

CLARKSON LOCATION PEEVES REEVE

Home for aged site under fire

BRAMPTON — County council authorized the county clerk and solicitor to investigate the purchase of additional property for South Peel's home for the aged last week . . . but not without fireworks.

Reeve Cyril Clark of Chinguacousy wanted another site altogether than that purchased last year in the Clarkson area of Mississauga, just east of Clarkson rd. and north of the CNR tracks.

Port Credit's Reeve Dave Hunter allowed as how Port Credit would be happy to have the new home if the Clarkson area site was, indeed, not suitable.

And Deputy Reeve Hazel McCallion of Streetsville wanted to know how come the building had been planned before the site was chosen.

MOST FAVOR PLAN

The majority, however, seemed in favor of the Peel Manor committee's recommendation that the county consider the purchase of an additional 1.5 acres on the east of the present property, which is owned by the Mississauga Roman Catholic separate school board, as well as negotiating for additional property to the west.

Part of the additional property sought was for parking area and open space for the residents.

Mississauga Reeve Chic

Order of merit for policeman

ORANGEVILLE — A meritorious award from the St. John's Ambulance Brigade has been awarded to Const. John Crowe of the Orangeville OPP detachment.

Swift action at the scene of an accident by Const. Crowe has been credited as the factor that saved the life of L. Rawn of Orangeville. Const. Crowe administered first aid to the accident victim at the scene until ambulance attendants took over.

Mr. Rawn suffered a fractured skull, cerebral irritation, a concussion, and multiple cuts and abrasions.

Murray explained that when soil tests were taken on the property, after sketch plans had been prepared for the building and approved by the provincial authorities, it was found the water table was four feet below the surface. The architect had recommended that construction not go below six or seven feet.

"We had originally planned to put a basement under the building," Mr. Murray explained, "but now we plan to redesign the building putting the necessary services at ground level. This is why we want the extra land."

\$16,000 PER ACRE

"What is this going to cost per acre?" asked Chinguacousy deputy-reeve Ed Blair.

"The same as the present optioned land, \$16,000 per acre," replied Mr. Murray.

Mrs. McCallion felt it was odd to have the building planned before the site was chosen.

"It is peculiar to find you need an acre and a half more," she added.

"We didn't discover the problem of the water table until between Christmas and the New Year, when the soil tests were conducted," said Mr. Murray.

"Why was this particular site chosen?" asked Mrs. McCallion.

"It was chosen because it is in a quiet area, the land was cheaper than elsewhere, it is close to a shopping area, it is close to the GO train, and it was zoned for single family dwellings. If it had been zoned for high-rise or commercial, the price would have been between \$50,000 and \$90,000 per acre," explained Mr. Murray.

REEVE ANNOYED

"At our last meeting," maintained Reeve Clark, "it was moved that we abandon this particular piece of land. We didn't feel it was the right place and we were told by the architect it was not safe to go below four feet for the basement. I don't think we should quibble about a few dollars' difference."

"The land has been acquired," said Caledon deputy-reeve Ted Sibald, "and we feel it is the right site except for the problem of the water. There is also some ad-

vantage to having the equipment at grade level rather than in the basement."

Reeve Dave Hunter said he didn't think it was fair to tie the hands of the manor committee.

"We sit here flippantly deciding to do this and do

that, and in a few minutes can do away with something the committee is fully empowered to act on."

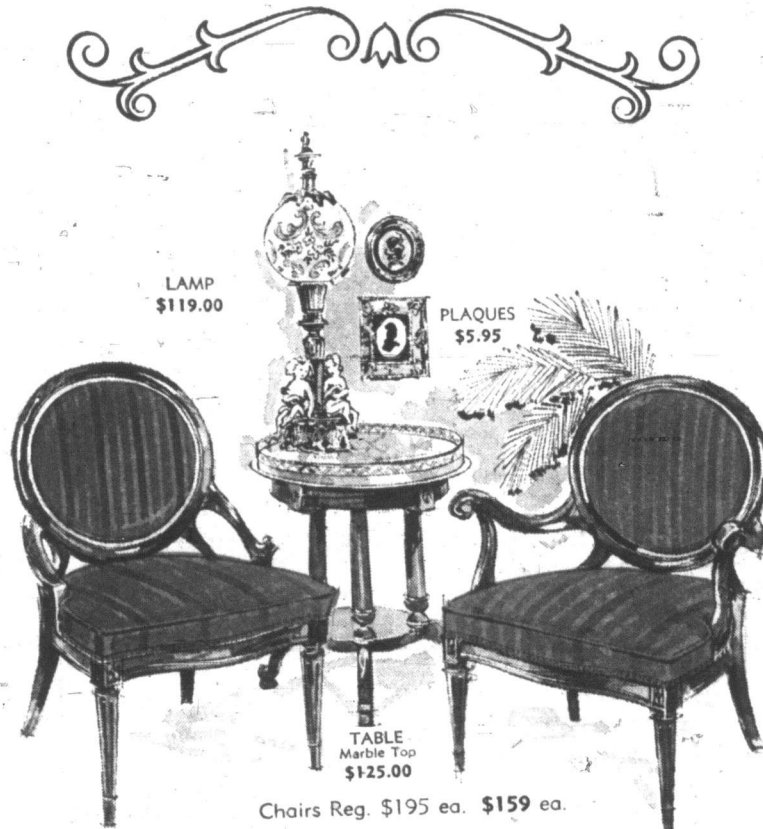
"Why sit here wasting time talking without the facts," interjected Brampton mayor William Brydon.

"How much would it cost to proceed or abandon the present site? How much would it cost for the auxiliary buildings? Let's get the pros and cons of the present site and the pros and cons of an alternate site. The committee can then re-

port back to the council."

Mr. Hunter asked that the committee advise Port Credit when they are considering alternate sites for the home as Port Credit has a site which it wanted to propose for the second home for the aged.

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