



AIRS ABOVE THE GROUND, as this high wire acrobat dances silhouetted against the clouds. Nada Hill of Wisconsin was part of the circus at Erin Founders Day celebrations Sunday.



BARREL RACING was a feature of the All-Western horse show sponsored by EBHO riding club in conjunction with Erin Founders Day on Sunday. Classes were very full and competition was keen.

Report proposes

\$415 lot levy hike from \$1450 to \$1865

A jump of \$415 in lot levies, proposed in a staff report would up the present lot levy on a single family home from a total of \$1,450 to \$1,865, in the Georgetown area, and from \$1,550 to \$1,865 in the Acton area.

Semi-detached, townhouses, duplexes and fourplexes would rise to the highest levy \$1,930, and apartments per unit under three stories would pay \$1,600.

Apartment buildings higher than three storeys would pay \$1,200 and senior citizens apartments \$885.

Included in the total levy is a \$600 regional levy for water and sewers, on all but apartments over three storeys, where the regional levy is \$300 per unit.

At present the lot levy in Georgetown is \$850, plus the \$600 regional levy, and in Acton it is \$950 for all dwellings except apartments, plus the \$600 regional levy.

Single family homes under subdivision agreement in the Esquering area would face the biggest jump of all in levies. At present a \$500 severance fee is charged, if the report is acted upon, the levy would rise to \$1,365. This includes a \$100 regional levy rather than \$600 in the urban areas, since there is no water or sewer service in the rural areas.

The report prepared jointly by all town department heads suggests the removal of a \$5,500 per acre commercial development levy, which is only in force in Georgetown. The report claimed most studies show commercial and industrial properties contribute as much or more in property and business taxes as costs incurred.

It suggests an annual review of the levies, based on Southam Construction Index.

Lot levies are designed to meet the capital costs caused by new growth, but the report

emphasized in cases where a facility was required by the existing and future population such as library, the costs were allocated on the basis of 60 percent to existing population and 40 percent to new population.

The capital costs have been projected over ten years and forecasts a total population of 55,000, with 30,000 in Georgetown, 10,000 in Acton and 15,000 in Esquering.

Only capital costs are reflected in the lot levy report, since operating costs are normally financed from yearly taxes.

Councillor Dick Howitt, at Halton Hills Planning Board, queried the \$100 regional levy for rural homes, since the regional levy is supposed to cover water and sewers, not available in Esquering.

Councillor Ric Morrow said it was to help cover regional road costs.

Morrow said Oakville had upped their regional levy from \$600 to \$800. He said he did not agree with the unilateral action, but he did not think Halton Hills should be collecting a lower levy for the

Region than Oakville. He made a motion to up the town's regional levy to \$800, which would have added another \$200, but withdrew the motion after Treasurer Ray King said all the treasurers in the region were discussing the regional levy and would probably have a report by September 1.

Councillor Roy Booth said he agreed with the lot levy increase on the properties for sale, since the cost would be passed on directly to the purchaser, but disagreed with the increase in levies for rental units. He said "We have zero apartment vacancy rate now, and should not discourage anyone wanting to build apartments."

Two new cruisers

Two new police cruisers have been assigned to this area. They have been here for about three weeks, and one is in the garage for repairs already.

Booth loses lot levy fight

Councillor Roy Booth found no support for his try to reduce the new lot levies on rental units to \$300, at Halton Hills council meeting, Monday night.

He contended that the shortage of rental units in town made it urgent that holders of apartments for rent should be encouraged.

The previous lot levies saw \$300 charged for a bachelor apartment, \$450 for a one bedroom, and \$600 for a two or more bedroom apartment in Georgetown. In Acton there was a flat \$750 levy for all apartment units.

Under the new bylaw passed Monday night, the lot levy is \$1,000 per unit, under three storeys, and \$900 per unit over that. The bylaw now applies to the whole of Halton Hills.

Booth argued that apartments sold as condominium should pay the full rate, but rental units should pay only the \$300. He said if a building is converted later to condominium, the difference in lot levy would be charged at that time.

"Why should a person who is buying be penalized \$700 more," asked Councillor Ern Hyde.

Councillor Ric Morrow suggested it may not be legal to charge the difference in lot levies later, when nothing is

Expects more tax money on government holdings

By 1978, when market value assessment is introduced, the government-owned buildings and institutions in Milton will start "paying their way" Mayor Anne MacArthur told members of Milton Council, Councillors at their last

meeting were reviewing the town's 1975 auditors' report, with representatives of MacGillivray and Co., chartered accountants. The mayor said the government now gives the municipality a grant in lieu of taxes but when the government buildings start being taxed on their true value in 1978, she expects a lot more revenue.

arrears

Only four areas of the audit report sparked questions from councillors. Councillor Don Gordon asked why the town's tax arrears stood at \$48,000 and wondered if the guilty parties were corporations or individuals. Treasurer Don Lougheed assured him that most of that money is still considered collectable and probably only \$10,000 would have to be written off.

There are about 10 taxpayers whose property will be seized for being three years in arrears, he said.

Councillor Jim Kerr noticed the auditors had chided council for not establishing a reserve for built-up sick leave payments. Unused sick leave can accumulate and employees may become entitled to a cash

payment when they leave the municipality's employment. At present, accumulated sick leave amounts to \$86,464 and the town has made no provision for this liability, the auditors pointed out.

Same in '77

The auditors suggested the town set itself a goal and get the sick leave fund fully covered in a period of five to 10 years. "We just haven't had the money," explained the mayor, "and it will be the same next year."

Councillor Rick Day thought it was a credit to the town that the total number of municipal employees has dropped to 72. In 1973, before regional government, the town had 60 employees and there were 13 in Nassagaweya for a total of 73. Milton has also been joined with areas of Esquering, Oakville and Burlington since regionalization.

Only 25 per cent of the assessment is commercial industrial, Councillor Jim Watson pointed out. He said it was 37 per cent of the total in 1969, 1969.

It was noted the town's per capita debt rose from \$27 in 1974 to \$65 in 1975, largely due to the new library and arena.

McAleese victim of six-man attack

Cons. Duncan McAleese of the Simcoe detachment of the O.P.P. was back on duty with cuts and bruises, following a night encounter which left his cruiser a total gutted wreck.

Cons. McAleese was formerly stationed in Milton and Acton. He made a routine check in the village of Boston about

1:15 a.m. Monday morning July 13 of a car which was being driven erratically. The six occupants, residents of the Six Nations Reserve at Brantford, reportedly assaulted Cons. McAleese, took his revolver, hat and billy and drove off in the cruiser.

Phoned Cons. McAleese contacted

the detachment from the nearest phone and in half an hour the cruiser was located, burning on the reserve. It was completely gutted. The occupants had fired rounds of ammunition into the cruiser, breaking the bubble light.

Cons. McAleese was treated for minor cuts and abrasions and was back on duty later the same night.

The six appeared in court and were remanded for bail hearing.

They are charged with theft over \$200, assaulting a police officer and arson. Further charges may also be laid.

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Pastor: Rev. Das Sydney B.Sc., M. Div.
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