

Council approves \$50,000 for reorganization studies

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The Champion

Altering government structure may spell big change, according to some prominent Halton regional councillors.

Disputed area to be re-examined

A new 20th recommendation in the Halton Urban Structure Plan (HUSP) financing report addresses lands in the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Special Study Area to the west of Main Street.

The lands in question are bounded east/west by the CNR tracks and Tremaine Road, and north and south by the CPR tracks and Main Street. They had been slated for urban growth under the HUSP, but have been excluded based on continuing opposition by the NEC and province.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz saw to it that the recommendation, to proceed in a timely fashion with a review to include the lands in the urban growth area, be in the HUSP report so the issue wouldn't get lost on the shelf.

Glen Schnarr, a planner representing a landowner in what has been tagged as a Special Study Area review, was at Wednesday's HUSP financing debate at Halton Region registering "disappointment".

Mr Schnarr criticized what he saw as the flip-flopping of the lands in and out of the Special Study Area, blaming the NEC and province.

"Curiously, suddenly, the boundary changed and I can only surmise it was as a result of the resistance of the NEC and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs," he said.

Although opposition had been clear from the start by the NEC and province, in fairness, he said, that opposition was based on the NEC mandate to maintain rural lands near the escarpment. The town and region had the lands slated for urban growth.

"We don't want to compromise the balance of your plan (HUSP). There's not much we can do except

Senior awarded prestigious medal

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of St. George's Anglican Church and enjoys line dancing.

Henry Jackman, lieutenant governor of Ontario, presented her the good citizenship medal along with a plaque during a ceremony led by Minister of Citizenship Elaine Ziemba at Queen's Park June 30. It was the 22nd such award ceremony.

An advisory council, chaired by Michelle Ramsay of Toronto, selected this year's recipients from about 150 nominations.

"I don't believe you can get into organizational design unless you tackle the structure of government," said Burlington Mayor Walter Mulkeiwich at regional council last week.

Mr. Mulkeiwich was having a sec-

ond go at the regional restructuring issue as \$50,000 in consultants fees surfaced for approval at regional council last week.

"Clearly reorganization and organizational amendment is something that needs to be done," said Mr. Mulkeiwich. However, he questioned consultants' involvement in assessing roles of civil servants.

"The rest of the design of the process should have staff and council involved," he said.

Originally, regional staff had asked for \$250,000 in consultants fees connected with reorganization activities. That was pared down to the first phase's \$50,000 two weeks ago in discussions at the committee level.

The reorganization is to be phased. From the first \$50,000 problems or "hot spots" will be earmarked. The second stage (to cost \$150,000) will look at solutions, the third (to cost \$50,000) will implement solutions. Each phase would go to council for decision making.

Consultants are expected to ensure staff doesn't engage in "protective" reviews.

Mr. Mulkeiwich was initially critical of "expensive tinkering" with the existing structure instead of organizational restructuring.

Mr. Schnarr, urging the study be done quickly and the region report on its position before any regional Official Plan amendments are formalized.

"The lands on the north side of Main Street are not different than the lands south of Main Street," said Mr. Schnarr, adding the landowners, region and municipality, "should not be dictated to by the NEC, a body without any single, directly elected representative."

"We're not desecrating an environmentally sensitive area. We're not even close to jeopardizing the objectives of the NEC."

A June 21 letter from the NEC indicating willingness to participate in the review, was "minor solace and comfort" said Mr. Schnarr.

"As a planner, I cannot imagine what there is to study at that location," added Mr. Schnarr.

Regional policy planning director Dave McCleary said the review has two objectives, to study site design and compatibility issues with the area's railway tracks and nearby woodlot.

Mr. McCleary said he was confident of the planning basis on which to include the lands as urban.

Halton Hills councillor Marilyn Serjeantson asked if the Special Study Area review wasn't trying to appease somebody with small hopes.

"We are confident the NEC is willing to come to the table and approach this in a rational sense," said Mr. McCleary, noting the region could move ahead despite the NEC, perhaps going to a tribunal that would involve re-investigating the designation vis-a-vis the Planning Act and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Halton Region has an annual budget of approximately \$200 million and employs more than 1,000 people in its eight departments.

"In the organizational design, you have to look at central and major issues of governance if you're to make reorganization make any sense," said Mr. Mulkeiwich.

"You come to a point where you can only do so much streamlining and then you're talking about totally changing the structures," he added.

