

HALTON TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ABOUT NEW DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT

CHARGES ACT

The new Development Charges Act came into effect on March 1, 1998. The new Act requires all municipalities to update their development charge by-laws and policies. As a result, the Region of Halton, in consultation with the Development Charges Advisory Committee and the Business Focus Group, prepared the *1998/99 Development Charges Background Study*. Regional Council, during three meetings in June, will consider this study and the proposals within. Members of the public interested in attending and/or making presentations at the meetings are welcome.

When a new development is built, developers must pay a charge for municipal infrastructure to that new development. Halton's current by-law imposes development charges for a wide range of capital projects that include water, wastewater, roads, waste management, hospitals, homes for the aged, police, and general administration. Development charges are a vital source of financing the infrastructure needed for growth so that these costs are not imposed on existing ratepayers.

The new Act reduces the scope of services for which municipalities may impose development charges. Essentially, development charges will now only be recovered from water, wastewater, roads, and police. Consequently, any future growth-related costs related to waste management, hospitals, and general government services must now be recovered from user/tax rates.

Halton's *1998/99 Development Charges Background Study* outlines a number of proposals regarding the imposition of development charges under the new Act. It proposes that the full cost for residential rates per single detached unit be \$6,210.

In addition, for economic and competitive reasons, the study recommends a reduction of 50 percent to the Non-Residential Development Charge rate. This means Commercial/Industrial Development would not pay the full development charge rate of \$4.78 per square foot, but would only pay \$2.39 per square foot, under this proposed policy.

Other recommended development charge policies included in the study are:

- up to a 50 per cent exemption on an expansion to an existing industrial building
- a commercial exemption on the first 10,000 square feet or 25 per cent of total floor area being expanded, whichever is greater, and
- allow Commercial/Industrial development to amortize the Development Charges over a ten year period with interest at prime.

The average annual impact of providing the exemptions and reduction to the Commercial and Industrial Development is estimated at \$40 per household.

To find out more, the *1998/99 Development Charge Background Study* and by-laws can be obtained starting Monday, May 17 at the Region of Halton Clerk's Division, at 1151 Bronte Rd. in Oakville, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All interested persons are also invited to attend the following public meetings and to make representations and/or submit written submissions.

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday, June 1 9:30 a.m.
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 16 1:30 p.m.
Council Meeting Wednesday, June 23 9:30 a.m.

It is intended that Regional Council will consider each of the studies and proposed by-laws separately at each of the public meetings. An agenda for the June 1 meeting will be available on May 28, 1999. Anyone wishing to appear as a delegation at any of the public meetings can call Ms. Pat Crimmins, Deputy Clerk, at (905) 825-6000, ext. 7256.

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The Town of Milton Council Recap by Councillor Cindy Pearson Lunau

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Town Committees are well represented by Nassagaweya residents willing to participate in advising Council on matters of importance. New appointments include Jan Mowbray (joining Walter Tkachenko, Jennifer Mirosolin, Rick Matchett, Mike Grimwood, Lou Mulligan, Del Oxford, Ed Goodall) to the Community Services Advisory Committee and Mike West (joining Brian Bell, Brad Clements, Anne Ptolemy, and Paul Scherer to the Citizen's Committee on Council Renumeration. Dorrie Greig, Linda Leaver, and Elizabeth Norrington (along with Audrey Allison, Mario Bucaro, Sergio Carbone, Tosca Corradetti, Konrad Richter, Clive Thurston, Anthony Vizzini, and Brian Williams) serve on Heritage Milton (LACAC). Invitations to apply for committees are advertised, but those that are interested may also contact Helen Lisi, Town Clerk, and she will let you know as there are vacancies.

MILLENNIUM 2000: Grants are available for community groups planning Millennium projects. For information on the criteria and how to apply, contact Joy Anderson at the Town offices, 875-1681 or E-mail joyand@town.milton.on.ca.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES: Milton has designated four locations as pilot Community Safety Zones: Woodward Avenue from Cabot Trail to Joyce Boulevard, Wilson Drive from MacKenzie Drive to Woodward Avenue, Martin Street from Main Street to Woodward Avenue, and Campbell Avenue from Guelph Line to Wheelihan Way. The Town has also requested the Region to designate the Guelph Line from 15 Sideroad through Brookville as a Zone. In an effort to encourage greater awareness of safety issues, fines are doubled in Zone areas. The four pilot zones will be reviewed at the end of 1999 with the possibility of establishing permanent zones.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: It has been a busy (as usual) month. A grass fire behind Nordex Explosives on Second Line Nassagaweya on April 30th burned over an acre of bush. Victoria weekend, the firefighters conducted an unusual rescue - a Canada Goose impaled a wing on a lightning rod atop a barn on Tremaine Road north of Lower Base Line. They did manage to rescue the bird, but unfortunately in spite of everyone's gallant efforts, it did not survive. A reminder - if you are planning use fire to clean up any debris on your property, you must have a burning permit. Call the Milton Fire Department at (905) 878-9251. They will inspect your proposed site and issue a permit, and you will be asked to call each time you expect to use the site. It helps prevent false alarms by neighbours who notice the smoke, fines of \$300 or more, or (more importantly) a dangerous out-of-control situation.

TAXES: The final rates have not yet been completed, but the good news is that Council adopted an Operating Budget based on a Zero Percent change from last year. Regional and Town staff have worked hard to maintain the tax line at no increase or a marginal decrease. It is expected the tax bylaw will be passed this week.

WEB SITE: Check it out! At www.town.milton.on.ca. It really is outstanding!

