

Milton Council Notes

by Cindy Pearson Lunau

SPECIAL DAYS: Milton's Army Cadet Corps holds Tag Days on April 6th and 7th. The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets hold their Tag Days on April 12th and April 14th. Remember that April means Daffodil Days and the campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society.

PRESENTATIONS: Council presented certificates to individuals for outstanding service on Town Boards and Committees. Heritage Milton LACAC: Elizabeth Norrington, Dorrie Murdoch, Audrey Allison, Anthony Vizzini, and Sergio Carbone. Community Services Advisory Committee: Walter

Tkachenko and Michael Grimwood. BIA: Pattie VanderVliet. Thank you!

OPERATING BUDGET: Council approved the 2001 Operating Budget of \$8.9 million and a Library budget of \$1.1 with a net effect of a "zero%" increase. The Region's share of taxes represent a 2.7% increase or about \$30 on a \$180,000 home. The Town expects to hold the line in the Operating Budget by adding \$792,000 in development fees and \$155,000 in assessment growth. Council will monitor these projections on a quarterly basis to ensure that projected revenue

meets anticipated expenses. Town service enhancements include 24-hour fire service coverage Monday to Friday, and additional Works Staff for parks and winter maintenance. Local projects also include \$12,500 for water systems and maintenance at the Lions Hall and Nassagaweya Community Centre. The Region will add \$2 million in ambulance related projects, 15 additional police officers, a long-term care facility in Oakville, \$1.1 million in roadwork, Halton's \$11 million share of GO Transit, and improvements to the Halton Region Museum at Kelso. Growth projections are well on target. Of the 1000 building units forecast for 2001, 450 housing permits had been issued as of March 6th.

ZONING BYLAWS: Council approved Bylaw Amendments for a Professional Medical Centre on Commercial Street. Council also approved a Bylaw Amendment for Lotts & Lots in Campbellville, conditional on meeting water and septic requirements.

MILTON COMMUNITY FUND:

Applications are now being received for the Community Fund \$500,000 portion of Slot Revenue. Funding categories include Organization Effectiveness Grant, Project Grant, Community Event Grant, and Individual Grant. The two 2001 deadlines for applications are April 23rd and October 1st. Applicants are eligible to apply for funding in more than one category, but may only submit one application per year. For more information or applications, contact the Town.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM: Milton will again participate in this Canadian competition. A volunteer committee will help to plan this event. Plan to plant now, and possibly join Councillor Art Melanson as a volunteer. Call Joy Anderson at the Town for more information, including an organizational meeting to be held in early April.

NOISE ATTENUATION POLICY: Council received a report setting standards for noise abatement. These will be incorporated into subdivision agreements. In addition, the Town will contact the Ministry of Transportation regarding residents' concerns with increased noise from Hwy. 401.

CN TERMINAL: Concerns continue over the CN Intermodal

Terminal planned for Tremaine Road and First Line. Although the Railway Act makes this largely a Federal matter, Town and Region Staff are working to identify all of the issues in order to plan for the best possible resolutions with CN.

NCCC MEETING: Next meeting Monday, April 9th, 10 a.m. in the Boardroom of Nassagaweya Community Centre, Brookville. The Newsletter is now available. If you do not receive a copy, call Ken Keates or myself and we will see you receive yours.

HYDRO APPOINTMENT: Council appointed John Challinor as the Council representative on this Board after much consideration and debate.

REPRESENTATIVES: Your questions, comments, and concerns are important. Please call us. Barry Lee (519) 824-0679 or 1-888-317-2292, Ken Keates (519) 856-2432 or 1-888-645-8669, kkeates@sentex.net, or Cindy Lunau cindy@in.on.ca (519) 853-3772 (local call from most phones). Town Hall: (905) 878-7211, or 1-800-418-5494 (Rockwood/Guelph exchanges) www.town.milton.on.ca. The

Region can be reached at 1-866-442-5866 (or 1-866-4HALTON) or (905) 825-6000.

BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Progressive Conservatives claim they are about reducing duplication in government but on March 14th, they created a new level of unnecessary bureaucracy, by announcing that all new teaching graduates will be required to take a qualifying test starting next year. The only specifics provided by the ministry about this testing is that this test will help 'ensure that new teachers have up to date skills.' However, since the government is talking about new qualified teachers, this test is an unnecessary duplication. After all, if newly qualified teachers do not have up to date skills the problem is not with the teachers but rather with the process. This test will not solve any problems, but only cause more grief for all involved.

Alex Cassar

Education Critic, Family Coalition Party of Ontario

Dear Editor,

One major reason for the downfall of the federal PC party is its "middle of the road" approach to economic and government reform. A new poll released this week, showing a sharp decline in the popularity of the Harris government, suggests that the same may be happening in Ontario. Ontario Government expenses have increased an average of 4% per year in the last four years, while economic growth has been much lower... and falling! Health care spending per person in Ontario has increased an average of almost 6% per year in the last three years. Interest charges on the Ontario debt are up to \$9.43 billion: \$1 billion higher than 1995 when the NDP was booted from office. Given the above figures (courtesy of the Canadian Taxpayer's Federation), we can see that in spite of his dictatorial and confrontational approach, in practice the Harris government is not doing better than previous provincial governments.

