

Mactaggart, Goodfellow And Rowe Torpedo King Township Plan Again

The fur flew in King Township Council August 4 as the Official Plan Bylaw battle continued.

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Britnell drank "Bromo Seltzer" and handed out a lemon to the "sourpuss" opposition as Reeve Gordon Cook manoeuvred desperately to save the Plan.

But the majority attack of Deputy-reeve Ken Mactaggart and Councillors Lorne Goodfellow and Gordon Rowe apparently was successful.

The Official Plan Bylaw was torpedoed and sank, with only the slightest of chances that it would rise again.

But it was the second time the bylaw has gone down, and there is still the third and final reading to come August 17 when council meets again.

Messrs. Mactaggart, Goodfellow and Rowe now have forced a new amendment removing the bylaw provision that would prohibit all sewer systems in King Township. Two weeks earlier they sent second reading of the bylaw down to outright defeat.

Council faces an uprising over the sewer system prohibition, particularly from the Village of Nobleton, where it is alleged that 83% of the residents want sewers.

But removing the sewer prohibition flies in the face of the full wrath of provincial government authorities, all the way up from the

Ontario Water Resources Commission to Cabinet level and Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough.

PLAN FACES VETO

Reeve Cook warned the council that it has been clearly indicated by the provincial authorities that the various provincial agencies, including the OWRC, have a virtual veto over municipal official plans. And the OWRC wants sewers prohibited in King Township.

If the sewer prohibition is removed from the Official Plan, Reeve Cook said, the municipality will have worked 1 1/2 years and spent \$8,000 to no avail, because the bylaw will be slapped down by the province. Next year the new regional government can be expected to impose an Official Plan on King Township that is likely to be much less to the local peoples' liking than the five-year bylaw now before council, the reeve said.

Reeve Cook emphasized that his many years of municipal experience had taught him municipal councillors were virtually creatures of the provincial government and must always reckon with the wishes of the senior authority.

Councillor Mrs. Britnell strenuously supported the reeve in favoring the Official Plan Bylaw as recommended to council by the King Township Planning Board.

SECTION RIPPED OUT

After the sewer prohibition section was ripped out of the bylaw, Messrs. Mactaggart and Goodfellow moved to have second reading. The motion passed, with the reluctant acquiescence of Reeve Cook and Mrs. Britnell.

Councillor Rowe remained adamant in opposing the Official Plan Bylaw, even as amended.

Except for Mr. Rowe, the other members of council appeared to have abandoned the battle over the other two major controversies, namely minimum home size restrictions and designation of areas for estate home development.

"I may be a creature of the Ontario government, and everybody knows I have supported it for many years. But in no way am I ever going to be a puppet of it," declared Councillor Rowe as he voted against second reading.

"You've never been for this plan, ever since we started 1 1/2 years ago. And I don't expect you to be now," Reeve Cook told Councillor Rowe.

Turning to Deputy-reeve Mactaggart, the reeve demanded, "Is it your wish to kill this plan?"

RED PROVINCIAL FACES

Reeve Cook said there would have to be an awful lot of red faces in the provincial government if the Official Plan ever got

Queen's Park approval with the sewer prohibition taken out. Reeve Cook reminded members of council that he had obtained an appointment with Municipal Affairs Minister McKeough and taken council members to Toronto expressly to make sure no member could have any doubt about the government's position.

He also reminded council a new letter had come from the OWRC even more precisely stipulating that the sewer prohibition was required and no release of any such effluent into either the east or west branches of the Humber River would be allowed.

Deputy-reeve Mactaggart hotly defended his position.

"No, I don't want to kill this Official Plan. I'm for it. I just want that one thing taken out. They (the provincial water resources officials) are quite able to protect themselves without making goats out of us," said Mr. Mactaggart.

"They're just trying to find a way to stagnate development of the area," said Mr. Rowe.

"We don't have to say anything about sewage in the Official Plan. There's enough of it being shovelled around here tonight," said Mrs. Britnell, her voice dripping with sarcasm for the Mactaggart-Goodfellow-Rowe coalition.

