Hornby residents are angry over trucking depot

By LISA TALLYN Special to The Champion

Several Hornby residents made it clear at a public meeting last week they do not want a trucking facility on Steeles Ave. near Homby Rd.

The meeting focused on H.A.S. Gill Transportation's application to amend Halton Hills' zoning to allow for the trucking oper-

While the property in question is technically part of Halton Hills, the operation is closer to Milton than that community.

In the spring, Halton Hills charged the company with a zoning infraction for illegal use of the property, alleging the company operated a truck depot between September, 1995 and March,

The company was in court on the charge last Thursday, and the trial date was adjourned to Thursday, Sept. 5.

facility, many area residents say the business continues to operate. A petition signed by about 115 area residents who object to the Gill proposal has been filed with that municipality.

At the meeting Hornby resident Vic Hendrickson said he was opposed to the application because the property was in a rural cluster area.

He said approval of it "will mean the death of Hornby." Mr. Hendrickson added the facility has meant noise, pollution and reduced/property values for area residents.

Hornby resident Randy Howden said he was fed up with the dust and the noise from the trucking facility, and added he hears beepers from trucks backing into the yard beginning at 3 a.m.

Jim Snow, also of Hornby, said he couldn't believe that 'you people are so asleep at the switch to allow this to get to this stage' without permits and approvals.

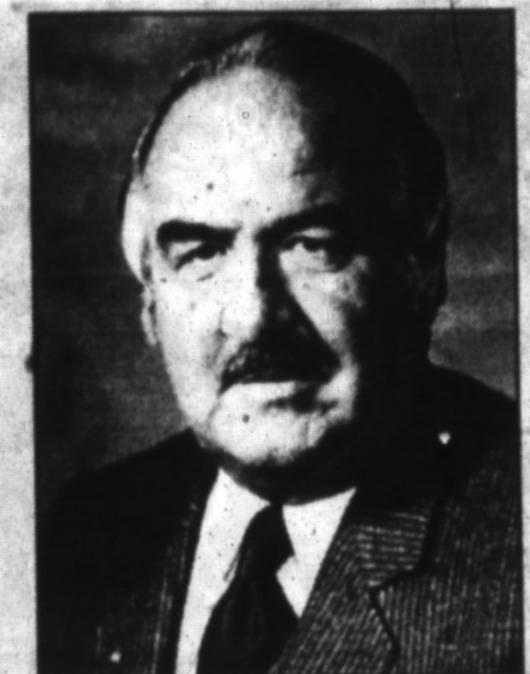
Peter Che, a planner representing the applicant, said Gill intends to situate its building parallel to Steeles Ave. to create a buffer from the trucks. He added the driveway will be relocated and paved to cut down on dust. He said the truck traffic and noise issues are still being studied.

Halton Hills municipal planner Alan Binks said Halton Region is opposed to the proposal because the trucking terminal is not a permitted use there in the region's official plan.

Mr. Binks said in his report on the application the Halton

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Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) is concerned the trucking operation is affecting the creek that runs through the land, and noted a drainage outlet has been built without the HRCA's permission.

Councillors didn't debate the Gill application, but are expected to at an upcoming meeting.



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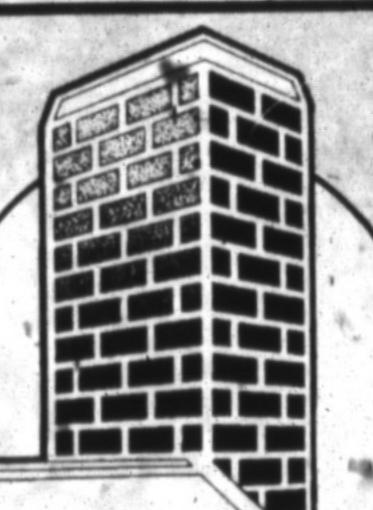


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