

Rail crossing arrangements finalized

The Town of Milton received official notification from Canadian National Railways that protective crossing gates, at the Derry Road crossing which claimed the lives of six teenagers last March will be built.

In a letter dated Dec. 20, CN Rail described the particulars involving the installation of crossing gates.

As ordered by Parliament, the gates must be installed within six months of the order by the Government. The gates will be short-arm gates.

No final cost for the gates was noted. However, the government is obligated to spend 80 per cent of the cost, or \$60,000, whichever is lesser. The Town of Milton will contribute 12.5 per cent with the railway picking up the rest.

In addition, the Town and the railway will equally share the cost of maintenance and operation of the gates.

Council gave tacit approval to a senior citizens apartment building on Mill St. opposite Jackson's Barn.

The matter involves sewage-plant capacity. Any development in an existing development would alter the sewage-plant capacity allocated to a certain area and would need permission from the planning department that the increased sewage capacity could be accommodated.

Town Planner Bob Zsadyani explained that projections from 1980 on capacity in 1985 were less than twice what exists today. Mr. Main said all excess capacity was allocated

for industrial use and not necessarily available for other developments although they could or might be accommodated.

Mrs. Harrison spoke of a desire to see a senior citizens' project be allowed to go through and although no vote was taken, most councillors were in agreement.

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Water is a problem

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hours by members of council and several members of the audience who attended the meeting. There were nine citizens present in the gallery.

He explained that 200 acres will eventually be purchased for the project. CP Rail already owns three-quarters of the land and is negotiating with the final entrepreneur for the final 50 acres. Only 100 acres of land is slated to be used for the maintenance facility. The remaining 100 acres will be used in accordance with the wishes of Milton council, said Mr. Swanson.

The yards will be busy primarily in the early spring and late fall. Its purpose is to maintain rolling stock used in track maintenance. It is not, said Mr. Swanson, a revenue-bearing facility.

Trying to allay fears the crossing at Trafalgar Rd. would be busy, Mr. Swanson said he didn't think that would be a problem. The majority of movement would take place

over the crossing at Eighth Line with a superintendent on duty to ensure that.

Several councillors spoke of problems the facility would have with its water supply. That area of Milton has not much in the way of wells.

Mr. Swanson acknowledged that was a problem but the company would either try to find a deep aquifer or truck water into the site. The majority of the water would be used, he said, for sanitation by the on-site personnel.

A hydrogeological study has been put out to tender, said Mr. Swanson, on the project's effects on drainage patterns to the surrounding areas. He said he would keep council informed of its results.

The 15-month project is slated for construction in spring of 1986 and completed approximately 15 months later. It is the first of the three such yards to be built in Canada and would cater to eastern and central Canada from Halifax to Thunder Bay.

Penman wants a response from Miller

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responsible and pork-barrel politicking. Are we in a position to publicly chastize Mr. Miller? Do we do anything, or do we let it go?"

After much debate, members adopted a motion to contact Mr. Miller, through Mayor Gord Krantz, to see if he stood by those comments. Council also adopted a motion to contact Dr. Chan of OWMC to get his comments on the matter. The matter will be brought up again

Monday at the regular council meeting. "We shouldn't contact a witch-hunt," advised Mr. Penman. "We should give Mr. Miller every opportunity to answer."

Mr. Miller is currently travelling throughout the province with his campaign and was unavailable for further comment.

Mayor Krantz said he met with Mr. Miller last week and mentioned his concerns to him.

"There's not much value in attacking Mr. Miller and his campaign," advised town administrator Roy Main. "The comment came out much more damaging than was really said."

However, Councillors Bill Johnson and Rick Day had harsh words for Mr. Miller.

"We should phone Mr. Miller and ask him if his comments were in order," said Mr. Johnson, "and if he stands by those comments we should cen-

sure Mr. Miller." Similarly, Mr. Day said Mr. Miller might just be saving the town a lot of money in an impending court case, should it go that far.

"Since Mr. Miller, as a member of Cabinet, is a defendant in our lawsuit," said Mr. Day, "why don't we forget this motion and then if Milton's chosen, we'll declare prejudice. This can be our whole case. We don't need all these studies."

