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## Overall Planning For Haldimand-Norfolk



Give the children a day off school and where do they play? Here leading off is Gordon Fleming, 4, followed by David Lindsay, 6, and Neil Wilson, 6, all on a slide at the Jarvis Public School yard. (Photo by Jim Mercer)

CAYUGA - The Haldimand-Norfolk planning study will not result in immediate radical changes in municipal-provincial relations, the study's director said last night.

Nigel Richardson, a municipal affairs department employee who heads the study announced by Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough last month, said present municipal functions such as preparing official plans and zoning bylaws will undergo usual department processing.

Although the situation will change gradually, local planning dealing with matters arising from normal municipal growth will be unaffected by the study, Mr. Richardson said.

"Where a development occurs out of the ordinary, and seems to be sufficiently concerned from the point of view of the whole region, I will probably have something to say about it," he said.

Mr. Richardson was speaking to about 100 persons at a meeting of the Haldimand zone of the Niagara Regional Development Council.

Ultimate goal of the study is to provide a comprehensive development plan for Haldimand and Norfolk and proposed changes in existing municipal government.

As an example he said his study would not be concerned with sewer installation in Cayuga, but would be if Jarvis, Woodhouse and Walpole decided to share sewage treatment facilities of the Steel Company of Canada.

Such recommendations for regional development would be made on the basis of what the counties will look like in 20 years, not at the moment, Mr. Richardson said. The weakness of many regional governments is that they are based on present trends and are outdated when they are created.

The proposals that are made for regional government must be dynamic and adaptable to changes in the nature of the structure of the two counties.

Mr. Richardson said that in face of the counties' thin population and medium sized towns, it could be assumed that a two-tier government would be called for in any regional organization.

To maintain close communication with residents, the study will open an office. Mr. Richardson will work out of Toronto in conjunction with a planner London. Mr. Bill Smith, who will staff the Haldimand-Norfolk office.

The department came under criticism from Haldimand Warden Ernest Craddock who questioned the hiring of a director for the area, then allowing him to work in Toronto.

He said a liaison committee of representative from each provincial department is now being formed and will co-ordinate with statistics the value of all government activities as accident surveys. When they affect the area. The study hopes to organize a committee of local officials, but no action will be taken until it has decided what is needed.

The study of governmental structures and planning obviously have a development for the counties the first of its kind in Ontario, is expected to take three years.

Implementation of some form of regional government is expected to follow within a year after the study is tabled.

Lloyd O'Grady, chairman of the Norfolk Planning Board, said he was under the impression the minister (Mr. McKeough) was in favor of a joint planning board, "and that you would be here to work with us. At least that is what he said at Jarvis on March 17."

"I am legally responsible to the minister and not to any joint board or committee, although I would rather work with such a joint board or committee," Mr. Richardson said.

"Then maybe we should get someone who would be legally responsible to us," asserted Mr. O'Grady.

Deputy Reeve George Pleasance, of Simcoe said: "The planning committee has a job to do in the two counties and one of those jobs includes keeping the public informed. We are not an official group as far as the province goes but we must make our voices heard and heard through the taxpayers."

Mr. McKeough has missed out on any good public relations and he has fallen down on this matter - you just have to look at the way the assessment statement came out," Mr. Pleasance said.

Reeve Jack Maytham, of Port Dover, said, "We can't deal with the intangible and if we will have no control on planning for the area then we may as well not exist and are just wasting our time."

## County Chamber Protests Closing Of Customs Here

The Norfolk County Chamber of Commerce decided at its April meeting to send letters of protest over the proposed closing of the Port Dover Customs Office to Finance Minister E. J. Benson; James N. Allan, MPP for Haldimand-Norfolk and William Knowles, MP for Norfolk-Haldimand.

There probably won't be anything done until we send the brief to Ottawa," said Mr. Long.

Mr. Knowles said, "The Department of Revenue has made a survey of the operations at the Port Dover office and stated they felt it wasn't paying its way."

"I told the department I felt they hadn't looked at all the issues at stake because of the Nanticoke situation and asked them to hold off for a couple of years before making a definite decision," he said.

