

Bell can do better, says Johnson, of plans for switching equipment

A Bell Canada representative probably left town council's general committee meeting Monday night with his ears ringing.

Marc St. Aubin of the giant communications company approached committee in hopes of gaining quick approval for what appeared to be a straightforward project; Bell wants to upgrade switching equipment in Brookville with the installation of a new unit about five feet high and the size of an ordinary table.

Councillor Bill Johnson spoke first, saying he was in favour of the installation. "Anything to improve the Campbellville (area) Bell service."

But fellow councillor Bruce Attenborough took a much harder line.

Bell's plan to plant 10 trees to shield the installation was less than adequate he said, suggesting the company had decided to "throw them a bone" and rationalized it by counting on unsophisticated responses from residents and officials.

"Slip 'em a few trees, they won't know the difference," was Bell's attitude, according to the councillor.

Bell maintains a small switching unit in the area and the property "is in horrible shape," councillor Attenborough said.

"The area is a real disgrace" with "an ugly box that should not have been there in the first place."

Councillor Attenborough said the "proper thing to do is for us to design the property and get Bell to

do a proper comprehensive plan."

In the end that's just what happened, as councillors deferred the item pending a staff report on possible improvements to Bell's landscaping plans.

There is also some concern about the amount of land the phone company wants in the form of an easement (free permanent access) from the town.

Bell wants almost 400 square feet of property, an amount councillor Les Laughren found high. Mr. St. Aubin replied that the phone company required a working area as well as space for the equipment.

The phone company representative said Bell is open to property improvement suggestions.

Councillor Johnson indicated that perhaps the town should be as open.

In photographs of the switching equipment area taken by councillor Attenborough "only one shows Bell property — the rest shows the town's property." If the landscaping is a disgrace it's the town's fault, councillor Johnson said.

Of property negotiations, councillor Johnson added, "If staff can make a better deal, fine by me. But we need that (phone) service."

"We certainly need the service," councillor Attenborough replied.

But, he said, "I think we should be getting a better looking facility than Bell is going to provide there."

Milton's staff report on the matter is due back May 14.

From province

Three residents receive Volunteer Service Awards

Three Milton residents have been selected as recipients of Volunteer Service Awards.

Jean Butts, Alex Cooke and Jessie Hamilton were presented the awards by the provincial Citizenship and Culture and Communications ministries at a special ceremony last month.

"The awards are our way of acknowledging the countless hours of dedicated, selfless service literally thousands of volunteers give to the people of the province every day of the year," said Bob Wong, minister of citizenship.

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The following establishment has applied for a licence of the class indicated, and the application will be entertained at the aforementioned location and time:

Application For Additional Licence

Granfalcons Cafe
Town of Milton, 35 Crawford Crescent
Campbellville
Patio (Dining Room) Licence

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person who is resident in the municipality and who wishes to make representation relative to the application, shall make their submission to the Board in writing prior to the date of the hearing, or in person at the time and place of the hearing. The written representation will be disclosed to the applicant and to any other person who may have an interest in the application.

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