

Morrow raps RBG rep for protesting grant

Halton Hills Councillor, Ric Morrow has developed some notoriety concerning views on Halton Region dipping into taxpayers pockets to finance charitable organizations. During a regional council meeting Wednesday, Mr. Morrow unleashed his hostility in an attack levelled at Dr. Leslie Laking and the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Mr. Laking had come to council to protest the Finance Committee's decision to grant \$20,000 instead of the \$30,000 requested.

Problems too

"We have money problems too. I want to impress upon you our problem and I think the committee has been generous in voting to give you \$20,000 again."

"When we face staggering increases in costs, a marginal increase in assessment and in

times of uncertain economic conditions and uncertain employment conditions, how can you expect more money. I'm disappointed to see you back again asking for more money."

Morrow established figures to show the regional grant to RBG had been increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in 1971.

Oakville Councillor, Carl Eriksen, supported an increase of 20 per cent to reflect the increased costs and won vocal support from Milton representatives Anne MacArthur and Marjorie Powys. Council upped the grant from \$20,000 to \$24,000.

Later during the same discussion, Mr. Morrow suggested no support should be offered for the Oakville or Burlington Youth home as that would only perpetuate the growth of similar homes

into the northern part of the region. He suggested the homes shouldn't be financed at the regional level but at the local level.

He drew the wrath of Terry Mannell on that count.

"That's a hell of a thing to say that people are setting up organizations to get grants. The organizations are being set up to meet the real needs that exist—human needs."

Milton Councillor Marjorie Powys joined Mannell in supporting the youth homes.

"We can't ignore our youth. It's better to help make them good and useful citizens now, rather than have to spend great amounts of money later."

With the exception of the Royal Botanical Gardens, none of the 21 decisions made by the Finance and Administration Committee were altered.

Gets wrist slapped

Wants salary raise at first meeting

"Totally unjustified", is the way HCRA executive member Terry Mannell feels about a suggestion salaries be doubled for members of Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Reacting to a recommendation put forth by newly-appointed HCRA member Vern Connell of Burlington, Mannell sarcastically added, "I'm impressed with his (Connell's) ability to do such important homework at his first meeting."

"It was his second meeting," Frank Rogers of Burlington said smiling, "he attended the inaugural."

At a meeting of the Water Control Advisory Board of which Connell is a member it was moved by Connell that the present rate of \$30 per meeting be raised to \$1,800 per year for Authority members and \$2,300 per year for Executive members. This would be double the amount now received.

Already raised

Further recommendations were that an additional \$2,000 over the Executive Committee rate be paid to the vice-chairman and an additional \$4,000 over the Executive committee rate be paid to the chairman.

The Ontario Municipal Board last year approved a raise from \$20 to \$30 for members and an additional \$2,000 for the chairman.

Connell's suggestion would bring the vice-chairman's salary to \$2,300 and the chairman's to \$6,300.

Although Larry Smith of Burlington seconded Connell's motion at the previously held closed meeting of the advisory board, he reversed his decision and suggested "we stick to the \$30 fee."

Gord Krantz of Milton agreed and suggested the matter be filed.



VERN CONNELL

Coxe withdraws opposition gets blast from Johnson

Halton Hills Councillor Len Coxe came in for a verbal attack this week from environmentalist Bill Johnson. Johnson is upset because Mr. Coxe has withdrawn his opposition to the possibility of establishing a landfill site at the Milton Brick site.

During the last Regional Public Works meeting, Mr. Coxe and Halton Hills colleague, Ernie Sykes, argued that there wasn't sufficient documentation to rule out the Milton Brick Site. Both argued more consideration should be given to that site.

Fought against it

Councillor Coxe recalled he had fought against that site being used for a dump when the land was within the borders of Esquimes. It is in Milton now and according to Mr. Coxe, it is up to Milton to decide what use the land is put to.

Johnson accuses Mr. Coxe and the Ashgrove area residents of adopting a somewhat parochial posture

on the landfill issue. He argued that those people don't care where the site is as long as it is not in their area.

Expressing disappointment in what he said is a "parochial" attitude on the part of Mr. Coxe and the Ashgrove residents, Johnson argued they should share the environmental concerns. He noted the Ashgrove group had not seen fit to join the environmental groups in the region when a coalition was formed.

Task force

The various groups in the region concerned with the environmental issues will meet March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Office in Milton. Johnson said the meeting was being held with a view to forming an advisory task force on the matter.



