



**SWEARING-IN** ceremonies Monday saw Milton's 11-member council take office. Above on the left, reading their oath of office are councillors Brad Clements, Gord Krantz, Jim Kerr and Russ Powadiuk. On the right are Rick Day, Art Melanson, Don Gordon and Ron Harris.



## Formal swearing-in for council

The inaugural meeting of the council that will serve Milton, now expanded to 135 square miles and 17,900 people, was held Monday amid the formality of a swearing-in ceremony and the informality of a gathering of more than 100 citizens at the conclusion.

Judge Alan B. Sprague administered the oath of office and the oath of allegiance to Mayor Anne J. MacArthur, placing the town's new chain of office around her neck. The chain includes replicas of the historic crests of the five municipalities which have been embodied totally or partially in the new bound-

aries of Milton.

Autumn Watson presented red roses to Mrs. MacArthur after her swearing in.

Deputy Clerk Campbell Thompson presided for the opening of the inaugural which also included the swearing in of regional councillors Mrs. Marjorie Powys and Jim Watson and ward councillors Brad Clements, Rick Day, Don Gordon, Ron Harris, Jim Kerr, Gord Krantz, Art Melanson and Russ Powadiuk.

Ministers assist the prayer of invocation was given by Father J. Murphy. Rev. J. Lowry addressed the meeting and gave

the closing prayer.

Rev. Lowry commended to the council the five stage model for problem solving which included definition of the problem, delineating the alternatives, examining the consequences of each alternative, establishing a decision rule and finally deciding. He called on members to keep the lines of communication open, seek out the quieter voices of the community and know what you believe and why.

"Your decisions will reflect the collective integrity of this council," he suggested as he urged members to take the responsibility of making decisions "and the

loneliness."

Presentations were made to Judge Sprague by Councillor Ron Harris, to Father Murphy by Councillor Powys and Rev. Lowry by Councillor Jim Watson.

**Name staff**  
In a series of by-laws the council, officially enacting its first business, appointed Jack McGeachie as clerk, Campbell Thompson as deputy clerk, Donald E. Lougheed as treasurer, Audrey Brush as deputy treasurer, McGilvray and Co. as auditors and adopted a corporate seal.

A borrowing by-law permitting the corporation to borrow up to \$1,500,000 from the bank drew some gasps

from the audience. It was later explained the by-law permits this much borrowing but borrowing is only done as needed and the full amount is rarely used before taxes start to get collected.

Members of the staff present at the meeting introduced by Mr. Thompson included S. W. Savage, Mrs. Dodds, Ray Olan, Bruce McKerr, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. V. Cockram, Mrs. A. Brush, R. W. Small, A. E. Clement, E. R. Pearen, R. Arbie, W. Penson, C. Jackson and Debbie Kelly.

Refreshments were served in the committee room following the ceremony and inaugural meeting.



**A NEW CHAIN OF OFFICE** for a new mayor of a new town. Judge Alan Sprague places the chain of office on Mayor Anne MacArthur at Monday's inaugural session of the new Milton Council. The chain was designed to incorporate crests of Halton, Milton, Nassagaweya, Nelson, Esquesing and Trafalgar.



**RED ROSES** were presented to Mayor Anne MacArthur as soon as she was sworn into office Monday night, by Councillor Jim Watson's daughter Autumn Watson.

## Board of Education inaugural tomorrow

Halton Board of Education will hold its inaugural meeting tomorrow night (Thursday) at 7:30 at its headquarters in Burlington.

Judge Alan B. Sprague, Senior Judge of the County Court will swear in the trustees. Other people expected to speak include the outgoing Board chairman Bill Priest-

ner and Regional Council Chairman Allan Masson.

A reception is scheduled to follow the business portion of the meeting. The public is welcome. Only a few items of business are put before the board at the inaugural meeting and those items are of routine nature.

## Government forcing us to build — Masson

"If we are forced to build our own offices the regional government will be blamed for building an empire. However, it's the provincial government that's stopping us," said Regional Council Chairman Allan Masson.

Explaining the fate of the county building, he said the province occupies 80 per cent of the building now. "It will take us over two years to build accommodation but it

wouldn't take the province nearly so long," Mr. Masson added.

"There is a price war going on between the province and the region. If the province decides to move out we will make room for the Conservation Authority as well as the Dept. of Agriculture," he assured members of the Halton Region Conservation Authority at their meeting Thursday evening.

## Higher taxes, hard work promised at inaugural

Mayor Anne MacArthur promised taxpayers higher taxes and hard work and staff hours of her council and some frustration as she delivered her inaugural address to the first meeting of Milton Council under regional government Monday.

Mrs. MacArthur reminded the 100 present for the formal swearing in of councillors, that "the area, sprawling out like a boot, is the child of the province." She noted the province went contrary to the recommendation of her county council in creating four area municipalities rather than the three.

"The province will have to give special consideration to this child if it is going to survive as an economic unit without bringing the rate-payers to their knees," the mayor stressed.

Treasurer, planner She reviewed that the new council had added a treasurer to the municipal staff and was seeking a planner. Regarding the growth of the town she described it as phenomenal. "How good it is or how bad, I'm not prepared to say". Mrs. MacArthur promised in-depth consideration to the

core area, attention to the streets and sidewalks in the older area of the town, a senior citizens meeting place and consideration of "what I fear may be an awesome budget."

Defending her council's actions in its furnishing of the

mayor's office, she emphasized it was really an office for the whole town. "The council decided to furnish it with traditional furniture which will not break down with age. Actually age will enhance it if we care for it properly", she maintained.

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