LAST DITCH DEFENSE

Advancing further arguments in a last ditch effort to convince the opposition, and holding the sewer prohibition amendment from being voted on just as long as was humanly possible, Reeve Cook displayed a map of the township.

This map showed all the properties that had changed hands in King Township during 1968. It looked like just about a total area equal to every square inch of the township would have changed hands in a three-year period if a comparable sales and purchase pace were maintained over three years.

"The speculators are having a field day in King. It's fantastic," said the reeve. He added that he only wanted to see the Official Plan Bylaw pass to protect the township from undesirable development, and that he had few personal worries for his own property.

Reeve Cook also pointed out that it wouldn't be feasible to allow Nobleton sewers as proposed, since the only outlet possible was into waters above the Holland Marsh canal. There was just no way it could ever be considered possible to pollute the Holland Marsh vegetable growing irrigation waters with human wastes, he pointed out.

COOK'S SURPRISE MOVE

When it looked absolutely

certain the Mactaggart-Goodfellow-Rowe coalition was going to force the issue and have the sewer prohibition section taken out of the Official Plan Bylaw, Reeve Cook brought out a surprise draft of a proposed new section that might be inserted, leaving the issue of sewers up to negotiation between township areas and the OWRC. This would have meant at least a partial compromise with the province.

But Messrs. Mactaggart, Rowe and Goodfellow were not having anything to do with this proposal of the reeve's either.

So out came the sewer prohibition.

"I am thinking in terms of the good of the township, the rural areas and the villages as well," maintained Deputy-reeve Mactaggart.

"I'm supporting the police villages on that particular issue (sewers)," was the deputy-reeve's final word.

BRITNELL TAKES "BROMO"

"It was then Mrs. Britnell took a blue "Bromo Seltzer" bottle out of a paper bag, took a glass from the council table, poured out water, mixed herself a potion, and drank.

"You can do with it as you like. But don't expect to have an Official Plan when we go into the New York Region," were the reeve's final words.

Standing alone in opposition even the amended version of the Official Plan Bylaw, Councillor Rowe said he still had one further objection.

"I'm against having areas designated for estate development. This will make instant millionaires of some selected group while committing others to a lifetime of farming," he said, reiterating his previous demands for a list of the owners of properties in the areas to be designated and the acreage of each such property. He wanted the names of the principals given in cases where properties were owned by companies and corporations.

COOK ACCUSES ROWE

Reeve Cook accused Councillor Rowe of making endless demands in order to kill the plan through delaying tactics. He hinted that Mr. Rowe and a friend were in possession of a pretty complete list of the designated area property owners anyway.

Councillor Goodfellow's last remark before the final vote that saw second reading of the Official Plan Bylaw, was as follows:

"I'd say they (the provincial government) were a bunch of jackasses down there (at Queen's Park), but I'd just be repeating something that has often been said before."

TEMPERANCEVILLE NEWS

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Fatal Accident

Traffic was held up for some three hours August 1 at the Temperanceville corner when a fatal accident occurred. William Loveys, 43, of Brampton was killed and his wife seriously injured, when their motorcycle and two cars were involved in a collision. Mr. and Mrs. Loveys were the parents of five children.

Neighborhood Notes

Rev. and Mrs. Earle Stotesbury have returned from their vacation and church services have resumed. Mr. and Mrs. Stotesbury spent part of their holiday at the Manse at Golden, BC where Mr. Stotesbury had charge of the pastoral work. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beynon (nee Marilyn Keast of Shelbourne), who were married July 25. A reception and dance followed in the Cedar Room of the community centre at Shelbourne. Attending from Temperanceville were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henshaw, Mr. James Paxton and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patrick and Mrs. Maurice Beynon of Aurora were guests also. Congratulations, too, to Dr. and Mrs. Fred Weir of New Hamburg, who are the proud parents of a baby son. Mrs. Fred Hare is spending some time with her daughter and son-in-law to welcome home the new baby.

