



Darcy McKeough, standing, Ontario's municipal affairs minister made it perfectly clear last week he wishes to see regional government in the area, combining Norfolk and Haldimand. (Staff Photo).

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Following last Thursday's meeting with Darcy McKeough, several members of the Haldimand-Norfolk Study questioned Mr. McKeough on various points. From left are Cayuga Reeve Ted Powell, Haldimand co-chairman of the study, Mr. McKeough, Haldimand Warden John McCombs and Don Murphy, Norfolk co-chairman of the study. (Staff Photo).

Stelco Affirms It Will Start At Nanticoke—By '75?

SIMCOE (Staff) — Before some 50 members of municipal government and members of the press in Haldimand and Norfolk, the Steel Company of Canada Ltd., reaffirmed its intention

to build a steel making complex on its lands in Walpole and Woodhouse townships.

Only the timing still remains in question, but Alex Fisher, vice-president, facilities planning, said the

project could proceed as early as 1975.

Mr. Fisher, the Stelco official responsible for the planning of the Lake Erie development, said preliminary layouts have been prepared and initial engineering is proceeding.

Plans for the project provide for a staged development based on "incremental growth, new steel technology and engineering design."

He said that progress on the project was originally delayed by uncertain economic climate and the uncertainty about the future direction of federal taxation policies.

Meanwhile, expansion under an optimization

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Walpole In Accord With OWRC Decision

Walpole Township council has decided to ask the Ontario Water Resources Commission to adhere to municipal planning procedure to obtain a severance regarding land near the lakeshore.

The OWRC, in turn, will expropriate the land in question and thus

clear up a controversy started late last year between the council and the OWRC.

The lands are an additional 20 acres at the OWRC site on Lake Erie next to the Ontario Hydro Nanticoke generating station. In December council was

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McKeough Tells Study Group To Form Region

CAYUGA (Staff) — Darcy McKeough, speaking not very softly and carrying a very big stick, told members of the Haldimand-Norfolk Study the two counties would be joined in a region and that it had better be soon.

Mr. McKeough, municipal affairs minister and treasurer of Ontario, effectively ended any speculation on the part of Haldimand and Norfolk that either could go it alone in a region.

He also ended any hopes the county councils could sit as the planning board for the region, stating the councils were too big and would never get any planning accomplished.

The only question he left the members to resolve was what form of regional government they wish.

Nigel Richardson, the director of the study, has just completed a series of meetings in the two counties outlining three forms which

he feels could better serve the area than the present municipal governments.

He has suggested either a one-tier system, a two-tier system or a unitary form of regional government.

Mr. Richardson has asked for submissions of these proposals to be sent to him by April 14.

When asked what might be the possible timing of the introduction of regional government, Mr. McKeough

said he expected to get Mr. Richardson's final report by early summer and then by about October or November to say what the government accepts from the report, plus or minus some changes and then present it for public reaction.

Following that he would expect legislation to be introduced by March or April in 1973 with the possibility of elections by June or September. The council would then sit informally until coming into a formal regional council as of Jan. 1, 1974.

"We will have to take this a step at a time, of course, and there are a lot of 'ifs' involved," Mr. McKeough said.

The meeting got off to a rather rough start with Mr. McKeough being about a half-hour late due to weather conditions and a busy first day in legislature.

James N. Allan, Haldimand-Norfolk MPP, who introduced Mr. McKeough stated flat out he was disappointed the members of the committee had not been able to join together after three years of studying the matter.

"After three years, I am pretty disappointed to see nothing to indicate you are forming a region. I thought you could develop this area from scratch, plan a splendid example of an area in Ontario.

"I think it is possible that if you aren't going to endeavor to do it, then someone else will do it for you.

"These aren't easy things to say and I'm disappointed you haven't made more progress."

Mr. McKeough briefly outlined what the government had announced Thursday about the new airport, development of roads and a new town for Pickering. "When we talk about expansion

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Soil-Crop Edition

With this issue, the West Haldimand Record is pleased to publish its annual Haldimand Soil and Crop Issue.

The Soil and Crop Issue is produced in association with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food at Cayuga and is primarily geared as an introduction to its Corn and Forage Show at Kohler next week, March 15 and 16.

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Walpole Reeve Gordon Miller argues a point with Ontario Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough last week. (Staff Photo).