

Jarvis Seeks Aid For Sewer Line Break

Jarvis Council will again try to have Teli of Canada Ltd., come and examine a portion of the village's sewer lines for a suspected break.

Coun. James Davidson has been complaining to council for the past several months that a portion of the sewer line near his home has either collapsed or is some-

how blocked, causing raw sewage on a number of occasions to back up into his basement.

Council contacted the Teli company, which uses a television camera in the sewer line to check for breaks, but have not received any action from the company.

A letter read to council Tuesday night

outlined the charges made by the company, \$375 a day, and council decided to contact them again.

Council's only other choice in the matter is to tear up part of Highway 3 where the break is suspected to be. By using the television system, the break can be pinpointed, which would result

in only one small area having to be torn up.

Council also read an open letter from the Ontario Municipal Electric Association to the members of the Ontario Legislature protesting the recent announcement by the government that municipal electric commissions would be dissolved and controlled

by a Crown corporation from Toronto.

The letter charges the task force, which made the recommendation, "overreacted to the job it was given."

The implications of the move, according to the letter, are that hydro rates will increase, access to people responsible for the electric systems will be restricted and it

will make Hydro less responsive to individual requirements.

The letter notes the municipal electric systems buy power from Ontario Hydro and distribute it locally without profit, giving Ontario the lowest cost for hydro power in the world.

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Special Committee Set Up To Probe Parking

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) A special committee to deal with the problems of parking will be established in the new year on Hagersville council, it was decided at Monday's meeting.

Council was approached by a delegation of Clayton Heaslip and Bill Courtnage seeking some direction from council to deal with the present and future problems of parking in the village.

Mr. Heaslip said part of the problem can be attributed to the local merchants and their staffs who continue to park on the main streets near their businesses. He said that unless some off street parking is established the village will be passed in the next decade as a good place to shop downtown. "What we don't want to see is a good sized plaza going up outside of Hagersville," he said.

Mr. Heaslip suggested that a proposal to reduce downtown parking to a one hour limit is "going to chase our customers right out of town."

"What we have to do is get the merchants and their employees off the streets. We need the room they take up for customers."

Mr. Courtnage suggested council might want to set up a committee of council members, plus representatives from the police and from the merchants to discuss the issue and bring in suggestions to council.

He noted there is little industrial tax base in Hagersville, which leaves the commercial areas to pay the bulk of the taxes. Without sufficient parking, customers drop off and the businesses and the village suffers.

"We must show we have an aggressive business district in order to postpone any outside shopping plazas," he said.

Reeve John Kincaid said part of the solution is to get the merchants themselves parking away from their businesses and to convince their employees to park off the streets. But, he noted, part of the problem is to get people to walk any distance at all to their businesses.

He also noted the village has a proposed parking bylaw now before the solicitor for his comments and that this would be brought up for discussion at council before it was passed.

Mr. Heaslip said it is a "problem that we should start to deal with now, or we'll be in a real mess in 10 years. I'm not saying it can be solved immediately, but we have to start now."

Delegation Seeks Voice In Snowmobile Bylaw

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) A delegation of snowmobile operators was assured at Monday's council meeting that full discussion of a proposed bylaw that would restrict snowmobiles in the village's park will be given a full airing before becoming law.

The snowmobilers appeared before council asking why the bylaw had been proposed in the first place.

The section of the bylaw is part of a bylaw proposed by Hagersville's police chief to update and put teeth into a number of unenforceable regulations that exist in the village regarding parking, traffic and loitering.

Reeve Kincaid said the bylaw is at present before the solicitor, but before any action is taken on it, he will require recommendations from the various boards and committees involved. In this case it would be the parks board, he said.

Police Chief Warren Burger said the thinking behind the proposal was to prevent any serious injury from happening to a youngster operating a snowmobile on public property.

"While there has never been any damage to the park in the past, there have been some minor injuries. What the proposal would do would be to help prevent anything serious from happening, such as a child being maimed or killed on village property."

He said that last year the department had received calls from parents concerned about the actions of some youngsters on snowmobiles. "What we don't want to do is wait until someone is killed before taking regulatory action," he said.

He suggested that the bylaw could specify that children under a certain age must be supervised by parents before being allowed to run on the park property.



Hagersville's long-standing problems with blocked railway crossings may be at an end. Penn Central has assured the village of co-operation in the matter, Police Chief Warren Burger told council Monday. (Staff Photo).

Rail Crossing Problems May Be Solved - Chief

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) The long-standing problem of traffic tie-ups at the Penn Central Railway crossing in Hagersville may now be a thing of the past.

Hagersville's police chief Warren Burger, reported to council Monday on the recent court action involving the Penn Central and the subsequent repair of relationships with the company and the village.

The railway was charged for blocking traffic for more than five minutes and fined in Provincial Court, Cayuga.

Following this action, Chief Burger said, Ron Burdan, the divisional train master with Penn Central met with him and indicated the company would be offering 100 per cent co-operation in insuring that the crossing is not blocked unnecessarily in the future.

Chief Burger said that a directive has been issued to all personnel to see that they operate within the railway act and to co-operate with the authorities to insure safer and better crossings in the village.

The chief said an emergency telephone

link has been set up between his department and the Penn Central office in St. Thomas so that immediate communication can be established should the rail crossing become blocked.

He said in the event an emergency vehicle was about to be detained at the crossing, the chief dispatcher at St. Thomas, who has direct radio contact with all trains, will instruct the engineer to break the train to clear the crossing.

Chief Burger said he has instructed his officers to co-operate in all situations involving the railway and a blocked crossing.

The public too will have to change its attitude, the chief said. As a result of the strained conditions with the railway, many motorists have become lax in their attitude at the crossings. It has become the habit to approach the barricades, assume it is

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Slaughterhouse Opening Between Jarvis, Dover

PORT DOVER - One of the area's most modern, up-to-date slaughterhouses will be opening soon between Port Dover and Jarvis on Highway 6.

The new slaughterhouse and butcher store is the project of veteran butcher Hank DeKoning, of R.R. 3 Port Dover.

Mr. DeKoning has been a butcher in Canada for the past 21 years and has been at his present location for the past 18 years.

He began the new building about a year ago and hopes to be

into the modern facilities by Christmas.

The building is 85 feet by 40 feet and will have counters and display areas along the front of the building for customers where he will be retailing meat.

The back portion of the building will be utilized as a slaughterhouse for both custom killing and for wholesaling.

The move to a new building was prompted by the fact Mr. De-

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