Dump 'most sensitive issue' today

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advance of the Feb. 6 meeting so he would have time to digest the material.

"I wouldn't want, as has been the case, this thing arriving just before the meeting, or, as I have seen, after the meeting has started."

He was told by planner Mohammed the report would be received "camera ready" for the regional in-house printer on Friday Feb. 1. It would be printed and then shipped by the regional courier to the homes of regional councillors. The media, as is normal, would be able to pick up the agenda on Monday morning, at which time chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin promised the report would be there for the media to read.

Extra copies of the report would be ready to be released to

the public. It is imagined the book will be much in demand by environmental organizations and groups.

Peter Walker, speaking Monday to the committee, said the initial presentation would be given by himself and could cover a 50-page report which would commence with a summary, and then he would take councillors through the pages of data to the conclusion to show how the summary was ascertained.

Also on hand will be sub-consultants, as many as 13, who will also explain their parts in the report to councillors.

Dr. Walker said he thought the presentation would take about 90 minutes. Councillors at the Monday committee meeting decided to change the start time of the meeting from 11 a.m. as suggested to 9 a.m.

Burlington councillor Walter Mulkewich, who brought up the issue of changing the time, said he doubted the presentation would only last 90 minutes suggesting it "might take all day."

It is already being considered one of the most important regional meetings of this decade.

Mr. Perlin referred to the document as "one of the most, if not the most sensitive issues ever to be considered by this council."

It is also assumed the regional council chambers will be used for this special council meeting, not because all 24 councillors will be on hand, but because of the large number of public and "interested parties" who will be on hand.

Krantz told The Champion after the committee meeting he still is hoping the final report

will list a primary and a back-up dump. He said it is the opinion of Milton that if the two sites are closely matched, the Milton objective will be to try to move the choices around if one of the sites proves to be in the town.

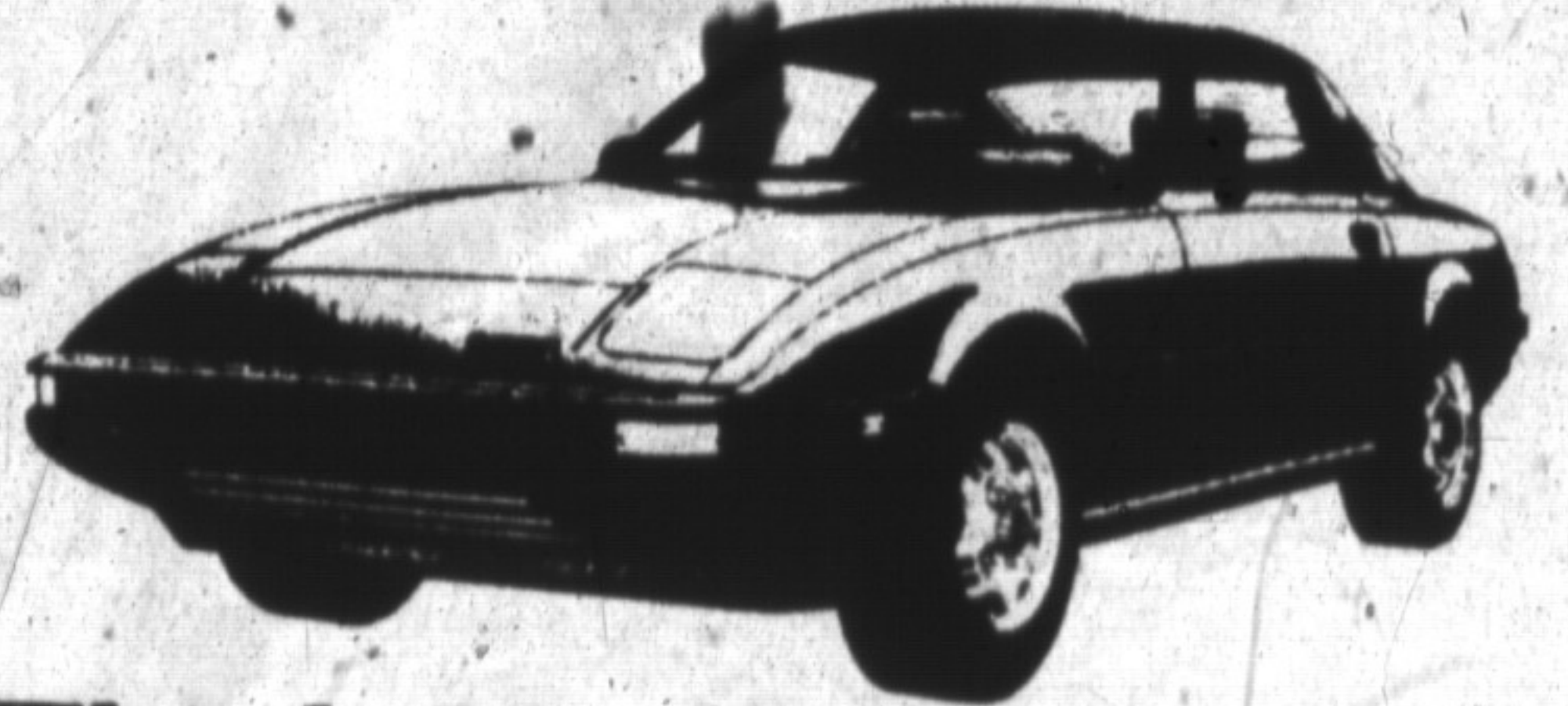
If there is only one site, and it is in Milton, the town can be expected to do everything legally and politically to stop the dump coming into Milton.

