

Revised plaza traffic plan worries John Matthews

Business operators at two competing shopping plazas have settled their differences with each other and with the town over traffic problems along Ontario Street between Laurier Avenue and Derry Road.

One of the breakthroughs that led to an amicable agreement among all parties was the creation of a second left turning lane southbound on Ontario Street into the Laurier Centre in addition to the one initially proposed for the Derry Centre.

However, public works director John Matthews, in his report to Monday night's general committee meeting, said he's concerned that the additional left turning lane "will cause accidents" and warned that there's an "extreme likelihood that staff will be recommending alterations to this location."

Major internal changes were also proposed, including changes to internal road systems, parking orientation, and a common entrance between the two plazas that would assist in traffic circulation between the two properties.

Ontario Street is to be widened to four lanes through that area, with a median installed.

Reunion brings windfall

The town is so pleased that profits from a reunion of former Bruce Street Public School students are being donated to its proposed recreation centre it will likely provide free use of John Tonelli arena.

The reunion on Aug. 25, for stu-

Elderly are often isolated, committee told

By KAREN SMITH

Transportation, housing and isolation appear to be the three main concerns among the elderly in Halton and Milton is no exception.

"I think it's sad that we have to wait for our kids to take us out of town," said Verna Callan, a Milton senior citizen frustrated with the town's limited public transportation system.

These and other related issues were the topic of discussion at a public meeting held by the elderly services strategic planning steering committee at Hugh Foster Hall Thursday.

Attended by about 20 people, the meeting was held in conjunction with a plan by the Halton District Health Council and Halton Region to provide health and social services for seniors in Halton to the year 2001.

Toronto firm A.R.A. Consultants, hired to study the range of services currently available in Halton, interviewed and surveyed more than 700 seniors and 100 service providers.

Ellis Katsof, director of the community services division for the Region's social services department, said transportation, housing and isolation have proven to be the most important issues among people who attended similar meetings throughout Halton.

David Evershed of A.R.A. Consultants said improved transportation for seniors was identified as a need across the region, especially in the north.

He said seniors want transportation available to take them to other areas of Halton for purposes such as shopping.

Feelings of isolation and loneliness were also expressed by seniors surveyed. Mr. Evershed said the problem is most prevalent in the elderly living in rural areas and it indicates a need for visiting services.

He also said poor mental health leads to physical health problems.

A waiting list for housing currently includes 271 senior citizens in Halton, Mr. Evershed added. He said there's a need for apartments with independent living services available.

Other needs indicated included homemaking services, respite care and recreation.

The study, slated for completion in the fall, will be turned over to Halton Region and the Halton District Health Council, which will put the wheels in motion to provide improved services for the elderly, said Mr. Katsof.

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dents who attended the school during a five-year period from 1936 to 1940, is expected to attract be-

tween 600 and 700 people with tickets costing \$40 a couple.

Gail Brown, one of the organizers, said she didn't know the expected profit from the event.

The idea for the reunion came about two years ago when a smaller reunion was held at Milton Legion

for former students who were turning 50. "Those present decided they wanted another reunion," she told councillors.

Students from other years, she added, also indicated their desire for a reunion and it was eventually broadened to include five years.

"We've been able to contact 95 per cent of the students," she said "We've really been overwhelmed at the response."

Town policy is not to waive the rental fee (\$600), and will instead provide the group with an offsetting grant at next Monday's council meeting.

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