Mr. Knowles said he notified Port Dover officials of the department's intentions and added he wasn't sure if government officials would be satisfied with a brief or if they would want to talk with them in person.

Port Dover council members have made it known that they would go to Ottawa if it was necessary.

Mr. Allan commented he thought the office was a definite necessity because of the port convenience in Port Dover.



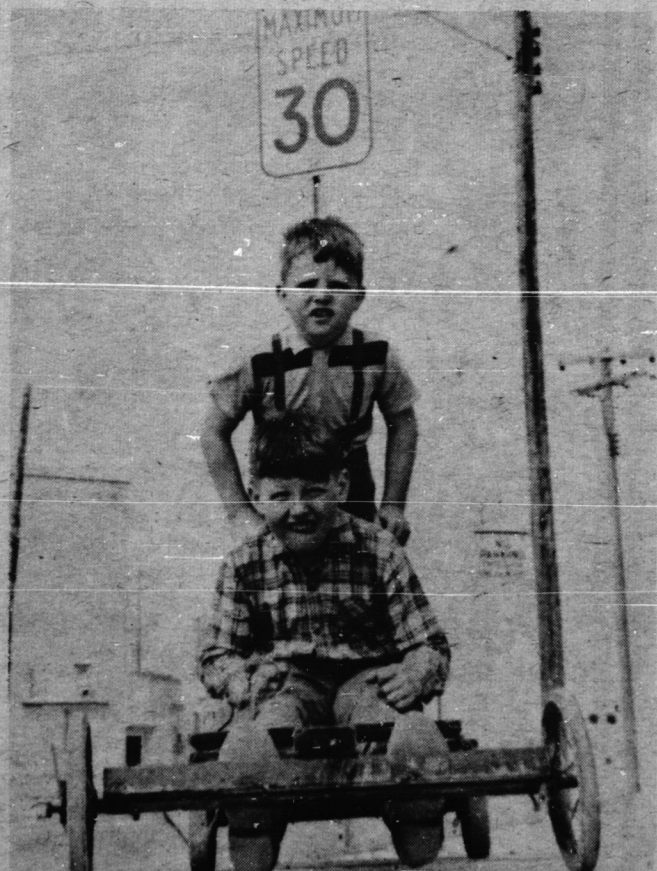
A little push was all that was needed to cool off (L to R) Jimmy McDowell, 7, and Terry Smelser, 7, when warming temperatures arrived in the Jarvis area earlier this week. (Photo by Jim Mercer)

## On The Farm Front

The alfalfa weevil is due in a small way also, a for much serious demonstration of variety resistance in this area will be tried. At during the months ahead, at least one commercial firm Department entomologists has a variety that is expected will be shortly checking on to have some resistance to the over-wintering of this insect. Extension Branch staff from the area will be meeting here to learn more about the alfalfa weevil since it is expected that the infestation will spread to other areas.

Hog producers of the county really enjoyed the bus trip to the London area. Among other things this trip gave them an opportunity to learn further about "Quality Swine of Western Ontario". This is an organization that has established quite a time of the control program including measures that might be used.

Appreciation was expressed to farm accident reporters at a dinner meeting recently. Oscar Snyder, Co-ordinator with the Farm Safety Council of Ontario, showed rather drastically with statistics the value of all government activities as accident surveys. When they affect the area. The spring work starts soon, we will once again need to be conscious of the dangers that lie ahead. One of the great satisfactions in farm work is change from one job to another. These changes obviously have a disadvantage too in that they require constant awareness of the changing hazards.



It appears that Ronnie Valdhuys, 6, is warning others of their maximum speed as his brother Brain, 9, drives the cart down a small incline in front of their Main St., Jarvis home. (Photo by Jim Mercer)

## Blood Donors Rides Needed

Realizing that the number of donors has fallen short on previous campaigns the Hagersville Council No. 6091 Knights Of Columbus wish to announce that anyone in need of transportation to donate blood on April 11, 1969, at the Canadian Legion Hall in Hagersville, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., call any of the following:

Jarvis area - 587-4023; Hagersville area - 768-3832 or 768-3766; Cayuga and Fisherville area - 772-5157.

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