Sincerely,

Giuseppe Gori

Campbellville Working From Home Club
meets April 11, 7:30 a.m.

at

Ebenezer United Church
Opportunities for Change:
Kick Start Your Business
with Judi Ridolls of the Guelph Business
Enterprise Centre.
New members welcome.
Call Karen (905) 876-4130

Hillcrest United Church
Live and Silent Auction
Saturday April 21, 2001,
Pineview Elementary
School.

- Silent Auction
9 a.m. to 12 noon
- Live Auction begins
at 11 a.m.

*Proceeds to the Hillcrest
Building Fund.*
Everyone welcome!



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TAX NOTICE

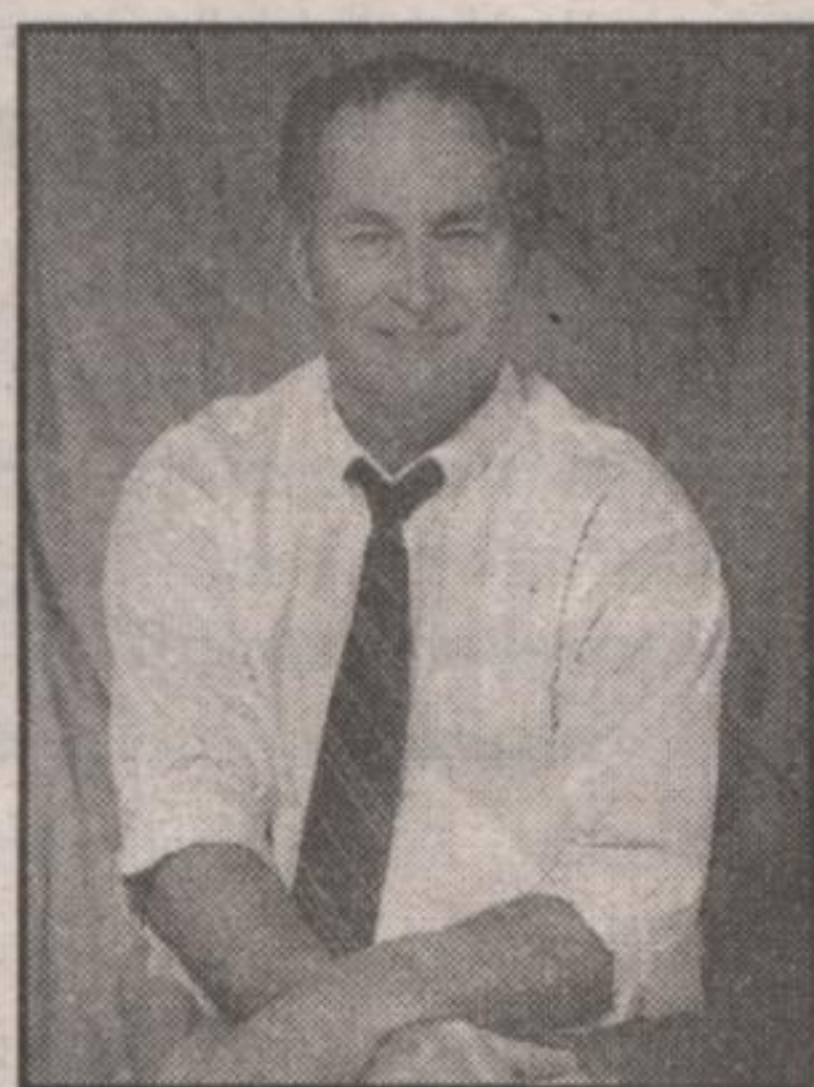
Ratepayers of the Town of Milton are reminded that the second installment of the Interim Tax Bill is due on **April 30, 2001**.

If you require information about taxes, please contact the Corporate Services Tax Department at (905) 878-7252, ext. 2393, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Tax payments must be received in the Corporate Services Office on or before the due date to avoid penalty. Late payment charge of 1¼% will be charged on the first day of default and on the first day of each calendar month in which the default continues. It is the responsibility of the ratepayer to ensure that the taxes are paid by the due date, even in the event that the bill is not received as mailed.

Taxes may be paid:

- a) By mail to the Corporate Services Tax Department, 43 Brown Street, Milton, ON L9T 5H2.
- b) By phone if you bank with Canada Trust, TD Bank, CIBC, Royal Bank or Bank of Montreal. Please call them for details.
- c) By using the mail deposit box to the left of the glass doors at Town Hall.
- d) Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Corporate Services Tax Department, Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton. (Cheque or money orders preferred rather than cash). Direct Debit now accepted.
- e) Please contact our office for details regarding the "New" pre-authorized tax payment program.



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Sat. April 14 to 4 p.m.
Sun. April 15
Crafts • Face painting
Please call for more information

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