Mrs. Collette Warner of Florida has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thompson.

Miss Catharine James has returned from a holiday spent with Miss Sylvia Law of Mississauga.

Master Gordon and Miss Barbara James are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McPhee at Barrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Phillips have returned from their holiday spent touring the Western Provinces. Travelling as far as Golden, BC they report wonderful weather, and a very enjoyable time. One of the surprises of the trip was meeting Mr. Stotesbury at the Calgary Stampede.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell and family have returned from a 6,500 mile trip that took them as far as Fort Nelson BC. Travelling by motorized camper, they enjoyed wonderful weather for a bumper crop of grain are good this year. The Peace River district, with its rich loam and good farms, impressed them greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Anderson, John Anderson, and Mrs. Ted Whitaker of Harrison called on Norman Rumble last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey of Delhi spent part of the holiday weekend visiting their parents, Norman Rumble and Wesley Lloyd of Aurora.

Master Joey Houlton has been quite ill, and we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison, Flesheron, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cairns of Bradford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings.

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest regarding people and events in the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox and King City districts. Our news correspondent in Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox is Mrs. Elisabeth Orton, Yonge Street, 773-4635, in King City Mary Dawson, 884-1105.

Aurora's Sewage Raising Big Stink In King Council

Tests indicate the sewage from the Aurora treatment plant being dumped in King Township "is a highly concentrated, fairly fresh and virtually untreated material, and as such is potentially dangerous as related to disease," Police Chief Les Pengelly reported to township council August 5.

The council unanimously decided to send a protest letter to Aurora requiring the town to cease dumping sewage waste on lands in the township. A copy of the letter was also ordered sent to the local medical officer of health and the waste management branch of the Department of Health, requesting immediate action be taken to protect the

health of the residents in King Township Concession 2, where the Aurora dumping takes place.

"The theory of disposing of it on farm land is quite acceptable, but the actual fact is that practically raw sewage is being dumped," Chief Pengelly told council.

Chief Pengelly's report grew out of complaints made in June to the township clerk by Concession 2 residents.

A sample of material dumped by a Town of Aurora truck was collected June 26 and sent to a laboratory for testing.

"Raw sewage entering a disposal plant would be expected to have in excess of 2,000,000 coliform bacteria per 100 ml.

The effluent on leaving a plant should produce a reading of 100 (coliform bacteria per millilitre) or less if the plant is operating properly," said the police chief's report.

"Fully digested sludge would be normally expected to show a count of 100 coliform bacteria per 100 ml, which is an acceptable count for depositing on land without smell or disease potential.

"While the theory of the Town of Aurora (sewage disposal system) is correct, the fact is that the sample taken from the fields . . . showed a count of 1,900,000 coliform bacteria per 100 ml.

"Claims have been made by Aurora in a letter dated June 12 to the Council of King that the material is not harmful if worked into the farm fields.

"However, the most recent dumpings in past weeks have been on a pasture, or hay field, and as yet there has been no sign of intent to work the material into the ground.

"Even if the procedure of working the material into the ground is carried out, the hazard of disease still remains, since it can be carried in the dust and breathed . . . is therefore a health hazard . . . Further, the Department of Agriculture advises that it is dangerous to eat vegetables grown with the use of untreated (sewage) material," says Police Chief Pengelly's report on Aurora's sewage dumping.

The rest of the police chief's report was as follows:

"On June 1, 1970, a complaint was brought to council by the clerk from a resident on the Second Concession of King, regarding the Town of Aurora dumping waste from their sewage disposal plant on lands near his property.

"In considering the complaint, the council passed a resolution requesting the clerk to write to the Town of Aurora, requiring that they discontinue this practice.

"At the council meeting June 15 a letter of reply was read from Aurora advising that the health unit had investigated the matter, and also advising that there were no harmful effects from the dumping of waste. Their letter did not indicate that they intended to comply with the request of the Township of King.