Len Coxe

Halton Region's Public Works Committee is currently considering the problem of establishing one or more regional landfill sites in the region. The site near Ashgrove is the favorite of a study by James F. McLaren Engineering Consultants.

Milton Brick site has been advanced by Milton Council as a site it would like to see considered.

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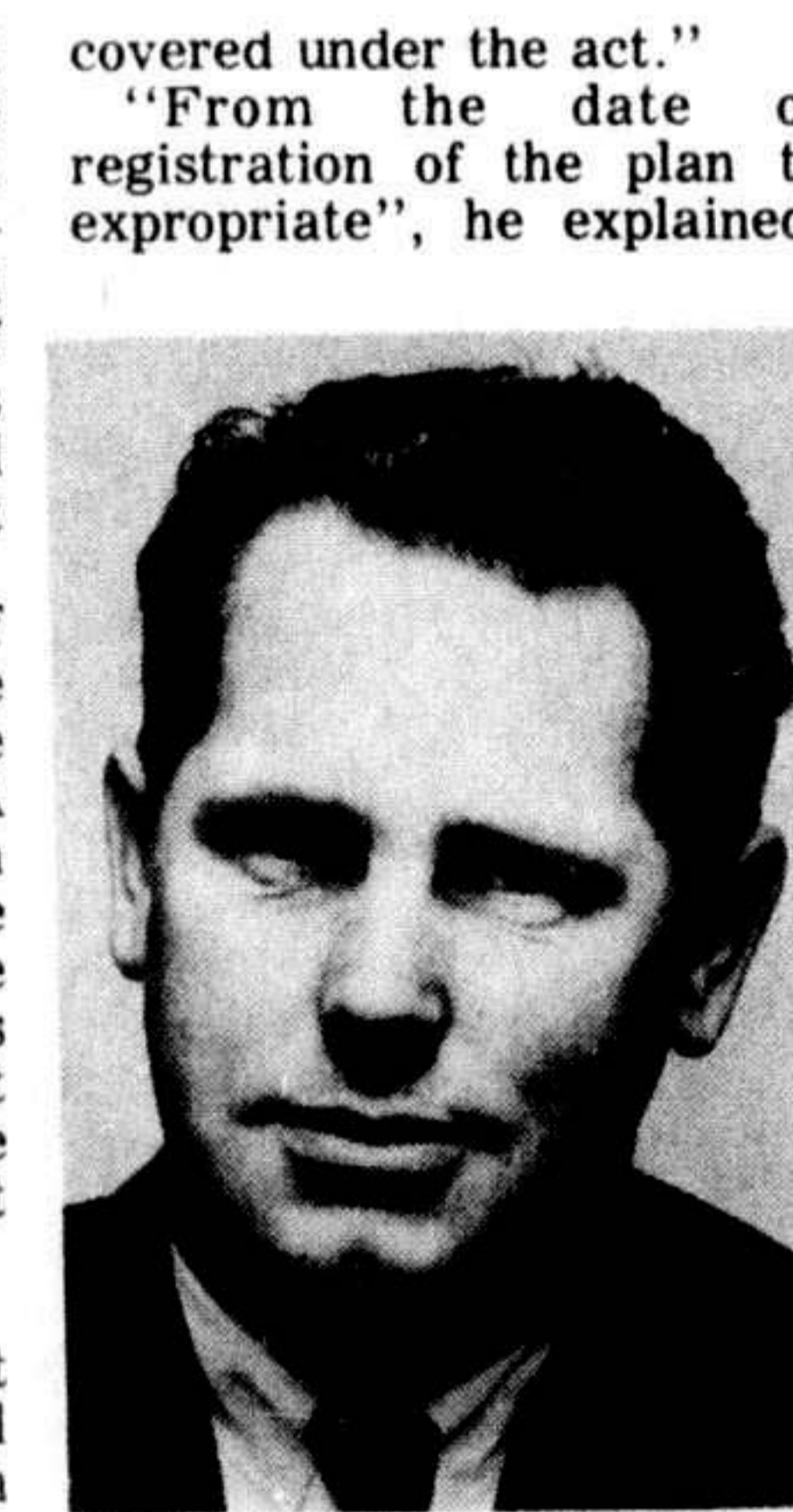
PR letter suggested expropriation victims

Milton councillor Gord Krantz isn't happy with the way victims of expropriation by Halton Region Conservation Authority are informed of their fate. "I feel a word of explanation of methods should be given," Krantz said at a meeting Thursday night of the HCRA executive.

