

OMB hears Site F case

Experts predict lengthy hearing

By Rod Lamb
The first day in what is expected to be a long hearing on Site F was opened by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) at Halton Manor in Milton Monday.

Spokesmen from Milton and Halton Councils indicated it could run between six and 12 weeks and maybe longer if lengthy adjournments are called.

The region is seeking to

force the town to rezone the land at the northwest corner of Tremaine and Britannia Rds. in the southwestern section of

Milton to landfill from conservation and agricultural.

It is also seeking approval to construct a \$3.7

million landfill site.

Opposing the region are Milton Council and the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group as well as

several other people and organizations who were represented by lawyers. The hearing will deal only with Site F.

As Edgar Sexton said in his opening remarks on behalf of the region, no other sites will be considered.

Mr. Sexton is a Toronto lawyer who has been retained by Halton Region to represent its case.

Presiding at the hearing are OMB members W. T. Schrives (chairman) and A. J. C. Chapman.

Representing the town is Fred Leitch from Oakville.

David Estrin appears on behalf of the citizens' group.

Monday saw Mr. Sexton give his opening remarks and call his first witness: Robert Moore, regional public works director.

Mr. Moore who underwent cross-examination by Messrs. Estrin and Leitch Tuesday, spoke largely on the history of events leading up to the OMB hearing on Site F.

His remarks were prefaced by Mr. Sexton Monday morning.

Site F is situated in a former section of Burlington. This was changed to become part of Milton with the inception of regional government in 1974.

Mr. Sexton said the region's purposes are to have the OMB rule in favor of Halton's request that Milton rezone the land to allow the region to locate, construct and build a landfill operation costing \$3.7 million.

He said the province gave the region the responsibility for handling waste when the former created the latter Jan. 1, 1974.

The legislation forbids area municipalities from operating waste operations.

Speaking of the OMB hearing, he said, "Halton is here because it has to be here."

It is seeking approval for a duty it is compelled to carry out.

Mr. Sexton said solid waste disposal studies go back to the days of Halton County which had commissioned a study in 1972. This was presented in 1974 and was known as the McLaren Report.

Among the recommendations was the locating of a single dis-

posal site at Ashgrove in Halton Hills and a transfer station in the southern part of the region.

At that time the Ministry of Environment (MOE) was pursuing a program of studying resource recovery in various municipalities.

Halton had indicated interest and according to Mr. Sexton, "has not forgotten about resource recovery."

The region is continuing to study resource recovery, he said.

A decision in "the not too distant future" has to (Continued on Page 10)

George Swann '78 'Citizen of the Year'

Seventy-year-old George Swann feels the runner-up should have won the contest, after learning Tuesday he has been declared Milton's 1978 Citizen of the Year.

"Pick somebody else," he told the Milton Chamber of Commerce when he was notified of his selection.

"He certainly did not expect it and told us we should choose someone else," said Maria Reis, Chamber president.

The Chamber directors deliberated for an hour Tuesday morning to arrive at their choice from a large selection of entries of Milton's finest men and women.

"It was a tough decision and fairly close," said Miss Reis, adding she would like to give out the award to at least three or four of the entrants.

The winner was to be chosen for his or her involvement in community work, the extent of their unselfishness in helping others, and for points brought forward by the nominators, explained Miss Reis.

A Court St. N. resident, George Swann is no stranger to old and young alike in Milton. A popular figure at the majority of Milton's social and sports activities, Mr. Swann has for several years donated his services in co-operation with Milton's Robin Hood Flour Mill (later Supersweet Feeds) as an announcer at many public events.

His voice is familiar to those who have attended Remembrance Day services, blood donor clinics, Farmers' Markets, July 1 celebrations, fall fairs, steam shows, lawn parties and parades over a period spanning 20 years.

Originally from England, Mr. Swann arrived in Canada at the

age of 17 and began working on area farms.

In 1937 he became an employee of the local feed mill, remaining there until his recent retirement.

His hobby is sign-writing and for many years he has been the official sign painter at the International Plowing Matches. He was also chairman of publicity for the 1974 International in Halton.

He is married to Blanche and has two daughters, Rosemary Ryan and Helen Swann. He is the grandfather to a set of twins, Debbie and Kim Ryan.

Modest about his newly-acquired title, Mr. Swann said he has always tried to follow a long-established family motto.

That motto states "we help others" and according to Mr. Swann, he has tried to be of help whenever possible.

The Chamber will honor Mr. Swann at the Citizen of the Year banquet and dance Saturday, Jan. 20 at Lions Hall, Memorial Arena. Tickets are \$12 each and available from Chamber directors and local banks.

Champion introduces new feature

Focus is a new feature which The Canadian Champion is introducing as a regular weekly addition today.

Aimed at people, Focus will be on people who live or work in Milton, their jobs, their hobbies, their lifestyles.

The first person interviewed is Milton District High School Principal Ron Ziegel. See Focus, Page B6.



WINTER IS FUN for interpretive naturalists Lynda Thompson and Joanne Lester who are working at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre for a year on Canada Works grants. They conduct nature hikes and lessons on

the proper use of snowshoes. The centre will be hosting a rash of school group tours this month.

(Champion photo by Peter McCusker)

OMB hearing cuts members

Less than 100 people turned out for the opening of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing on Site F at Halton Manor Monday morning.

But, by the end of the afternoon session, the numbers had dwindled.

Approximately 70 people in the audience, over a dozen lawyers and various media representatives were on hand when the hearing opened in the morning.

Many in the audience were wearing the green and white ribbons testifying to their membership in the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group which is opposing Halton's request to locate a major landfill site at the northwestern section of the intersection.