"On July 7 a complaint was received from a resident of this area, and in conjunction with other complaints received over the past years, an investigation was commenced into the matter.

"On June 26 the Town of Aurora's truck was observed dumping waste on a field at the northwest corner of the Second Concession and the St. John's Sideroad.

"Immediately after the truck left the field, a sample of the material being dumped was obtained from a pool on the ground, and delivered to a laboratory for testing.

"In response to a letter requesting further information, a reply was received July 9 from the Town of Aurora as follows:

"We would advise that the York-Oshawa Health Unit representative has checked this matter, and they are satisfied with our method of disposal.

We would further advise that we have contacted the Waste Management Branch of the Ontario Department of Health, who under Bill 94, agree with our methods of disposal. The sludge material is fully digested and is not harmful to the lands. On the type of soil conditions in this area, it is the feeling that this is the best method of disposal and of putting the material to productive use. The authorities have stated that as long as the material being dumped is fully digested and inert, as our material is, they agree with such methods of disposal. But certainly (they) would not, if the matter being dumped was raw sewage and not treated."

"Mr. Reeve, contrary to the Town of Aurora's continuing claim that the waste from their sewage disposal plant is inert and fully digested — the laboratory report shows that it is virtually untreated material," said the police chief's report on Aurora's dumping of sewage in King Township.

Hot, Dry Weather Aids Farmers Harvesting Yields Wheat, Barley

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The prolonged hot, dry spell we have experienced this past week has afforded many farmers in York County the opportunity to harvest high yields of top quality wheat, and in few cases barley.

Several fields of very excellent quality second-cut hay have been swathed this past week.

Farmers should be examining hay fields closely now to determine whether the legumes have not thinned out to the point where the field should be broken up. Phosphorus and potassium are necessary to maintain forage stands. A general recommendation where no soil test is available, would be for 120 pounds of potash and 40 pounds of phosphate (if phosphorus is required) applied to the forage stand in August or early September.

Formic acid is being tried again as a preservative on second-cut haylage by Ken Stevenson at Urdora. Ken also applied formic acid on the first-cut material that he stored in a bunker silo.

Although the corn rootworm does not appear to be a serious threat in York to date, it is a good time to check for worms in the roots or for goosenecked plants.

With the "bumper" crop of wheat and spring grains that it appears we will have this year, well cleaned and fumigated bins and storage facilities should be used. Already reports of grain heating because of stored grain insects feeding, have started to crop up.

It appears that again this fall, Genesee, Talbot and Yorkstar will be the most popular winter wheat varieties. Yorkstar is a high-yielding winter wheat with straw five to six inches shorter than varieties like Genesee. In general, the other features are like Genesee, except Yorkstar has a lower bushel weight than Genesee.

For good winter survival, winter wheat should be seeded early enough to obtain adequate top growth and root development in the autumn.

Where no soil test is available, 15 pounds of nitrogen, 60 pounds of phosphate and 30 pounds of potash per acre is the general recommendation for winter wheat where the previous crop is not a legume sod. Where lodgings may be a problem or where the previous crop was a legume sod, no nitrogen should be applied. This recommendation can be reduced to one-half where 10 tons of manure or more per acre were applied this year.

Conway plans to sell the collection this fall for \$2,500, and several museums outside of Canada have indicated an interest in it. The carvings, currently on display at the village's Dalziel Museum, represent about 2,500 man-hours of patient work by Mr. Conway.

The carvings depict pioneer artisans at their various crafts such as coopering, papermaking and printing, blacksmithing and tanning. They are carved out of white pine and then colored in oils or water colors.

Mr. Conway has been carving as a hobby for 30 years. He began work on the collection in 1967.

Russell Cooper, administrator of Black Creek Pioneer Village, expressed hope that some generous individual or company would donate the necessary amount to the Metro Conservation Foundation so the collection will remain in Canada at the village.

The collection is being placed on display in the Arts and Crafts Building at the Canadian National Exhibition later this month and will be there for the public to see during the "Ex".

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