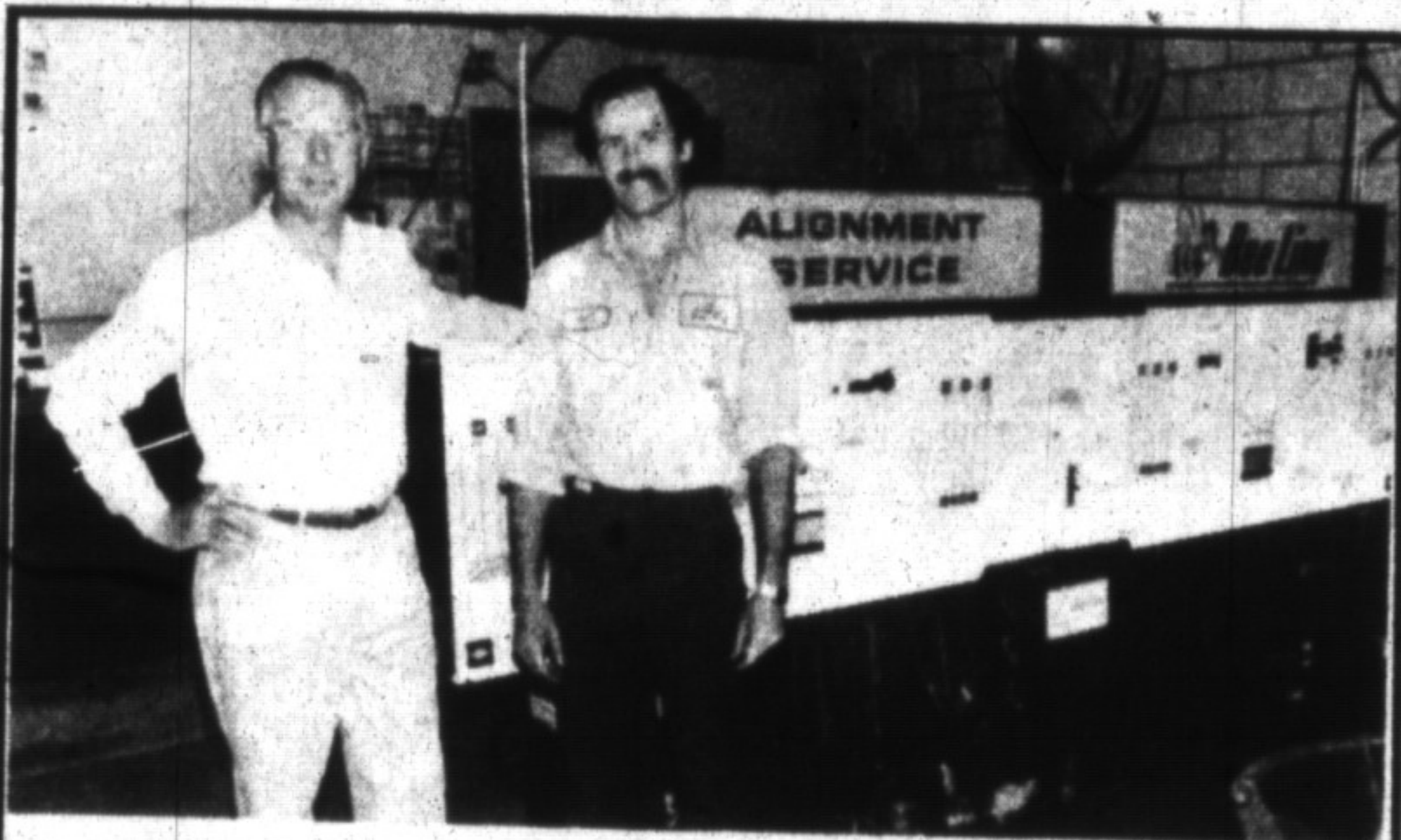
Regional Chair Peter Pomeroy targeted streamlining waste management services as a priority. He also noted the region has already cut \$10 million and 80 positions this year.

"It's the one taxpayer we all serve and that taxpayer is not prepared to accept the status quo any more," said Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale, noting it's no good rearranging the deck chairs when there's "a fundamental need to rearrange the deck of the Titanic."

The last regional organizational review was in 1981, the \$100,000 Hickling Johnson Report.

Last week, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said "heads rolled" after that report.

Council approved the initial \$50,000 expenditure.



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Harry Bright N.L.P.	Sherry Harrisarsad	3	\$ 350.00	\$ 438.75	\$ 210.86	\$ 227.89	Smith, Smith & Co., Chartered Accountants
Bonnie Brown Lib.	David Dillon	261	\$40,750.00	\$43,745.00	\$ 149.00	\$43,596.00	Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants
Ken Campbell NIL	Donald C. Smith	5	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 840.00	Leggett Weatherhead
Willie Lambert N.D.P.	Vincent A. Walsh	23	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 2,306.07	\$ 177.80	\$ 2,128.27	Bernard G. Nayman
Richard Malboeuf R.P.	Wayne Scaribrick Gray	132	\$41,397.29	\$45,465.05	\$2,788.11	\$42,676.94	Ari Kleiman, Chartered Accountant
Ann Mulvale P.C.	John P.H. Ford	433	\$68,349.44	\$56,134.11	\$ 100.00	\$56,034.11	Price Waterhouse

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