

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Ratepayers urge 'priority for neighborhoods'

By JOHN STEWART
The distinguishing characteristics of Mississauga are the strength and identity of its historical communities, according to a brief on the official plan review prepared by the Council of South Mississauga Community Associations (CSMCA).
The group, a federation of ratepayer organizations, believes that in cases of conflict between city and neighborhood issues, "the neighborhood takes priority." Local neighborhoods should also take precedence over the core area, according to the report, which has been presented to the task force panel hearing briefs at a series of public meetings.
"In Mississauga we are for-

unate to have a number of neighborhoods which already exist giving the people a focal point, a sense of belonging, a scale of identification consistent with people's needs," states the brief. "We urge that it be made a conscious policy in the official plan to preserve and enhance these communities."
The CSMCA supports "with reservations" the attempt to make Mississauga a more self-sustaining city. "In our hearts, we have many reservations about 'becoming a city.' Many of us moved here because of the strong local identities of communities such as Port Credit, Lorne Park and Clarkson. The lack of a downtown was of no particular concern. If we had ab-

solute control, we would wish the area to remain about as it is."
But the CSMCA realizes "in its head" that it must face the realities of urbanization, commuting problems and the need for a greater range of housing.
"As Mississauga grows, the present city hall and the shopping center which passes for a downtown become even greater embarrassments. Thus, we accept the premise of attempting to make Mississauga more self-sustaining."
But the ratepayers' group is concerned that too much stress has been placed by the city's consultants on the concept of identity, which it claims stems from the need

for self-importance. The attempt to establish a self-contained community in Mississauga flies in the face of many current trends, the group claims. "Current developments in area-wide transportation, increasing GO Transit service, widening of expressways and planned new ones, new transportation terminals in Toronto — make it easier to commute, reduce the necessity for decentralization of employment, and support greater concentration in downtown Toronto."
Since "there seems to be little beyond rhetoric" from the provincial government to support decentralization away from Toronto, the CSMCA advises council to have "fall-

back positions" in case the goal of self-containment is not reached.
The core area should avoid fruitless competition with Toronto and Mississauga should move slowly towards the goal of self-containment until it is clear that the concept is workable, CSMCA argues.
The new official plan should be implemented at the slowest rate possible because of the difficulty in controlling unknown future factors. Reasons given for this recommendation: the social costs of too rapid change could outweigh the benefits; slower development means fewer mistakes; Mississauga already has serious problems;

and there are no serious financial disadvantages of developing more slowly since the city is meeting its current housing obligations.
The ratepayers' group urges council to pass a new official plan because it fears that the next council may want to "start again" and would have difficulty adopting a plan in its shorter two-year term of office.
After conducting a process of public meetings where questionnaires were distributed and workshops were later held, the CSMCA prepared its brief. It also offers opinions on other issues in the official plan review based on the responses of its members.
It suggests an alternative to the consultants' proposal that a new bridge over the Credit River be built to connect Mineola Rd. and Indian Rd.

The alternative, to connect both the North and South Service roads of the Queen Elizabeth Way across the Credit, received almost unanimous support.
Also proposed are a well-planned bicycle path system, an East Oakville GO station, a new north-south road corridor west of Southdown Rd. and improvements to Lakeshore Rd.
Members favor less housing in the core area and a city hall of excellent design to be built closer to central Cooksville if the costs are not prohibitive. "We believe that a new city hall will serve as a symbol of a

new Mississauga and its location will encourage the redevelopment of an important part of Mississauga," the report states.
A "strict and permanent" agricultural designation should be placed on the city's "hole in the doughnut" on undeveloped lands, with a joint task force being set up "to develop procedures to insure viable and active farming of this land."
"Given the rapid disappearance of good agricultural land in and around Metropolitan Toronto," the brief states, "it appears foolish and short-

sighted to permit development of such lands."
On the environment, the CSMCA recommends specific action to obtain major parks, lakefront land, recreational facilities and historical sites. It calls for strict development controls to preserve the environment and supports the concept of the Mississauga Forest now being considered by the city.
The CSMCA applauds council for undertaking the official plan review and warns that if a new official plan is not passed by the present council "the opportunity to control our destiny could be lost forever."

