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Community News

Tenth Line Interchange

The regional municipality is proceeding with its plans to construct an interchange linking Tenth Line Road with Highway 17. The engineer in charge, Barry Townsend, hopes that they can begin cutting into the escarpment south of St Joseph Blvd in 1992 for the new Tenth Line to go up the hill behind Grace Church. This would link up with the newly constructed part of Tenth Line south of Charlemagne and Tompkins.

At the same time they will take the removed material and use it to construct the approaches to the bridge on the north side of Highway 17. In 1993 to 1994 he hopes they will build the bridge structure across the highway.

Several groups have filed objections to the planned road system. A group of homeowners on Norview are objecting that the existing Tenth Line Road is to be kept open, contrary to what they had been told when they bought their houses.

Champlain Interchange

Construction of the Champlain interchange to Highway 17 is several years behind schedule. Part of the problem stems from a dispute with a landowner east of there whose land will have to be expropriated; the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario does not begin projects until they have all the land. Gord Perry of the MTO says that part of the reason for the delay is design changes resulting from the nearby Tenth Line interchange.

Mr Perry says that he does not expect work to resume until next summer. At that time they will blast rock along the old highway in order to pass it underneath Champlain Street. The excavated material will be used as fill further east where the highway will be widened to four lanes as far as Trim Road. The present road by Place d'Orléans will become the exit and entrance ramp structure.

The construction you now see by Place d'Orléans is for the Transitway station there. This will include a bus tunnel to extend the Transitway further east.

CBE School Boundaries To Change

The Carleton Board of Education is studying when to open its second elementary school in Fallingbrook. September 1993 is most likely. They must decide what programs and grades to put in the new school, and this will impact on both the present school boundaries and on what programs are offered at existing schools. One proposal is to have all grade 6 students from across Cumberland Township bused into Fallingbrook.

In order to provide information on the proposals to the parents affected, the new CBE trustees, Vivian Mahoney and Fran Stronach, are arranging to hold a public meeting, on Tuesday January 21, at 7:30 pm in the Fallingbrook Community Elementary School community center room. If you are concerned about children being bused, please help make an impression of interest by attending.

Christmas Lights Winners

For the first time in years, Thurlow has not been the best decorated street at Christmas. Our choice for the best lit street is Place de Papillon, off Princess Louise. The short straight streets with lots of evergreen trees have a definite advantage, but almost everyone on this street participated. Our second choice was Brookridge.

Second CBE School

Funding has been approved for a second Carleton Board of Education elementary school in Fallingbrook. It will go on a site south of Watters Road. Although the new board of trustees has not yet decided, Superintendent of Schools Dr Boney Viney is recommending that the school open in September 1993.

An open question is how many "tracks" to have in this school. Most of the demand is for French immersion, but there is more pressure to have children attend the community school nearest them rather than being bused to a specialized schools. Because of restrictions caused by having specific class sizes, it is not always possible to have several tracks in the same school, particularly those tracks with few students per grade level.

These are issues which the newly elected trustees, Vivian Mahoney and Fran Stronach, are well aware of, and they will have to make the decisions.



Tobogganing at Tenth Line Hill

A popular spot for serious tobogganing is the hill on the conservation area just east of the present Tenth Line Road hill. As part of the rebuilding of the road, the Region was intending to remove the ditch along the side of the road. However when it was pointed out that the ditch keeps kids from sliding onto the road, they agreed to provide a ditch or a berm in order to keep the hill safe for tobogganers.

We would like to form a committee of experts on this issue, namely the kids who use the hill, in order to come up with suggestions on how to best improve the hill. We might even be able to put in some more interesting bumps or dips. If you can provide some input on this matter, please contact David Villeneuve at 837-0336.

Treasurer Needed

We are looking for someone to become treasurer of the community association because Barry Bowden, the present treasurer, is leaving Canada for a year. Duties include attending one meeting a month and handling about \$20,000 a year in transactions. Some computer experience is worthwhile, but no accounting knowledge is needed. Please call David Villeneuve at 837-0336 if you can volunteer your time.

David Villeneuve

Neighborhood Watch

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone on Deancourt who did such a great job of organizing Neighbourhood Watch on their street. It is this type of community spirit that make a difference in our community. Why not follow their lead and set up a Watch program on your street? It will make a real difference for you and your neighbours (Guaranteed).

During the holiday season (or any time) if you plan to be away from your home for a few days, have a trusting neighbour keep an eye on your home. Try and make the home looked lived in with light timers, a car in the driveway and the snow shovelled from the lane. It is a favour that is so easy and beneficial to return.

I would like to thank all those people who have come forward in the past year to organize neighbourhood programs for their streets. Their efforts are making for a safer community. If you would like to make your particular street a better place to live, organize your street's Neighbourhood Watch program and it will pay benefits. It is also a great way to meet your neighbours, especially in a new community such as ours. If you would like to become involved, give me a call and I would be glad to come out and explain the program to you or your group.

Dave Berry - 837-6160
Fallingbrook Neighbourhood Watch



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