

Walpole Has Run In With OWRC Over Land Deal

Walpole Township council is upset by the Water Resources Commission over its lack of consultation with the township in purchasing an additional 20 acres of land at its site on Lake Erie next to the Ontario Hydro Nanticoke generating station.

The township is claiming that the OWRC should be going through

the proper channels as set out in the township's zoning bylaws and the OWRC is claiming that as a Crown agency this is not necessary.

The lines formed back in December when council was notified by Frankfurt Investments Ltd. that it had sold to the OWRC part of lot 6, Conc 1 and part of the allowance for road

between lots 6 and 7, Conc. 1, of Walpole.

Council in turn wrote to solicitors acting for Frankfurt Investments noting that no part of the holding could be sold without the portion being severed through the committee of adjustment and approved by the council, planning board and department of municipal affairs.

Later, in January council sent a further letter to the OWRC noting that no sale of land could be made without the applications coming before the proper municipal bodies. The letter also noted there would have to be an amendment in the zoning bylaw changing the area in question from an agricultural zone.

On Jan. 21, council received a reply from the OWRC regarding the purchase of land at Nanticoke.

The letter stated that shortly after its purchase of land in 1970, an opinion was obtained from the then minister of justice and attorney-general as to the effect of the planning act on the OWRC.

Attorney-General A. A. Wishart informed the commission that as a Crown agency it is "excepted from the act."

Subsequent to this advice, the commission has taken the position that an application to

the committee of adjustment is not necessary where the commission is involved in a real estate transaction.

The letter was written by D. J. McEntee, supervisor, property branch, division of project development.

Mr. McEntee further stated he did not know if the "exception," as explained by the attorney general, would apply to the use of

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Jarvis Residents Request School Crossing Signs

Two Jarvis residents appeared before village council Tuesday night requesting the village have school crossing signs placed on both sides of Highway 6 north and south of the Jarvis Public School.

Ernie Singleton and Gilles Desbiens said there are no signs on the highway indicating a school is in the area and that it is dangerous for their children to cross the highway to the west side of the road.

Mr. Singleton said the problem is that the

kindergarten children are let out of classes at 11.30 a.m., a half-an-hour before the rest of the public school children. This means they have to cross the highway on their own without any older children. He said his wife and Mr. Desbiens' wife watch for the children and help them across, but both have had "close calls" with traffic on the highway.

He also asked if there was any chance of getting a flashing amber

light and a crosswalk painted on the highway.

Reeve Dr. William Austin said there had been attempts to get a red flashing light at the intersection of Highway 3 and Nanticoke Side-road to help control traffic coming from the Ontario Hydro plant, but that the highways department is reluctant to put up lights on through highways.

Reeve Austin said, however, there would be no trouble getting officially approved school zone signs.

It was decided to go ahead and order school zone signs and look into the possibility of a school crossing zone and flashing amber lights.

Last month council was prepared to have its engineering consultants complete a provincial government requested report on the phosphate level of its sewage lagoons. Council was told at that time the Ontario Water Resources Commission would not be doing the study, although the OWRC is demanding an

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Three Remanded On Assault, Robbery Charges

CAYUGA - Two youths and a girl were remanded to March 1 for sentencing after they were convicted last week in provincial court of assaulting and robbing a 40-year-old Nanticoke man.

Pre-sentence reports were ordered on Errol King, 17, of R. R. 6 Hagersville, who pleaded guilty of assault causing bodily harm,

