

Report an "exercise in status quo"

STREETSVILLE — "Show me, Madam Chairwoman, where my two children will be able to buy a house 10 years from now, and I'll vote for this report."

Mayor J. J. Graham was speaking about the current report from the Regional Government Review committee.

Councillor Hazel McCallion chaired the special meeting of the Streetsville council, with board chairmen as "participating spectators", to consider the report.

"Show me where the chaotic structure of our municipal government — where we are trying to plan a balanced community, on 11,000 acres of land — show me where it is cored for and I'll vote for it."

The suggestion was made several times that the report is an exercise in status quo.

The report in one of many which have suggested various methods of regional government for the area of Peel County.

Mrs. McCallion had motioned at the last regular council meeting July 2 that the meeting be called as soon as possible.

She wanted the group

to vote either approval or disapproval of the report. Further, she wanted any disapproval clearly stated, and positive alternative action suggested.

Councillors and chairmen present felt they had not been given sufficient time to review the report.

Objections were: the report is too general, lacking statistical evidence; it does not clearly state how the regional population would be represented; it does not state how regional government would affect citizens economically.

R. K. Walker, chairman of PUC, suggested regionalism would boost rates for Streetsville residents 22 percent for hydro and 25 percent for water. He drew the figures from a comparison with what Mississauga residents now pay.

Speaking personally, chairman of the planning board Victor Dale reviewed the case the report makes: "it takes the handle of regionalism and duplicates exactly what we have. If anything would justify a second garbage pick-up, I think this does."

Councillor Earl MacLean ventured it was a good document for a starting point, and he re-

ceived some support.

D. J. Stockley, chairman of the Streetsville school board, moved the committee present record its opinion that it favors a form of regional government, but this report in its present form is not an acceptable basis for regional government. The motion carried.

It appeared obvious Streetsville council would not be able to prepare an alternative proposal, complete with statistical evidence, basic figures and clear lines of action before the county council deals with the Regional Government committee's brief July 16.

Several years ago the Plunkett report gave statistical reference for its proposal.

It recommended splitting North Peel and North Halton off from their southern halves, making north Peel-Halton one region and south Peel-Halton another.

This was not acceptable to most municipal councils at that time.

Fred Gardener is chairman of the Regional Government Review committee, which produced the current report. He was planner of the Metro Toronto system, with its boroughs.

His committee was advised to plan a regional government system for Peel county using the two-tier system of county-municipal governments with Metro.

Mayor Graham carried the discussion one step further. He moved the Streetsville council advise county council it is the wish of that municipality to accept a one-tier regional government.

This would do away with municipal government. "I am more than willing to vote myself out of office," Mr. Graham said.

He said, "The present government is archaic. This report is a complete failure to recognize the kind of world we live in."

He continued that the 2-tier system does not work.

"It does not work in Metro. We see the evils of it. Each borough is building a little empire, a little statue to the local politician. What we need is one core."

Mr. Walker questioned how a higher cost of water would bring about the good life.

Mr. Graham responded he thought residents of Streetsville wanted service and equality and would pay more for it.

Councillor William Arch pointed out that regional growth is expected to be great, giving the area of Peel county 6 1/2 million people in 30 years.

Council helicopter takes off in storm

Some Mississauga councillors were still up in the air Monday over the suggestion to use a helicopter to transport the three senior council members to the Mississauga Day picnic, July 20.

Residents of Mississauga have been invited to the New Credit Indian Reserve by Chief Fred King of the Mississauga tribe.

Councillor Caye Killaby voiced her objection to the idea at last week's general committee meeting and Monday, Deputy reeve Roy McMillan said, "I am definitely opposed to that."

Go for a swim?

Streetsville Recreation Committee announces its pool hours for July; instruction classes are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; public swimming 1-7:30 and 7:30-9 p.m.; 9-10:30 p.m. instruction.

Saturdays instruction practice goes from 9:30 to noon and public swimming from 1-9 p.m.

Sundays public swimming is 1-6 p.m.

Because the pool is heated the programme is extended from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The electrical system and the pool lights have been thoroughly checked and approved.

Objections were based mainly on the fact that hiring the helicopter would cost about \$100.

"It was said at the Picnic Day committee meeting that perhaps CFRB or CHUM would fly them over. We did it to get publicity for the town, which it badly needs," said councillor Jack Kehoe.

"If we shouldn't do this then I suggest we don't have plane trips with councillors flying all over the country. If having this helicopter is for the advantage of the town publicity-wise then we should do it," he retorted.

Councillors Grant Clarkson and Ron Searle said they thought the Picnic Day committee had done a commendable job.

"I'm sorry this discussion has marred what could have been and I think will be a great occasion," said Mr. Searle.

Council passed general committee's recommendation that the plans as drawn up by the picnic committee, with slight amendments, be adopted.

During the heated discussion on the helicopter question, Mr. Kehoe asked clerk Gordon Lummiss to strike his name from the scheduled airplane trip to Vancouver in October.

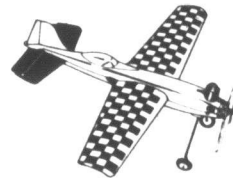
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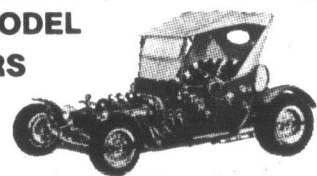
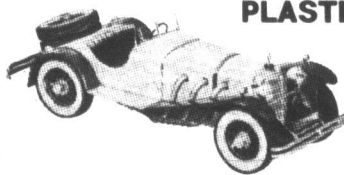
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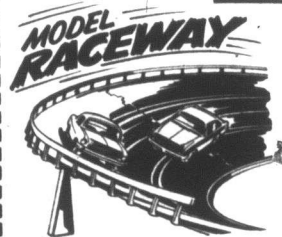
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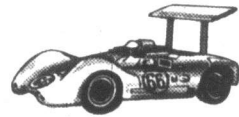


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