

Grassroots protest saves trees on Laurier

Residents of Laurier Avenue in the Commercial Street-Sunnyvale Crescent area have told town councillors the bark stops here.

People living in the suburban neighbourhood are "vehement" in their opposition to a town plan to widen Laurier Avenue in the area, town public works director John Matthews told council's general committee Monday night, largely because it would mean some trees might be destroyed. So the idea will be scrapped, councillors decided.

Instead, the road will be re-surfaced, but that's it as far as reconstruction.

The Town will also make the south side of Laurier Avenue between Commercial Street and Sunnyvale Crescent a 'No Parking' zone.

The road widening had initially been proposed to alleviate bottlenecks in the area due to on-street parking.

Since the project has been scaled down, it will cost only about \$30,000 instead of \$160,000. The remaining \$130,000 will be used for other municipal projects that are expected to have cost overruns, such as the final stage of widening along Ontario Street and a bridge proposed for Second Line in rural Milton.

Ward 2 councillor John Challinor supported the alteration in plan, basically because it gives Milton some extra money, but "in the best of all possible worlds I would have liked to see this go ahead. Eventually we're going to have to deal with this street."

Mr. Matthews said the road bed is deteriorating and called the resurfacing "a bandage solution" that may last five years.

Ward 1 councillor Brian Penman agreed. In terms of honouring the residents' wishes, "I respect what's happened here, but if the road is inadequate, somewhere down the road we're going to have to face the music." The project will be "more expensive two or three years from now," he warned.



The 17-year-old driver of this car has been charged with several counts following a head-on crash on Guelph Line on Thursday afternoon. A woman in the second vehicle died 24 hours after the accident.

Photo by KAREN SMITH

Guelph Line head-on crash kills Scarborough woman Thursday

A Scarborough woman died within 24 hours after a head-on collision north of Brookville Thursday afternoon.

The Guelph Line accident claimed the life of Maritsa Stojanovski, 45, Friday morning.

A 17-year-old Burlington boy was charged with dangerous driving causing death and three counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

The fatal crash occurred north of No. 20 Sideroad at 12:50 p.m. when

a Mercury Grand Marquis travelling southbound on Guelph Line crossed the centre lane and collided head on with a northbound Oldsmobile, Halton police said.

Mrs. Stojanovski, who died from massive internal injuries, was a passenger in the Oldsmobile. She was rushed to Milton District Hospital and flown by air ambulance to Toronto Western Hospital.

The driver of the Oldsmobile was her husband Nikola who suffered

major facial injuries in the crash. He was also admitted to the Milton hospital but has since been released.

The two passengers of the Grand Marquis, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the young driver, were hospitalized for minor injuries.

A 38-year-old Burlington man and a 16-year-old Waterdown boy were passengers in the car. The driver, who cannot be identified under the Young Offenders Act, also suffered minor injuries.

The 17-year-old youth was to appear in court for a bail hearing Monday afternoon.

Rotary pool spending approved just in time for swimming

Despite the need for roughly \$28,000 in repairs, Milton's Rotary Park outdoor swimming pool is expected to open on schedule, on Monday, June 29.

Monday night town council approved the work to replace drains and various pipes. The improvements are expected to make the main pool's filtration system work more effectively and provide warm, treated water from the main pool to the wading pool.

The provincial government has given Milton a \$10,487 grant toward the project.

Work was scheduled to begin yesterday (Tuesday) and to be completed in a week.

Complaints near dump

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number of industrial type pumps working constantly" to move water out of construction areas through hoses with diameters of as much as five inches. But some residents had apparently been told the operations were much less significant, involving only "things like garden hoses" and "that's simply not the case."

Referring to the scope of the landfill project, Mr. Penman said "something as massive as this may well have disturbed the historic patterns" of underground water streams that residents rely on.

Yet farm families such as the Winters have confronted "a reluctance to acknowledge that the Region is in any way contributing to that problem."

"I hope the Region is not saying 'prove it,'" Mr. Penman continued. "We've had a moist spring and the water table should be recharged. The conditions in those wells should not be occurring unless some new factor has been introduced."

"If there was evidence that there is a relationship the problem would be simple," said Milton regional councillor Barry Lee, who represents Milton's rural area at Halton. However, regional hydrogeologists "to this point have not been able to find any direct evidence. It's frustrating, and very, very difficult not to speculate that there is a relationship."

Residents are "angry" and "not happy with some of the answers they're getting," Mr. Penman said. "To solve some of these problems is nothing more than goodwill," on Halton's part, he added. Even if the Region accepts the blame, "I can't see the liability as being that great," since Halton bought out most of the landowners adjacent to the dump.

Mr. Penman said he will be pushing his points to Halton officials informally this week.



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