By the afternoon, a third of the number had gone, although 93-year-old Bessie Smith continued to be present throughout the day.

The lawyers represented several groups and organizations.

However, after the morning session, only those representing the town, the region and the citizens' group remained along with one other lawyer.

The morning saw a variety of television, radio and press people in attendance. Only a few of the press remained by the end of the day.

Chairman denies plea for evening sessions

Halton Region is currently giving evidence this week at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing on Site F.

Hearing chairman W. T. Schrives from the OMB said the region would be the first to give evidence.

Halton will be followed by the lawyers representing various groups and individuals.

Lastly, the public will be able to present their views.

The hearing is predicted to take between six and 12 weeks.

The testimony will be presented in the mornings and afternoons Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch.

Mr. Schrives said the board will not meet Friday in order to allow

lawyers from small offices to get caught up on other matters.

No night sessions will be allowed.

When David Estrin on behalf of the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group asked to have evening sessions because many of his clients have to work during the day, Mr. Schrives vetoed the request, saying the workday of the board is long enough without night meetings as well.

Even though Mr. Estrin proposed an absence of morning sessions on the days of night meetings, Mr. Schrives held firm in his word.

Monday saw the region's retained counsel Edgar Sexton from Toronto deliver the opening remarks followed by his first witness Robert

Moore, Halton Director of Public Works.

Mr. Moore was cross-examined by Fred Leitch, the lawyer representing Milton and Mr. Estrin Tuesday.

Each witness the region calls is liable to be cross-examined by the opposition.

Similarly when the town, citizens' groups and other organizations call witnesses, Mr. Sexton will be able to cross-examine them.

OMB hearing rules dictate no smoking, no drinks of coffee and no cameras in the hall at Halton Manor.

When a Global Television cameraman tried to shoot footage prior to the opening of the morning and afternoon sessions, he aroused the anger of Mr. Schrives who ordered him to stop.

Herigate Inn

Retired innkeeper opens doors in Milton

By Linda Kirby

Two years ago, 56-year-old Heinz Zukowski decided to retire from the motel business. He had been involved in the business since 1960 and had owned three separate motels in Ontario.

Today, he can be found attired in working clothes amidst fresh paint, rolls

of carpeting and brand new furniture as the finishing touches are put on his fourth motel—Herigate Inn, Milton. It is situated on Chisholm Dr. southwest of Highway 401 and Highway 25.

"Retired, but after one year I was virtually bored—lost—and I didn't know what to do with myself," said the energetic Guelph native.

"I am born to be busy." His latest accomplishment is nothing less than a family affair.

For six months he searched through the province to purchase a "decent" business, but found nothing to his satisfaction.

The idea of building his own motel in Milton came after his son suggested the town offered a good opportunity for the venture.

A business administration student at York University, son Charles travelled daily between his Guelph home and Toronto on Highway 401.

He deemed Milton an ideal location for an inn, owing to the amount of traffic that passed Milton and felt the town offered little choice in accommodation for visitors and travellers alike.

Although there are some rooms available at the Fifth Wheel Truck Stop motel and at Charles Hotel on Main St., the nearest good motel is Mohawk Inn at Campbellville.

A "book" was written by Charles, documenting traffic statistics, the number of local industries and businesses, with a forecast of anticipated motel business.

In addition to providing his dad with the motivation to go ahead with the idea, the "book" was instrumental in landing the family the necessary mortgage to proceed with the \$800,000 project.

The motel is the first phase of a planned entertainment and office development on a 13-acre parcel of land that is expected to cost between \$11 and \$15 million.

Following purchase of the land in November 1977 from project developers Robert and Russell Powadiuk of Milton, partners in PowBro

Funding Corp., Mr. Zukowski sat down with the two brothers and an architect to design the inn.

Many days and many sketches later, the group arrived at the present style—early American—as the final design.

Construction of the two-storey 50-room motel began in July with a

completion date slated for early fall.

But a string of carpenter and labor strikes saw the project off to a three month late start.

Unlike his other motel ventures, Mr. Zukowski became involved in every aspect of the inn's creation, from the blueprints to the choice of wallpaper and carpeting.

"Here, I started from scratch," he explains with pride.

Working alongside him were his wife Helga and another son Mark 21.

"It is exciting," he said, "because I have my hands in the pie."

Now, with less than two weeks to opening date, he busies himself with the final details of completing newsletters and advertising folders.

He is not accepting reservations until the opening weekend Jan. 20, but he doesn't expect to have many problems in attracting customers.

Throughout the entire project, he has spent time and money to make sure his inn will reflect the highest standards of quality accommodation.

The inn is located on Chisholm Dr., southwest of Highway 401 and Highway 25.

The inn features

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Switch letters to name motel 'Herigate Inn'

When Heinz Zukowski named his brand new Milton motel The Herigate Inn, he had no idea he was using the same name as another motel business, until notified.

Having already purchased the individual neon letters to be mounted on his building, he was not in a hurry to find a new name and order another set of letters.

Consequently, he fed the eight letters spelling "Herigate" into a computer and received a list

of 40,000 different names possible from the letters.

"Herigate Inn" is the alternate name chosen for the 50-room establishment to be opened. It includes all the original letters—just in a different order.

According to Mr. Zukowski, the name is now nationally registered and he has little fear of sharing the name with another business.

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MISS BESSIE SMITH, one of hundreds of dump fighters at Site F in Milton, was among the crowd at the opening day of the regional dump OMB hearing Monday. Miss Smith, 93, will lose part of her farm to the dumpsite if it is approved.

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JASON ARPA is all bundled up against the cold snap. See what others are wearing to ward off the chilly blasts, see Pg. 8.