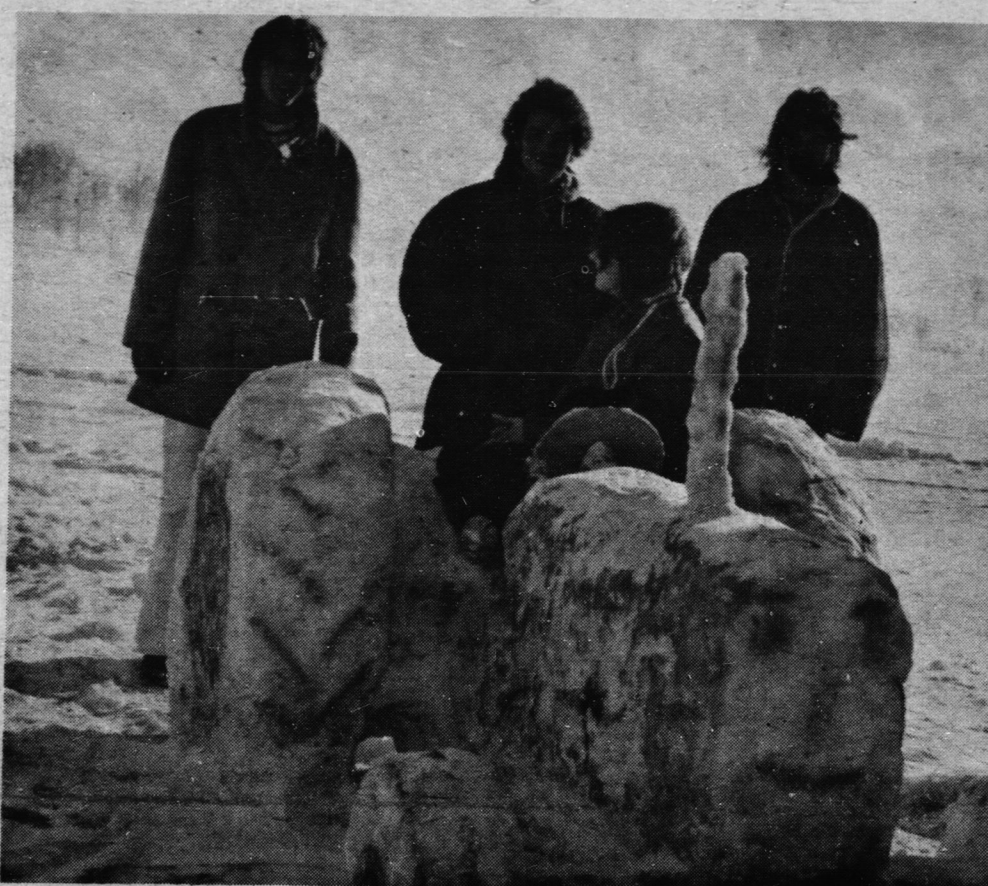
and David Jones, 20, of R. R. 2 Nanticoke and Elizabeth Forrester, 18, of Caledonia, both of whom pleaded guilty of theft under \$50.

The three met in the Jarvis Hotel, court was told, in October, where, as a result of a conversation, Church was led to believe the girl would be an easy pick

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Norfolk-Haldimand MP William D. Knowles, left, was guest speaker at an afternoon seminar at the Norfolk School of Agriculture in Simcoe last Friday. Mr. Knowles talks with school instructors Mrs. Douglas Sheppard and Robert Carson following a question period. The winter program at the school, geared to practical farm courses, is in full swing this month.



Snow sculpturing was just one of many events last week at Hagersville high school's winter carnival. The smiling tractor here seems well pleased with its creators. (Staff Photo)

Walpole Dump Site Usage Faces Increase

Walpole Township council on Friday learned that its dump will likely come in for greater usage in the future as industries begin to move into the area.

Council is in the midst of investigating the possibilities of changing its garbage disposal methods from its present dump site to an incinerator method.

Council has already made some changes in its dumping methods, the dump now being open for the public only on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Coun. Harold Nie said he had heard from the Department of Lands and Forests and "they are concerned about this summer. Saturdays and Sundays are their big days at the park and they can't hold the garbage over until Tuesday."

Coun. Nie noted that last year the department dumped about five loads of garbage a week at the site.

Deputy-reeve Bruce Meehan said it should not be up to council to pay the cost of garbage disposal for a government department. "They should

have to pay for some of it. Last year we even got a grant in lieu of taxes on their land." The grant is about

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Decision On OPP Quarters Held Up

CAYUGA - The holdup of building a new Ontario Provincial Police headquarters in Cayuga has been blamed on a misunderstanding between the village and the provincial government.

The project has been stalled since council objected last year to plans to service the proposed 2,700 square-foot building with a septic tank, rather than hook it into the village's recently completed sewer system. The proposal would violate the village's official plan, council argued.

A three-block extension of the present

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Cayuga Names Former Resident As Its Clerk

CAYUGA - A former Cayuga area man has been chosen to fill the position of clerk-treasurer for the village, replacing Albert Kee, 59, who resigned following a heart attack in December.

Sheldon Parsons, 22, a graduate of Brock

University, began work this week. He was one of 19 applicants for the job.

Mr. Parsons grew up on a farm on the edge of Cayuga. After graduating from the Cayuga secondary school, he studied urban geography

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