

McKechnie loses faith in weed control boys

The great weed debate slowly dying out as a last of discussion in Mississauga town council. Frank McKechnie said last week to work small spark of Town council debate when general committee. McKechnie can't believe a word that department (weed in-

spection) says any more. Their lack of credibility is outstanding.

Councillor McKechnie, who has recently been leading charges into weedy fields, particularly in Malton, was complaining at the Wednesday morning committee meeting that he was still getting false in-

formation from the weed department.

INQUIRY

He told the committee he had inquired at the department about several fields of weeds in Malton he wanted sprayed. He said department officials insisted the fields had been sprayed

only a few days before.

Mr. McKechnie said after many questions the department admitted the fields had not been sprayed, but they told him charges had been laid against some land owners in Malton for not dealing with their weeds.

The Malton councillor told committee he doubted the charges had been laid and he was going to check it out.

Deputy-reeve Roy MacMillan had complained to council last week that the 2-4D spray used by the town was killing everything but weeds. He waved a dead tomato plant in front

of the councillors and said it was in a patch more than 400 feet from where weeds had been sprayed.

He said the tomato plants were dead, but the weeds were as healthy as ever.

SMELL

Councillors Lou Parsons and Grant Clarkson returned from a weed-hunting trip in Malton to report to council last week that the air in the community was heavy with the smell of 2-4D.

The two councillors were sent to Malton by Mayor Robert Speck to check out Mr. McKechnie's charges that the village was crawling with weeds. They re-

ported there were many fields of noxious weeds, even in areas where the department had said there were none.

The councillors reported it was difficult to perceive if the weeds had been sprayed, but there was heavy odour of 2-4D in Malton.

The weed department won a vote of confidence from most councillors that it was doing the best it could against a formidable enemy while armed with very ineffective laws. The council decided the town should make an all-out effort against weeds in next year's budget.

Darcel residents argue for higher density zone

"This has to be a precedent," planning board member Douglas Sherbaniuk said last week. "We have a developer asking for a lower density in an area and ratepayers asking for a higher density."

Mr. Sherbaniuk said the situation was always the other way around when Branch Hill Holdings came before the board asking for a zoning change in Milton so they could put up townhouses and semi-detached homes where 14-storey apartment buildings were presently zoned.

Close to 25 homeowners from Darcel Ave. in Malton were at the meeting, some asking that the request be turned down.

The land in question is 14 acres bounded by Darcel, Indian Line and Derry Rd. in Malton. The developer wants to build 47 townhouses and 82 semi-detached homes on the land, but requires a zone change to do it.

PETSCHAR

Town planning director Harry Petschar said, "I

Hewson breeds bonniest Clydes

A Malton horse breeder swept the field in the Clydesdale competition at the Canadian National Exhibition last Wednesday.

William Hewson won the senior stallion championship with his huge, rangy Bardrill Vintage.

Mr. Hewson also picked up the junior stallion championship, the reserve junior stallion championship, the first three places for Clydesdale four-or-overs, first for stallions of three or more years, first for two-year-old stallions, and first for stallion foals.

The competition was judged by Alex Galbraith of Mears, Michigan.

don't think the ratepayers know what is going on. They are protesting a good thing for them. In all my years of planning, I have never heard of a developer asking for a lower density zoning."

Mayor Robert Speck told the homeowners it would be to their benefit to have the family dwellings put in rather than 14-storey apartment buildings. Many of the group agreed, but others opposed the homes because other townhouses in the neighbourhood were poorly kept.

Mayor Speck said it was up to the property owners to maintain the appearance of townhouses, usually rented to residents. He said townhouses going into the area would ensure conformity. "With private homes you could have orange shutter and purple window frames," said the mayor. "But at least with townhouses there would be some conformity in appearance."

PROTECTION

Mayor Speck also said he wanted to protect the neighbourhood from industry possibly sneaking in. He said a small parcel of land beside the development is owned by the Department of Highways and is presently zoned industrial.

He said now that the department was not going to run the proposed Belfield Expressway up Indian Line, the department may sell the land. If they did, an industry could buy it and legally build a factory on the property.

His worship suggested a planning board take precautionary measures of contacting the department and making proper arrangements to ensure industry wouldn't go in if the land was ever sold.

Mr. Petschar said there was little worry industry would move into the area as the parcel of land was only 100 feet wide and the department would keep it to possibly widen Indian Line.

Planning board approved the rezoning request in Malton.

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