

Snobelen back in court later this month

Milton resident and former Ontario cabinet minister John Snobelen will return to court later this month.

Snobelen, 52, has been charged with careless storage of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm and unlawful acquisition of a firearm.

He'll appear at Ontario Court of Justice in Milton Tuesday, July 31. The return date was set July 11 at a pre-trial in Milton.

The charges stem from a search at a Milton house January 9. Police seized a Colt .22-calibre semi-automatic pistol and ammunition.

Three days later, Snobelen turned himself in to police and was later released.

Snobelen served as minister of education from 1995 to 1997. He was also a Mississauga MPP.

Stronger regulations are coming, believes Day

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questions remained unanswered.

Several councillors questioned whether the government's current air quality standards are sufficient, with Day commenting that he believes stronger health and safety regulations are soon coming from the federal and provincial levels.

"Why not wait to see if stronger regulations are coming?" he asked, adding he feels the Town is "abdicating" its responsibility to look out for its people to the Region.

Ward 4 councillor Paul Scherer said he thinks TCE can go further in reducing air pollution at the plant.

Breen replied that his company is using "state-of-the-art technology" to ensure all that can be done is done to reduce emissions.

Responding to an inquiry by Ward 1 councillor Brian Penman, Gorber explained the stacks have to be as high as they are to ensure proper dispersion and dilution of the emissions.

Gorber said the amount of particulate released when natural gas is burned is "very small."

For that reason, Ward 3 councillor Jan Mowbray said she supports the motion to withdraw the request and

said Milton wouldn't gain anything by continuing on with its request.

Voting in favour of the recommendation to withdraw the bump-up request were Mowbray, Mayor Gord Krantz, Wards 1 and 3 councillor Barry Lee and Ward 3 councillor Cindy Lunau. Opposed to it were Wards 2 and 4 councillor Colin Best, Ward 2 councillor Mike Boughton, Penman, Day, Ward 2 councillor Greg Nelson and Scherer.

After council turned down the recommendation, Day attempted to put forward his own motion to hire an environmental consultant to assist the Town in assessing applications of this sort, but it was ruled out of order by Krantz.

"Council had already voted to not spend any money to hire our own consultant for TransCanada," Town clerk Troy McHarg told the *Champion* after the meeting. "That's why the motion wasn't put forward."

Penman then put forward a motion to invite TCE back to address concerns raised during the meeting, and it was carried.

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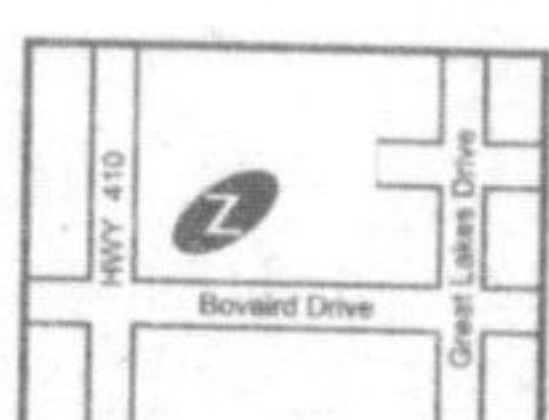
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