

Uxbridge Council News

Township rejects permit application

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A proposal to obtain a wayside permit to operate a temporary gravel pit in Goodwood failed to get approval from Uxbridge Township Council November 9.

Temporary wayside permits are issued by the provincial ministry of natural resources but applicants must comply with municipal bylaws before a permit is issued.

Consulting engineer Bob Lackley, of Candevcon, went over the plan on behalf of his client, L & K

Haulage at the November 2 planning meeting. The haulage firm owns the property and will haul the gravel from the site but a contractor will actually apply for the license. According to Lackley, the firm wants to obtain a temporary license to extract gravel from the site at the third line and the 21st sideroad.

At the same time, the company will go ahead with plans to get a permanent license to operate a gravel pit at that site, Lackley said. The company has a rehabi-

litation plan to revamp the pit after the aggregate is exhausted and is offering to contribute 4 cents per tonne of extracted material to Uxbridge Township for upgrading roads.

In order to obtain a permanent license the land must be rezoned and public meetings must be held. That process can take up to five years, Lackley said.

But in most municipalities, a temporary license can be granted without rezoning and without the same degree of public input if the

material is to be used for a government project. That process is much quicker.

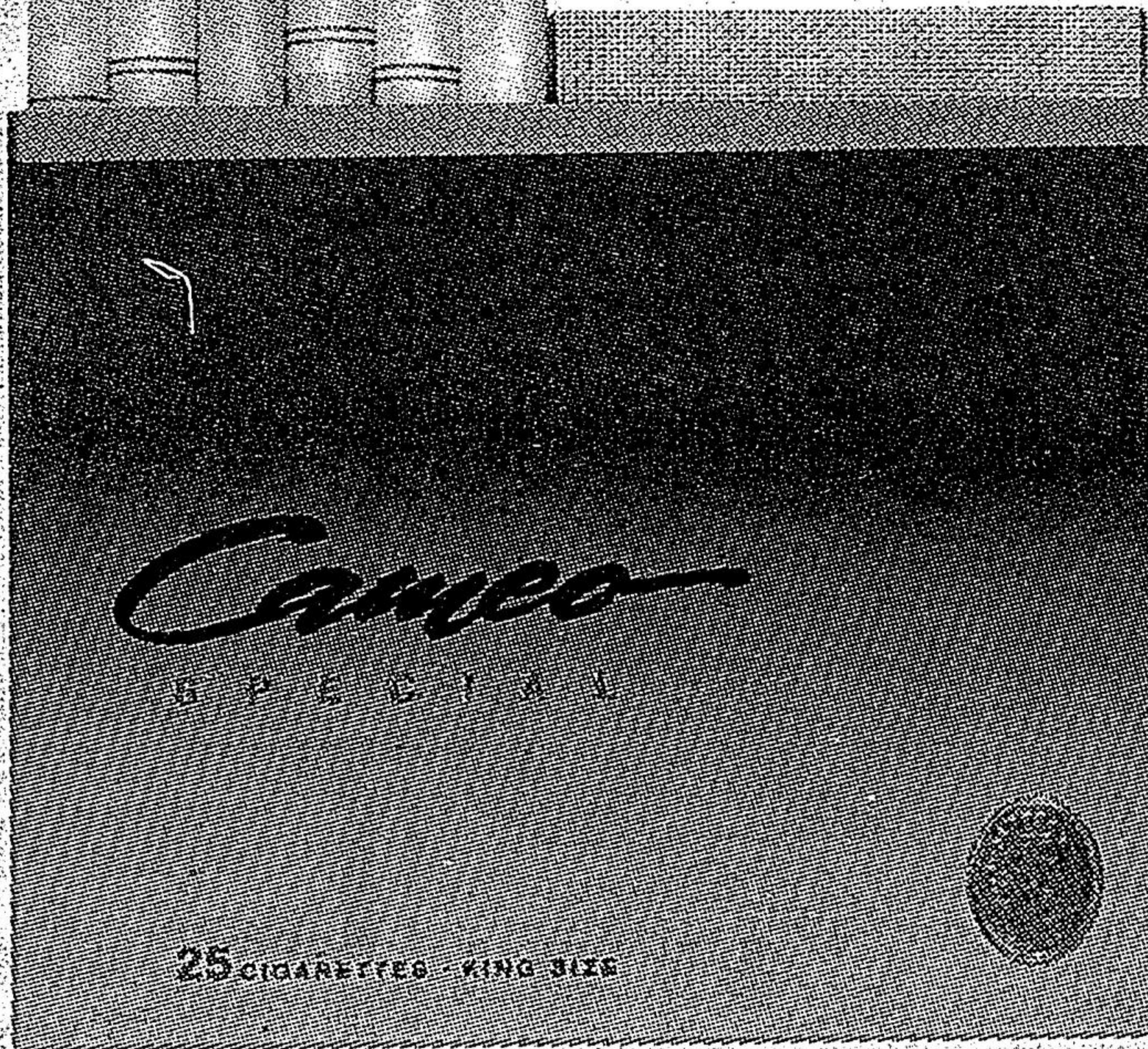
Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor refused to endorse the plan, saying a wayside permit "negates public input" and puts the Township at a "disadvantage." A wayside permit has only been granted once before in Uxbridge Township.

"The last time a wayside permit was issued in this town there was almost an uprising... Why the

Township is so against wayside permits is that we have no control, no control over hours of operation etc..." Mayor O'Connor said.

Council voted not to give its approval to the plan but it is the ministry that has final approval on applications. Lackley told the Tribune, that regardless of whether a wayside permit is granted, the company will proceed with plans to obtain a permanent license for that site.

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