South Peel Naturalists' club

'Preserve sensitive areas'

South Peel Naturalists' club has proposed that environmentally sensitive areas in Peel be identified and preserved.
An ecological and environmental advisory committee would be set up within the framework of Peel regional government and be

responsible for co-ordinating environmental concerns within the region.
"With the continuing increase in population and urbanization, we are seeing the disappearance for all time of many unique and beautiful natural areas resulting in a continuous decline of the en-

vironmental quality," the club said in a brief in connection with the development of Mississauga's Official Plan.
"The remaining areas which still contain rare and unique species of plants and animals or are representative of the ecological systems for this region should be protected from destruction."
The proposed committee would be composed of professional biologists, planners, environmentalists, members of concerned government agencies and members of the general public.

The committee, along with regional planning staffs, would recommend measures to ensure the protection of environmentally sensitive areas within Peel region.
The brief pointed out the success of the work done by the University of Waterloo on delineation and classification of land areas. In 1974, the system was applied to the regional municipality of Waterloo.
"Because of their success, the regional municipalities of Hamilton and of Halton have recently been approached by the Hamilton

Naturalists' club and the South Peel Naturalists' club to adopt the system."
The South Peel Naturalists' club was founded in 1952 and will soon celebrate its 25th anniversary.
Its aim is to help in the conservation of wildlife, plants, soil and water and to encourage their wise use and intelligent treatment in relation to human progress.

Wife shot to death Jury rules man insane

An estranged husband, who blasted his wife with a sawed-off shotgun in the Debard Tavern parking lot, has been found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity.
In a trial which lasted less than two hours, Charlie Lewis, 45, of Toronto was described by defence lawyer William Mackie as a man whose "intense love" for his wife had driven him into a state of depression which resulted in the killing.
Marie Lewis, 42, was a waitress at the Debard Tavern, a part of the Playland Club complex at 1554 Dundas St. E., and lived on Jaguar Blvd. She arrived for work in a cab at 9:50 a.m., Jan. 2 and got into her car, which was parked in the lot. Lewis pulled up behind her in his car.
In his statement to police, Lewis said, "I kept asking her if she would come back to me. She replied, 'Get out of my life.' I said, 'Turn around, Marie, I have something for you. Then I blasted her.'"
Mrs. Lewis died instantly after being struck in the chest by the shotgun blast. Then

Lewis shot himself in the stomach. He was rushed to Mississauga hospital in serious condition, but later recovered. His belt buckle deflected much of the blast, his lawyer said.
Court was told the couple had had a stormy relationship since they met in 1965 and had been separated for the year prior to the death of Mrs. Lewis. Psychiatrists testified Lewis had progressed into depression and loss of weight after the breakup. "At the time, he saw no way out but to destroy the person who was destroying him and at the same time to destroy himself," a psychiatrist said.
Mr. Justice Edson Haines asked the jury to come to their verdict without retiring to the jury room because the only evidence presented was that Lewis was legally insane.
Lewis was sent to the hospital for the criminally insane in Penetang, Ont. for an indefinite period.

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Mississauga library board is concerned that if the new Clarkson library on Truscott Dr. is behind Sheridan United Church it will not be visible from the street.
That's what general committee was told this week as it discussed a motion to authorize the purchase of a half-acre from the church at a cost of \$75,000.
Ward 2 councillor Mary Helen Spence noted that the board had some concerns about the library location, which is adjacent to the present Clarkson Community Centre, but is not located directly on Truscott.
She and city architect Jim Lethbridge are to meet with library officials to see if some improvement to the site plans can be made to make the library more visible to the public.

Indecent assault charges

A Terra Cotta man has been charged with indecently assaulting two 11-year-old boys who were playing in a wooded area near Gillian St. in Mississauga.
Police said the two boys were playing in a fort they had made when a man approached them, exposed himself and tried to get the boys to touch his genitals. The boys ran off.
Acting on a description provided by the boys, detective D'Arcy Honer and policewoman Linda Lewis arrested Keith Harold Brier, 29, of Terra Cotta. He is charged with two counts of indecent assault on a male and two counts of indecent exposure.
He was released on his own recognizance to appear in court Dec. 2.

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