The Champion was told that following the Feb. 6 meeting there will be a 30-day period in which public opinion will be sought. There will be two public meetings planned.

The Feb. 6 meeting begins at 9 a.m. and the public is allowed to come, listen and watch as the garbage future of Halton for the next two decades will be unveiled.

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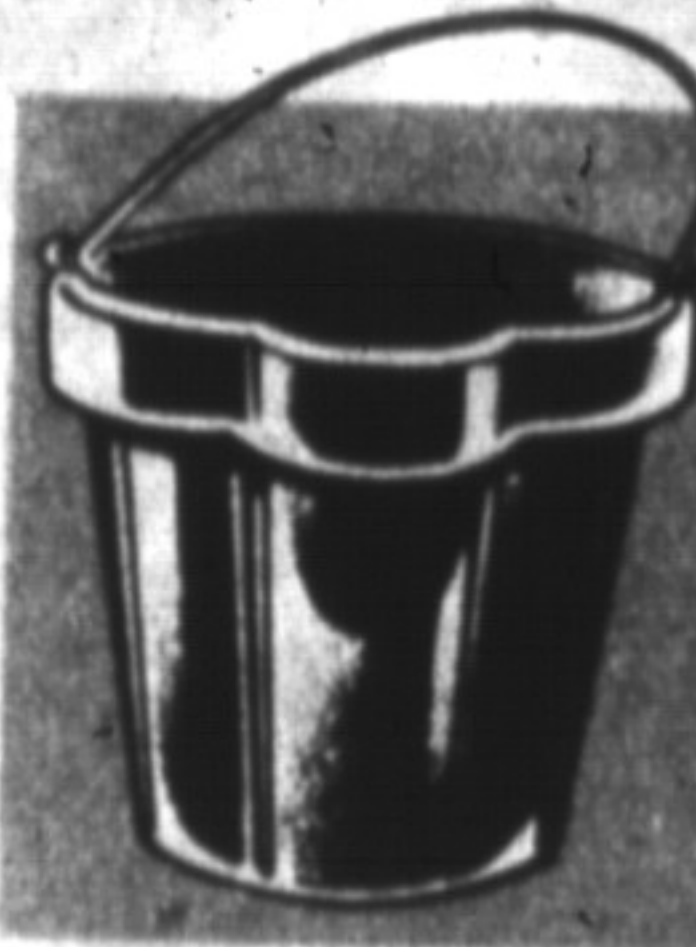
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