

# Region may drop severance appeal

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A local man's plan to build a home for his daughter and her husband may not be opposed by Halton Region, despite the recommendations of region and Niagara Escarpment Commission staff.

Members of the region's planning and public works committee last week agreed to drop their appeal against a severance application by Joseph Paul, of Appleby Line. Nancy Giles, regional planner, said Mr. Paul's five acre property is located at the junction of Appleby Line and 3 Side Road in an area called Christie.

Regional staff were recommending against the application, she said, because it did not conform with the policies of the official plan which restrict rural-residential development outside hamlets, rural clusters and estate developments.

In a report to the committee, regional planning director Rash Mohammed also noted objections to the plan by the Niagara Escarpment Commission planning staff.

NEC members, however, voted to allow the development, provided a severance was obtained through the region's land division committee.

Kathy Mikkelsen, Mr. Paul's daughter, told committee members the area where the property is located meets the requirements of the official plan in everything but name.

"There is no denying the grouping of houses here make up a community," she said. "For all intents and purposes it is a small village."

Inspectors from the region's public health department and provincial Ministry of the

Environment have also visited the site and raised no objections to the plan.

Mrs. Mikkelsen also noted the odd shape of the current parcel and its swampy areas make it useless for farming or other uses.

"As it is now it is an eyesore to the community and this proposed development will eliminate that," she said.


Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy supported a motion by Councillor Bill Johnson to drop the region's appeal saying it should be allowed because the region's official plan cannot adequately cover all possibilities.

"The plan wasn't designed to cover every policy that comes up," he said. We have to make a decision now on the facts," he said.

"If we're so insensitive we can't consider the facts and realize the regional plan can't cover everything then there's something awful wrong with the system," he added.

Regional council will be asked to approve the committee recommendation today (Wednesday).

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## Town seeks phone help

Milton councillors are going to go to bat again for residents in the extreme north end of the town who have trouble getting telephone calls through to town hall.

Councillor Jim Watson raised that point last week, suggesting efforts be made to get Bell Canada to switch those residents from the Guelph calling area to Acton.

That change, he said, would allow the residents to telephone both Guelph and Milton directly without paying long distance charges.

"It's almost a constant thing that we're in touch with Bell Canada on this, but we know there is a problem and we will continue," said Mayor Gord Krantz.

Similar efforts will be made for residents on the town's extreme western border who are in the East Flamborough calling area.

## Town rejects core report of architect

Milton council has rejected an architectural report outlining plans for the downtown core properties owned by the town, because councillors are unhappy with the recommendations.

The \$9,600 report compiled by Toronto architect Brian Brisbin was commissioned more than one year ago.

In a special council meeting last week, councillors voted to receive and file the draft report and terminate the contract with Mr. Brisbin.

Town administrator Roy Main said although the report contained some "useful" information, councillors were not happy with the "directions" provided in it.

The report will not be made public as it includes confidential financial data pertaining to town properties, said Mr. Main, such as evaluations of properties and projected revenues.

## Connection request lost

Despite two bad wells, Halton Region won't allow a Milton family to connect to its water supply.

Member of the planning and public works committee last week rejected a request by Howard and Marlene Pfeiffer to connect their 14 Side Road home to a regional water main.

In a report to the committee, planning director Rash Mohammed said current regional policy is not to allow such connections when the water main would have to be extended to reach the new home.

The main the Pfeiffer's want to connect to, he said, is more than 650 feet away.

## Correction

A story which appeared in last week's Champion referred to Marg Burgess as secretary of Milton Chamber of Commerce when in fact she served as manager from April 1980 until that title was changed to administrator in February.

Mrs. Burgess was recently replaced as administrator by John Lawrence.

## Courses offered

A series of workshops for employees and operators of small businesses is being planned in Milton.

Starting Oct. 11 the Milton Public Library, in conjunction with the Federal Business Development Bank will present four sessions outlining key concepts for small business.

The series is designed for owners, operators, managers and employees of small to medium sized business.

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