Your representatives:

Your questions, comments, concerns are important. Please call us. **Lieven Gevaert (519) 856-4529; Barry Lee (519) 824-0679 or (519) 853-5790; Cindy Lunau (519) 853-3772.** The '853' exchange is not long distance.

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Perhaps you know Mohan Anand from the ethnic radio talk shows he has hosted dealing with social and educational issues. Maybe you know him from his work on social and cultural associations and committees.

Here are some other things that you may not know about Mohan Anand.

Mohan Anand is an educator of long standing. He has taught in elementary, secondary and post secondary institutions in India and Canada.

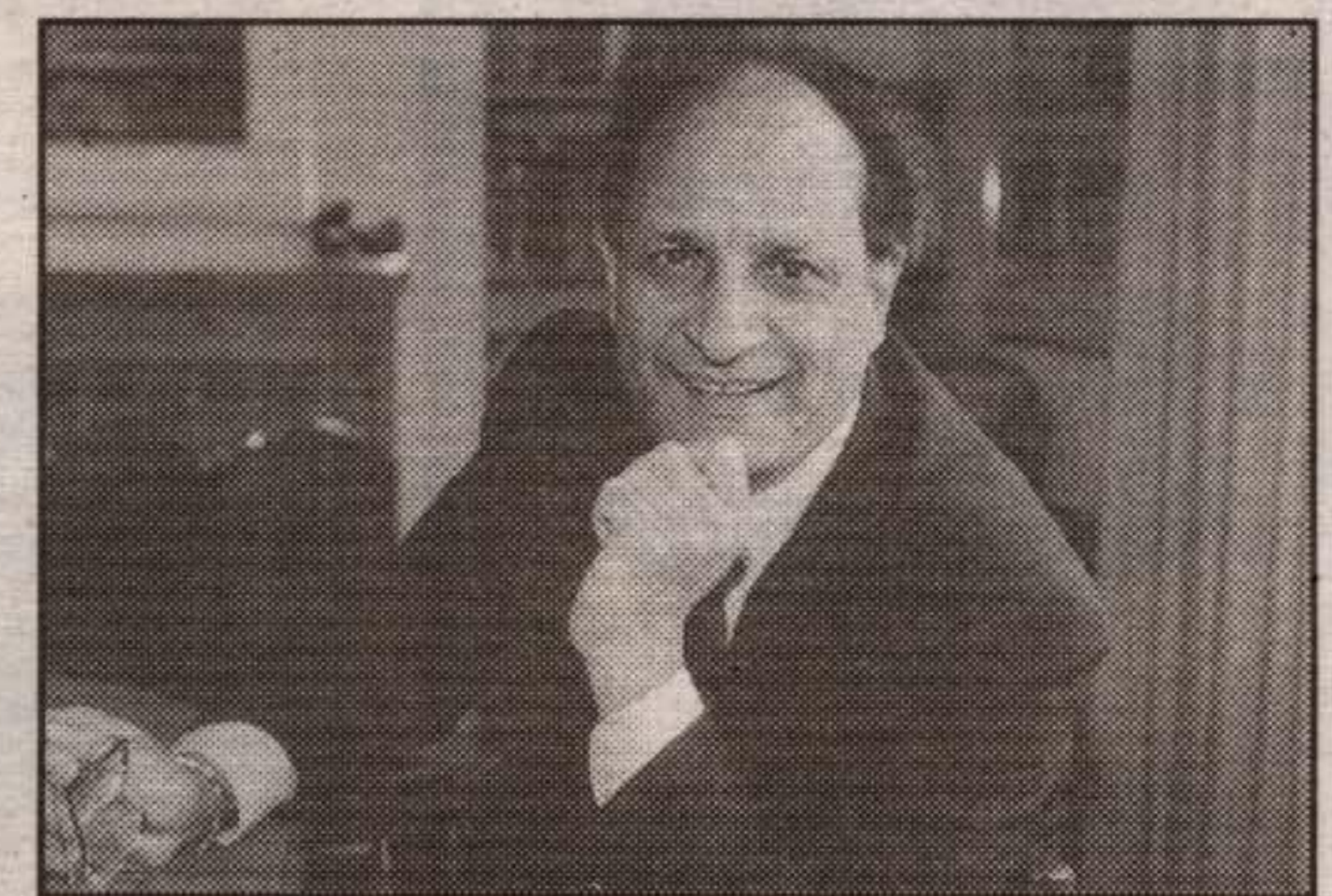
His last position was that of high school principal in the First Nation community of Fort Hope. Previously, Mohan worked at Sir George Williams University in Montreal, Confederation College in Thunder Bay and high schools in Sherbrooke, North York, Peel and Toronto.

Mohan Anand has served his community in the following positions:

- Founder of Halton Men Against Violence Against Women and Children
- Coordinator of the White Ribbon Campaign
- Director of Oakville United Way
- Director of Oakville Library Board

Mohan Anand is no stranger to the political arena:

- Member of the Oakville-Milton Federal Liberal association executive
- Coordinator of the Lynn McLeod Leadership drive in Halton Centre
- Liberal Leadership Convention delegate
- Worked on the campaigns of Bonnie Brown and Barbara Sullivan



Here are some of the things
Mohan Anand believes in:

- Education of our youth is not an expense but an investment.
- Basic Health Care is the fundamental right of all Canadians. The Government must make sure that the very best of the Health Service is provided.
- That we must work to ensure the provision of clean water, fresh air, pure healthy food and an environment that will promote health for our future generations.
- Ontario free from violence and poverty, particularly in relation to women and children.
- Enhancing the involvement of youth and women in the political process.



Approved by CFO Halton Liberal Campaign