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## Airport For Barrie Is Being Considered

To provide employment for returning airmen and to put Barrie on the airways map is the intention of citizens of this community who are desirous of getting a large airport near the town.

The Town Council has appointed a committee which is expected to bring in a report on a recommended site in the next few weeks and the Chamber of Commerce is working on the project and will appoint a committee at their next regular directors' meeting next week.

Ross Cowan, a former Flying Officer in the RCAF, has been one of the chief instigators of the move and he has done a tremendous amount of work in connection with preparatory plans. Mr. Cowan asserts that the town has an obligation to her sons and daughters who are serving in the RCAF, and he adds that it is not too much to expect that Barrie could build an airport which would provide employment for hundreds of her returning airmen.

Last week, Mr. Cowan and Geo. G. Johnston, M.P.P. for Centre Simcoe, met with Deputy Minister of Highways, J. D. Millar, to discuss possible airport sites and their relation to the proposed super-highway to be built from Toronto to  
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## PROPOSING AIRPORT FOR BARRIE

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Barrie after the war. Four possible airport sites have been marked on a map and forwarded to the Dominion Department of Transport for their approval.

If the Department of Transport approves of a site, the Town would then be asked to buy the land. One square mile of land would be required for a satisfactory airport and the surrounding area would have to be zoned for an additional mile in order to provide for planes gliding into the runways.

Mr. Cowan said he hoped that the preliminary plans could be completed in time to have the proposal for an airport placed before the taxpayers at the next election, the first Monday in December.

Mayor Donald F. MacLaren told The Examiner that he was interested in an airport for Barrie but added that the cost would have to be considered in relation to the budget of the Town. He pointed out that in any case the plan would have to be advertised three successive weeks before the election and the electors would have the final decision.

Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary-Manager J. R. Dudley said they were deeply interested in the possibility of an airport for Barrie and they would have something further to report following the next board of directors' meeting.