

# Battle looming to control NEC's jurisdiction

from ANTI-NEC on page 1 through." Mr. Turkstra said the NEC has been found wanting in terms of "fairness, openness and political objectivity."

Mr. Turkstra said that if Halton assumes part of the NEC mandate it "should not constitute an increased cost," to regional government. "Actually there's a possibility you may eliminate some of the processing, some of the costs," because regional staff is already heavily involved with the NEC when it comes to development.

Glen Schnarr, a director with the NELC, said having the NEC control development is "expensive, time consuming and bureaucratic." If that can't be changed, "there's little hope to streamline the bureaucratic

process in Ontario." Kent McClure, a Halton Hills lawyer who plans to develop a 19-home subdivision in the NEC controlled area, told councillors if Halton takes over such approvals environmental controls will be augmented.

"The Region will follow the same Niagara Escarpment Plan with the same development criteria, but it will have more public input, more media coverage, be more politically accountable and be better informed."

Ed Taylor, a retiree who sat through the recent Niagara Escarpment Plan five-year review and came away incensed, said he wrote Environment Minister Ruth Grier about the NEC.

Given demands for reduced government in Ontario, "if we have to do more with less, this is a good place to start." Mr. Taylor told Ms Grier. The NEC "acts like its powers are divinely inspired. It's worse than arrogance, and it's time to change it."

Speaking for the other side was Barbara Halsall. She appeared on behalf of POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources), a citizen's group based primarily in Halton Hills.

"This is really the first step in getting rid of the (Niagara Escarpment) commission altogether," Ms Halsall warned. "If there are problems with the NEC, please let's address the problems, rather than scrapping the whole thing."

The NELC has orchestrated a vigorous lobbying campaign, Ms Halsall noted. "I hope some of you are seasoned enough to not be manipulated by their tactics and to see them for what they are."

Ms Halsall said the NELC has sent "a formal request" to the Canadian government asking that the escarpment's United Nations designation as a "world biosphere" be lifted. "That gives you an idea of where they're heading."

Lois McClure, co-chair of the NELC, said her group asked for a temporary suspension of the U.N. designation because the NEC is "making a mockery of the criteria." Under the terms of it, there is supposed to be "a balance between conservation and development" in bio-

sphere areas, she said. "It's the NEC that has put that designation at risk, not us," Mr. McClure added. "They're screwing up the designation."

Gwen Isings, a spokesperson for KEEP (Keep the Escarpment Environment Protected) warned that if the NEC, which is provincially funded, surrenders a large part of its mandate to regional council, then local ratepayers may have to pick up those costs through property taxes.

Oakville councillor Stephen Sparling wanted to defer tackling the issue. "I'm very concerned about the cost implications of this to the Region."

But regional chairman Peter Pomeroy successfully pushed for an immediate vote. "I don't want to duck this issue by deferral," Mr. Pomeroy said. It will be a "long process" before the provincial government makes up its mind on the matter anyway, he added.

Councillors backed the NELC, but also called for a financial briefing from regional staff about what the potential costs to Halton are of assuming the NEC work.

## Anand enters Liberal race

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"It gave me a perspective on the overall nature of people in various parts of the country and what their needs are," he said.

He also has been active in the community with the United Way of Oakville, Oakville Public Library and Glen Abbey Residents Association and most recently, Halton Men Against Violence Against Women and Children, a group which he initiated himself.

"Being in education, I have seen the institutionalization of violence against women and children under certain attitudes that are being taught. I've also dealt with cases of abuse and people in different disadvantaged groups," said Mr. Anand.

"The formation of the group is an announcement that we as men are not abusers, that we recognize that the problem exists and that we must be part of the solution," he said.

Mr. Anand said he believes in equal opportunity for all; gender and race equity; the elimination of violence and poverty, particularly as they relate to women and children; and respect for the individual and cultural diversity of Canada.

He also believes the government can and should develop strategies so that business and industry can take advantage of the expanded world markets and create new employment opportunities for Canadians.

"The government needs to provide an atmosphere and structure in which people can live in pride and dignity. That pride and dignity is eroded when people don't have jobs," he said.

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