Energy policy needed task force leader says

"PetroCan should be owned and managed by the private sector", according to Brampton-Georgetown Con-

servative MP John McDermid. Participating in a debate sponsored by the Mayfield chapter of the Committee for an Independent Canada (CIC) at Reampton's Capter Peel . Secondary School Nov. 30, Mr. McDermid said. "Our government favors a strong private sector energy industry managed by Canadians".

An unidentified member of the audience responded that "INCO is supposed to be a Canadian company but all its decisions are being made on Wall Street, in New York

City". Reacting to criticism of his governments handling of the energy question Mr. McDermid said, "The government will be releasing an energy package in the near future".

"We are dedicated", he added, "to bringing together a package that will benefit all Canadians".

Bruce Wilson, CIC energy critic, told the crowd of 70 that "what is clearly needed is to take charge of our own destiny and whether we like it or not, the only organization with clout to do that is the federal government".

Don McDougall, former chairman of the government task force on PetroCan, said there was a need for a

complete energy policy. "We need to become master of our own home", he told the

audience. In defence of his committee's recent recommendation to issue shares in PetroCan,

Re-openhearing? Milton asks

The town of Milton is asking the Ontario Municipal Board to re-open public hearings through which it approved the use of 246 acres in rural Milton for use as a regional landfill

Mr. McDougall said that

PetroCan is not a dominant

force in the oil industry.

The town claims new evidence has emerged which supports the town's view that expansion of the region's existing Burlington dump north of Highway 403 is more practical.

Studies on the feasibility of expanding the Burlington site weren't complete when the OMB ended its three-month that land owned by National Sewer Pipe Ltd. of Mississauga at the Burlington site can

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provide a good landfill location for Halton. The company has indicated in recent months that it would be willing to open a private waste-disposal operation in conjunction with a shale extraction operation and will consider burying all of Halton's garbage under con-

"The company is large, but

it isn't large relative to the oil

industry", be explained.

Milton council has re-hired Oakville lawyer Fred Leitch, who represented them at the original hearings, to press for new hearings.

Nov. 9 the Ontario Divisional Court rejected appeals by the town and the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group for permis-



POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Adrienne Kovacs, a grade five student at M.Z. Bennett School in Acton, was a runner-up winner in the Halton regional fire prevention poster contest. She was presented with her award in the council chambers last week, by Mayor Pete Pomeroy. (Herald photo) mediately with the engineer-

The town's general committee has accepted a recommendation from town engineer Bob Part of the design costs, he Austin hiring RF Clinsham said, have been covered within Ltd. to prepare designs for the external engineering operstorm sewer installation and ating budget for 1979, with the widening along Guelph Street remainder to be covered by the

from Norval"

capital project budget for 1980. All engineering monies, Mr. Austin added, are subsidized and the town's portion would be recovered upon award of the contract.

"The particular limits of phase one", he said, "have been established by the drainage pattern of the area that can be accommodated in a financially feasible project to be added to the previously committed widening of the Highway 7 entrance to Georgetown

New way sought to get rid of cars inquiry in March, Milton Mayor Don Gordon said this week. Hydrological studies now show

The Halton Regional Police Commission is considering alternative methods for the disposing of police vehicles.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon suggested at last week's meeting that police administrator George McMorris, should look into methods used by Pecl Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police to dispose of their vehicles, to determine if the Halton force "could do better" than their current method of trading in vehicles after 65,000 miles.

The force policy has been to trade in cruisers when they reach mileages of between 50,000 and 65,000 miles. Mr. McMorris suggested the force examine the possibility of having the cruisers restored to almost new condition, which would provide an extra year's service.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the commission, said he is strongly in favor of the proposal, should it prove feasible. He pointed out that it costs the force \$7,000 to buy a new car

and about \$2,000 in maintenance and repair costs, while it is on the road. When the vehicle is traded in, the commission receives only ten per cent on the vehicle, or

about \$900. Mayor Barrett said if the eruisers could be repainted, the engine rebuilt, and the interior refurbished for \$2,500 or less, the cruiser could be put back on the road for another year. He estimated the force could save about \$4,500 per car, and if the commission had 15 or 16 cars restored a year, the force could save up to \$60,000 a year.

The other alternative for getting a good return on police vehicles is a public auction, Mr. McMorris said. Regional purchasing agent Roy Higgins has suggested a regional auction, which would be held to sell all surplus regional equipment, from trucks, cars and bulldozers to surplus office equipment. The commission spoke with Mr. Higgins about this proposal during the confidential portion of its meeting.

sion to appeal the OMB decision. Both groups have other appeals launched with the Ontario cabinet.

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