

Council

Jail not historic

Milton's court house is not a building of national historical significance, the federal Historic Sites and Monuments Board has decided.

Town councillors were advised on the decision Monday night, which means federal funds will not be available to assist in refurbishing the old structure for use as a town hall.

"This is certainly a blow to our Plans, but we're not laying down," mayor Gord Krantz said. "We have not dropped it yet."

Town treasurer Don Lougheed said a designation by the federal body would have meant some more money would be available to assist in the conversion, but a Provincial grant, the major requirement, is already assured.

Debentures will be there

Whenever the window opens, Town councillors were told Monday night, local staff will be there with debentures.

Town treasurer Don Lougheed told councillors that all the required approvals to sell debentures to finance the construction of a new headquarters building for Milton Hydro have been received and he is just waiting for the right time to sell the debentures.

He explained that the "open window" he was waiting for would be a slight drop in interest rates expected when new money comes onto the market.

"I think we would be fortunate to get rates of 16.5 to 18 per cent," he added.

Council Rick Day attacked the proposal to finance the building through debentures.

"This theory of financing with debentures so that future generations will pay part of the cost is such nonsense," he said, adding that future generations, will have too many such projects to pay for.

He also argued that a sale on American money markets should be avoided "because we'll be killed on the exchange rate."

Councillors roll their best

Town councillors have accepted a challenge to roll their best in support of a good cause.

Repeating their effort of last year, members of Oakville Town council have challenged their counterparts here to take part in the Big Brothers Association's bowl-a-thon, slated for Feb. 13.

The challenge is simply to have the most councillors show up for the event and Oakville councillor Ann Mulvale feels "We'll beat them again this year... easy."

Tennis club requests \$90Gs

A request from the Milton Tennis Club for \$90,000 in financial support from Town council has been sent on to the budget committee for consideration.

Councillors took the action on Monday in response for a request from the club for \$25,000 in exchange for the Rotary Park tennis courts and an interest-free 10-year loan of \$65,000.

—Steve Arnold

Alternative dump scuttled, Region to study others

By STEVE ARNOLD
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Objections by Burlington Councillors have scuttled a motion that affirmed a place in Halton's future garbage dump plans for the major alternative to Site F in Milton.

Members of the Region's planning and public works committee did however, approve recommendations calling for a consultant's study of alternatives to the Milton site.

That study would be the first step in the Environmental Assessment process which will solve Halton's future garbage disposal problems for the balance of this century and the early years of the next.

Arguments by Burlington Councillors succeeded in stalling the committee from approving a recommendation from the solid waste management committee affirming a place in future plans for Site A in Burlington, which includes land owned by the National Sewer Pipe company.

The EAA process, according to most estimates, will take about two years and will cost Regional taxpayers up to \$250,000.

A detailed study of seven alternative ways of handling Halton garbage carried out by regional staff produced statistics indicating that the Burlington site is at least as good, and possibly a better choice, than Site F.

Despite the evidence of their own statistics, Regional staff would not make a firm recommendation in favor of either of the sites, arguing that any statement of preference now might prejudice the EAA process.

Even if Regional council could be talked into supporting the Burlington site, however, there are still major problems to be solved, committee members were reminded.

Dennis Perlin, chief administrative officer, said two alternatives for the Burlington site have been considered, one in which the dump site is privately owned and operated under the terms of a contract with the Region and another, under which the land would be purchased by Halton.

While Regional officials favor having the land publicly owned, Mr. Perlin reminded committee members that NSP officials have stated officially

they are not interested in selling the property.

"They have made it clear in the past that the property is not available, but that they are interesting in having an agreement with the Region," Mr. Perlin said.

The most recent survey of dump site alternatives carried out by Regional staff rated seven options against considerations such as social and environmental impact, cost, timing and reliability.

In response to questions from councillors, planner Paul Attack defended the conclusion that social impact would be less if the dump were located in Burlington.

He argued that since much of the land surrounding the Burlington site was industrial, the increased truck traffic caused by the garbage dump would not be as noticeable as it would be in rural Milton.

"Measuring social impact has to be a relative thing," he explained. "We didn't want to just count the number of people that came to a meeting and use that."

Several Burlington councillors argued against the statement affirming a role for the Burlington site.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little said the future of the site was not as reliable as one owned by the Region because there was no guarantee that the dump would be operated by the owner.

"It could be operated by the owner, or by a sub-contractor or it could even be sold to someone entirely unrelated to this. There is a whereas in the agreement that would allow them to sell," she said.

"It seems to me that what we are being asked to do is fund a private site through the EAA process," Mrs. Little added.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich went even farther, submitting a special report to the committee arguing that there were still too many unanswered questions to justify considering the Burlington dump as a serious alternative.

"There just isn't enough here for any councillor or member of the public to make an intelligent decision," he said. "There are too many assumptions here that need questioning."

"Surely there is such a thing as political reality," he said, arguing that a dump in each area would serve to move councillors to speed up recycling plans.

Donation permits surgery

Miltonian Gordon L. Murray, scheduled to undergo major heart surgery today, can thank 17 friends, neighbors and members of his family for making the operation possible.

The group showed up for Oakville's monthly Red Cross blood donor clinic last Thursday to specifically provide blood so that Mr. Murray could have his surgery.

The Milton branch of the Red Cross reminds all residents of its clinic, to be held Thursday Feb. 18, 1982.

The clinic's Milton Mall location will be operating from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. It is hoped the clinic will yield 800 units of blood with the help of regular and first time donors.

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