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Westminster Township To Seek Status As A Town

Westminster Township will seek status as a town. It was unanimously agreed to by Council at a meeting on Monday night.

Reeve David Murray said it was a logical step in its growth and not in response to London's annexation ambitions. He said that the plan was in the works last September before City of London Council made their plans known to annex part of Westminster Township.

Westminster will approach the Ontario Municipal Board with its plan which would elevate the Township to a town of 6,000.

London is making a bid to annex 6,190 hectares (15,300 acres) of land from Westminster, London, West Nissouri and North Dorchester Townships. The largest chunk, 5,550 hectares or 8,772 acres, would come from Westminster Township — Mid-

dlesex County's richest municipality — and comprises its prime industrial sector in the White Oaks Road — Highway 135 area. That land represents 40 per cent of the Township's assessment base.

London Mayor Tom Gosnell was unimpressed by the Township's action. "Westminster can take whatever action they like. There's nothing we can do to stop them making the application. The provincial government will realize that making Westminster a town would not solve London's immediate land problems. This city needs more residential and industrial land."

Board of Control will likely consider filing an objection with the OMB over the Township's application for town status at its June 24 meeting, Mr. Gosnell said.

Happy 75th Birthday Mom!

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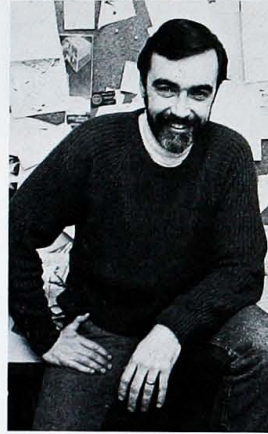
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A big, bold country

There is nothing quite like the inspiring sensation of walking in the presence of those mountains, the rising light of the new day gleaming off the jagged canopy of snow to the west; or drifting along a glacial stream beneath the 100-foot jack pines; or driving north under the mammoth sky into a future that appears to have no horizon. It is big, bold country—and it has known both boom and bust. This week Calgary officially welcomes the world to the xv Olympic Winter Games. For Canadians everywhere who shared Calgary's sense of loss when the last boom rolled out, the new sense of energy and community so strikingly evident in Calgary this winter is welcome.

For this week's cover story, Calgary Bureau Chief John Howse filed several reports that drew on his 25 years as a resident. Said Howse: "Calgary is probably as open a city, socially and commercially, as any in Canada. Beneath the Wild West image of ranchers and oil barons, there flows a strong undercurrent of social concern. While the buck is mighty in Calgary, it is not almighty." Presiding

over this week's cover package was Senior Writer (Sports) Hal Quinn, who will head the *Maclean's* team covering the Olympic fun and games. A veteran of three Olympics, Quinn says that even such a wintry nation as Canada will glean new insights about several demanding, if esoteric, disciplines on skis and sleds. Said Quinn: "That interest may prove to be a major part of the Calgary Games' legacy." The spectacle of cross-country competitors skiing up hills and soaring at great heights certainly should appeal to the enterprising people who live at home with the mountains.



Quinn: a major part of the legacy

Kevin Blayke