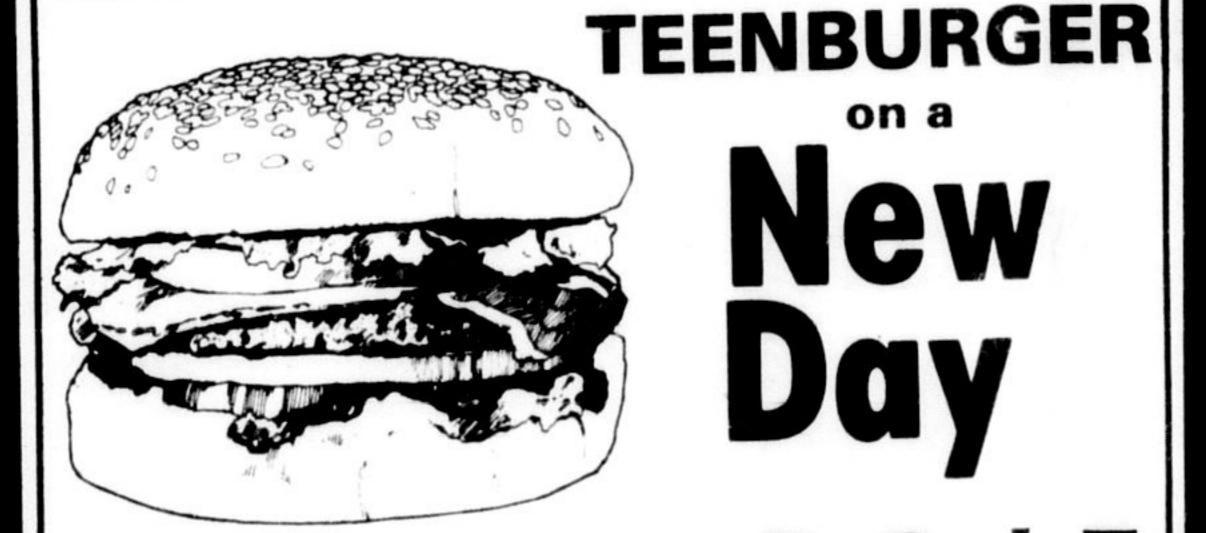


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