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Elms at corner of Cawthra rd. and Dundas illustrate the idea of what the town would be up against.

Elms pose threat

If town council ordered the cutting down of all the dead elm trees in Mississauga the town would go "pretty near bankrupt," Mayor Robert Speck told general committee last week.

"I'm not in favour of cutting down dead elms all over town," he added.

He made his remarks after councillor Harold Kennedy asked what could be done to help an elderly couple who live in fear of dead elms.

Mr. Kennedy said the couple, old-age pensioners, had had a tree fall on their house and that others were threatening to fall.

He told committee that the town's works department had

advised the couple to leave their home. Then they were told to approach their councillor.

Mr. Kennedy said: "We have under the Health Act the power to go in where public danger is involved and hook up sewers and assess the cost to taxes. Could this apply in this case?"

He suggested the trees could be cut down and the money repaid to the town through the residents' tax bills.

"I am beginning to wonder whether we are legally involved in anything here," he said.

Mayor Speck said the idea was a good one and suggested

that the matter be probed by the town solicitor to see if legislation would permit such a move.

"If not, we could petition the government to let us have it."

He said it might be possible to go in and cut down the dead trees and apply the cost against residents' taxes over four or five year periods.

Mayor Speck said that would mean a "great step forward" and added: "We are going to have to do something about these dead elm trees."

"Human life is at stake," added councillor Grant Clarkson.

DOT expands Malton Airport

Runway 05 Left at Malton Airport will be expanded to take Jumbo and supersonic jets, Mississauga council was told at a special meeting Monday.

Council, after a three-hour in-camera meeting with special consultants Murray Jones and Jack Weir, called in the press to announce its support of the expansion with the proviso that affected property owners were properly compensated for the land re-zoning involved and that the Department of Transport co-operates with town planners in the re-zoning.

Lacey does not represent Mississauga

Mississauga is not represented by people from other municipalities Mayor Robert Speck told council Monday, and hit at Etobicoke controller David Lacey for appearing on a radio program as representing the town.

"I take strong exception to that," he said. "I can assure you he was not representing our town."

Earlier, councillor Lou Parsons objected to the same thing.

"Incorrect statements have been made that controller Lacey is representing the ratepayers in Mississauga," he complained.

At a previous meeting he told council he felt it would be better if SANA representatives stayed east of the Etobicoke Creek.

It appears that some expansion of the airport is necessary to cope with air traffic as of today," explained Mayor Robert Speck.

"Their terminals are overloaded now and their runways are taking more and more overloading."

Later he told council: "Mr. Hellyer is faced with an ever-increasing pressure to provide air transportation in the general area of south-western Ontario."

STAND

He denied that council was backing down from its original stand on the expansion proposal but added: "we have modified our thinking."

"We wanted to be in a position to truly evaluate it properly," he added.

"I think the minister acted in a responsible manner when he met our delegation. He met our approach with a level head and an open mind."

LETTER

Monday's letter to the minister said council had carried out a preliminary evaluation of the impact upon adjacent sections of runway 05 Left, towards Dixie rd.

"According to our preliminary observations there are a number of residences in the 100 and 115 CNR noise zone cones."

It says the existence of the east-west flight path in the affected area has been recognized in town planning "for some time."

The bulk of the land there is zoned agricultural. The letter says the lands were probably at least ten years premature

for urban development "in the present state of affairs."

"The compatibility of the airport expansion and the future urban use of this area requires immediate determination by the two levels of government in order to allocate zoning responsibility."

Council is suggesting that the department buys up the affected land at fair market values before it goes ahead with the runway expansion.

It says if that was done the town would not have to ask the department to impose its own zoning measures and that in fu-

ture the town would recognize uses compatible with the flight path "to the fullest extent possible."

"We appreciate that if the alternative of a second airport were to be adopted some temporary

transitional arrangements may have to be worked out.

"We cannot anticipate what would be involved, but assure you of the town's good will if an opportunity for consultation is provided," it added.

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