



ALF JURSS points to his land on a map detailing the Niagara Escarpment Commission's plan for the lands within its jurisdiction in Halton. The NEC held two workshops to answer questions. The workshops were held Tuesday and Thursday of last week at Milton Library. Helping Mr. Jurss are Neil Hayward and Jamie Dougall.

## Citizens favorable at NEC workshop

The response was generally favorable to the Niagara Escarpment Commission's proposals for land in Halton within its jurisdiction, according to an NEC official.

Cecil Louis, senior NEC planner, said the number of people who came in to view the plan was small, but those who did come were generally in favor of what they saw.

"Most people who came just wanted

information. . . their questions were answered, they're satisfied. There was no negative reaction."

A series of workshops were held last week in Milton at which residents were invited to ask questions and learn about the plan, and how it may affect them.

The workshops were held at Milton Public Library on Tuesday and Thursday.

## Auction in '80

There will be a Halton Region auction some time in 1980.

Council had been asked to approve an auction if there was sufficient equipment on hand to make an auction worthwhile.

Oakville councillor Laurie Mannell urged the auction be held regardless and was supported by the rest of the council.

It has been estimated the region will need about \$40,000 in used inventory for the auction to be a success. The region will, however, be bolstered by used inventory belonging to the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

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## Regional toxic spills legislation is endorsed

Halton Regional Council will petition the Ministry of the Environment to toughen up the Environmental Protection Act and the Ontario Water Resources Act regarding any type of negligent spills of toxic chemicals in water-courses.

The five-part recommendation was brought to council by

Milton's Bill Johnson who was reacting to an incident three weeks ago when a Campbellville man was caught dumping acetone into a stream beside the Mountsberg Conservation Area. The man and the supplier have been charged with violation notices.

In part the suggested changes in the Act are:

o To provide that any officer designated by the Minister may seize any and all articles used in the contravention of either of the said Acts and to provide for the delivery of these articles to the Justice of the Peace who, if he finds that the articles were used in violation or for the purposes of violation. . . make an order forfeiting the articles. . . Such articles should include any boat, canoe, or vessel or any description, team, wagon or other outfit, motor vehicle or aircraft of any kind, appliance or material of any kind including hoses, pumps, barrels, drums and other vessels or containers.

o That the Regional Clerk be authorized to notify the Ministry of the Environment in each and every case where a contravention. . . is brought to the attention of the Regional Municipality of Halton.

o That the Regional Solicitor be authorized to take all necessary action to prosecute contraventions.

o That the motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement and support.


Mr. Johnson said he believes the motion covers all areas and eliminates loopholes which have allowed polluters in the past to get free of prosecution. He said such a case took place recently in the Hamilton area where a case was dismissed because 23 technicalities were found.

Mr. Johnson said the Mountsberg incident is probably not rare and the region must do everything in its power to stop the practise of indiscriminate chemical dumping on back roads.

—Milton Council is looking for an appointee for the Halton Regional Safety Council.

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