



I'M A LITTLE PIECE of Tin... really. That was the name of the song undertaken by Susan Appleyard and Jason Hunter at the Dublin W.I. gathering. Here, Jason gives his final bow.



DUBLIN RHYTHM... a rhythm band was formed by the children seven and under who enjoyed the Dublin W. I. Family Night. Left to right the musicians are Susan Appleyard, Jason Hunter, Leah Kranendonk, Wendy Norton, John McLean, Nancy Norton, Rochelle Appleyard, Kendra Smith and Angie Hunter.

Kerr names Coons to \$100-a-day job

Burlington Regional Councillor David Coons was appointed recently to the Environmental Appeal Board. That job pays \$100 a day plus expenses.

The appointment was made by Environment Minister George Kerr. Mr. Coons is President of the Burlington South Progressive Conservative Association and served as Kerr's campaign manager.

Liberal MPP for Wentworth North, Eric Cunningham was critical of the appointment. He is quoted as saying "You like to look after your friends, but not at the expense of 8 1/2 million people."

"Plum" The Globe and Mail termed the appointment a "political plum."

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed declined to comment on the possibility of patronage. Acknowledging that patronage does exist, Mr. Reed claimed it was an unfortunate product of a government in power for too long.

The Board hears appeals to the Environmental Assessment Board and represents the last step before direct appeal to the Minister.



Greetings

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WATSON'S RESTAURANT

New council holds 'informal' meeting

Milton's 1977-78 Council-elect gathered in the town hall council chambers Monday evening for an informal introduction to the work that lies ahead.

Mayor-elect Donald Gordon convened the 90-minute session. No formal business was done but the new and returning councillors discussed a variety of topics and laid plans for the formal inaugural meeting Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Topics discussed included salary negotiations with town staff, a new seating arrangement for councillors, set-up of special committees for 1977, appointments to various boards and committees, applications for the post of parks and recreation director, council meeting schedules, budget talks, procedural rules, hiring firefighters for the Campbellville fire department substation, reassessment, computer services, and the arena situation.

Three are new All members of the 1977-78 council were in attendance—returning members Gordon, Jim Kerr and Jim Watson who will also sit on the regional council, returnees Brad Clements, Russell Powadiuk, Rick Day and Gordon Krantz, and new members Emmerson McCready, Rose Harrison and Brian Penman.

Town department heads were also present and introduced—works superintendent Bruce McKerr, fire chief A. E. Clement, legislative assistant Jack McGeachie, treasurer Don Loughheed, director of facilities Larry Arbie, building inspector Ray Weido, planning director Bob Zsadanyni and clerk Campbell Thompson.

Members concurred with a new seating arrangement in the council chambers. The mayor and clerk will occupy the raised dias at one end of the room and a lectern will be added for delegations. Councillors will sit in a V-shaped bank of seats, five to a side, facing each other.

Staffers will sit at a desk at the base of the V and the press table was relocated at the south side of the room.

Mayor-elect Gordon suggested the councillors be divided into two groups of five for salary negotiations with the staff—half in 1977 and the remainder in 1978. The 1977 negotiations will be Councillors Penman, Day, McCready, Powadiuk and Watson. Terms of reference will be decided by the committee and must be approved by council before negotiations begin.

"Most of it is settled for 1977 anyway, it's decided by the Anti-Inflation Board," said Councillor Krantz.

"It is very simple, a three per cent increase, meeting adjourned," joked Councillor Watson.

The inaugural is set for Jan. 5 with the public to be invited. Legislative Assistant Jack McGeachie, who is also a Justice of the Peace, asked permission to swear in the council at the inaugural as he

is retiring next summer and it will be his last opportunity to perform the act. Councillors concurred. A reception with coffee and sandwiches will follow the brief inaugural and council plans no regular business for that evening. The first working meeting of the new council will be held the following Monday, Jan. 10.

Special guests Invited guests will include MPP Frank Philbrook, MPP Julian Reed, Halton Regional Chairman Allan Masson and the other three mayors of Halton—Tom Hill from Halton Hills, Harry Barrett of Oakville and Mary Munro of Burlington.

Members agreed to appoint a transit committee for 1977 with all five urban councillors to serve on it. (The rural area does not contribute toward transit costs.) Councillor Krantz suggested most of the groundwork for 1977 is already done as a new contract with Milton Bus Lines has been approved, covering the 12 months from March of 1977 to March of 1978.

Appointments will be made early in the new year to

boards and committees and it was agreed council would advertise which positions are open. Councillor Day said sitting appointees should be asked to re-apply for their jobs if they want to be re-appointed.

Interested There will be two vacancies on the committee of adjustment, one on the library board and one on Halton Land Division Committee. Councillor Powadiuk expressed interest in serving on the library board.

Halton Regional Council also seeks recommendations for appointees to Halton Region Conservation Authority, Grand River Conservation Authority and Milton District Hospital Board. At present Councillors Krantz and Watson sit on HRCA and Councillor Powadiuk is Milton's representative on the GRCA. The two HRCA members said they would serve again.

But Councillor Powadiuk said it was senseless to name a councillor to GRCA as the Milton levy for GRCA work is around \$2,000 and it would

Mountsberg Centre winter wonderland

The quiet winter wonderland of Mountsberg Wildlife Centre will be open to the public again this year, every Saturday and Sunday, from January 8 to March 6, with a program for all tastes.

Horse-drawn sleighs will drive through the woodlands and open fields on trails dotted with feeding stations for winter birds.

Cross country skiing and snow shoeing over the 1300 acre site, and skating on a sheltered pond surrounded by five crackling fires, add to the

outdoor fun. The Conservation Authority has set up a rental concession for cross country skis, so people may try the fast growing sport before buying the equipment.

A new wildlife exhibit area has been set up where a number of wild animals can be viewed.

There is a complete interpretive program available in the interpretive centre every Saturday and Sunday. Slide presentations and films highlight the program that in-

cludes topics for children and adults on conservation, resource management, natural history and winter recreation.

This year, the Interpretive Centre will be presenting an Environmental Puppet Program each weekend in the auditorium. The times and topics for the Puppet presentation will be posted in the Interpretive Centre.

As a special feature this year, the Wildlife Centre will be providing special demon-

strations on environment and winter recreation topics on Sunday afternoons. Topics and times are listed on the information pamphlet that is given to each car upon entering the Conservation Area.

The barn is open each weekend for children to view the many farm animals on display.

cost half that amount for him to attend meetings.

Regional Council also wants suggestions for appointees (from Halton) to the Royal Botanical Gardens and Sheridan College Board of Governors.

In line Councillor Krantz said it was time Milton had an appointee to the Halton Police Commission, and suggested one of Milton's regional councillors should be named.

"I think we are in line for an appointment," he said.

Clerk Thompson reported 80 people applied for the vacant position of parks and recreation director and the staff had culled the list to

about 30 "possibles." He said he expects about 11 will be asked to come for interviews. It was agreed the whole council will handle the interviews.

Meeting dates are set for the first and third Mondays for regular council meetings and second and fourth Mondays for council in committee of the whole. Planning committee meetings will be held once or

twice a month, as needed.

Treasurer Loughheed said a capital budget forecast will be presented by mid-January and he wanted council to start on the current budget right after that.

Treasurer Loughheed urged council to devote one evening in January to discussion of the provincial reassessment situation.

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