"It's really a matter of good public relations", he continued. "I'd like to see Murray Stephen (HCRA manager) pay these people a visit and tell them of the methods used to expropriate their land. I don't think it's the amount they receive that disturbs them so much as the method by which they get their cheque."

Expropriation Act

Although Stephen was not adverse to making a personal explanation of expropriation procedures he pointed out the steps that must be followed according to the Expropriation Procedures Act. "I don't like the procedure any more than the property owner," he said. "If the owner doesn't like the terms he can go to an arbitration hearing or to the land compensation board and his costs (legal fees) would be



GORDON KRANTZ

covered under the act."

"From the date of registration of the plan to expropriate", he explained, land owner may accept in 30 days or inform the agency he is not prepared to accept."

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HRCA '75 budget up 7.4 per cent

Halton Region Conservation Authority's budget for 1975 is \$3,383,916, up 7.4 per cent over last year.

Milton's part of the \$540,873 total levy to municipalities is \$39,744, approved Thursday night by the Authorities executive and awaiting approval of the full Authority in April.

Other levies

Levies to be paid by surrounding municipalities are: Burlington \$232,186, Oakville \$192,838, Halton Hills \$21,823, Dundas \$10,074, Flamborough \$15,831, Puslinch \$1,736 and Mississauga \$26,638.

The three million dollar budget is broken down as follows: Administration \$438,000, Dam Maintenance \$33,250, Conservation Areas \$322,202, Water Control \$2,398,755, Conservation Services \$7,708 and Maintenance \$184,000.

HRCA cuts back Reduce members at region

Everyone's economizing these days and The Halton Region Conservation Authority is no exception. According to the Authority's secretary-treasurer Max Hatherley, it's the fertilizer that makes the grass grow longer so they won't be using fertilizer this year.

"We'll also be putting all grass cutting on a drafted schedule and it won't be cut, no matter how long it gets, until it's time comes up," he said.

No birds

And it's not just the grass that's getting cut. There'll be no further hatching of pheasants at Mountsberg, just enough to keep for showing at the game farm and a few for propagation.

Further conserving at the conservation areas will be the swimming program at Kelso. It's been cancelled for the coming season, thus saving the cost of instructors and additional guards.

What Halton Regional Council needs is fewer politicians. That's the message contained in a letter from Oakville representative on regional council, Carl Eriksen.

Eriksen's claim is the 25 person council should be reduced to 15 with Oakville having four representatives, Milton two, Halton Hills three and Burlington five and a chairman.

Eriksen's letter is expected to be dealt with in the near future. Any change in the representation would require an amendment to Bill 151.

Housing policy

Region seeks \$81,000 grant

Halton Regional Council will seek \$81,000 in grants from the Ministry of Housing in order to develop a housing policy for the region.

Oakville Councillor Terry Mannell told council he hoped the study and research the planning committee would conduct could lead to a meaningful policy for the whole region.

Expressing some reservations about the project, Mannell indicated unless precautions were taken, the study could be entitled "everything we've always known and were afraid to apply about housing."

He told council he wanted the study to end in a policy statement not just another academic study that would be

put on the shelf to gather dust.

Grants available

The Ministry of Housing has said grants are available for municipalities who are interested in studying potential of expanding housing in the region.

Halton Hills Councillor, Ric Morrow, suggested Halton Hills might not be interested in being a part of the study as that town had not seen fit to endorse Ontario Housing Action Programs.

Mannell suggested Halton Hills should be a part of the study even if the town wanted to protect its independence in that regard. The feelings of the town should be incorporated as part of the region's policy statement.

Ron Ziegel is MDHS principal

A number of North Halton Schools will have new principals and vice principals when school starts a new year in September.

At the secondary school principal level Dave Katz moves from Acton District High School to the Lester B. Pearson School in Burlington while Dean Fink a vice principal at Lord Elgin moves to Acton and Ron Ziegel moves from his vice principal post at T.A. Blakelock and returns to Milton District High School, this time as a principal.

Ziegel to MDHS

In 1961 Mr. Ziegel was appointed head of Physical Education Department at T.A. Blakelock and was promoted to vice principal of Milton District High School in 1970 and went to T.A. Blakelock as a vice principal in 1974.

Other changes in the north will see J. Kavanagh move from J.M. Denyes to Fairview and R. Lorito from Fairview to Ryerson.

Mrs. Irma Coulson of Milton has been promoted from vice principal to principal. Her placement will be announced later.

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