

Milton Council Notes ~ February 2005

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LOWNDES QUARRY - Council received the initial circulation of the Lowndes Quarry application from the City of Hamilton. Staff at both the Town and the Region are reviewing the application.

OUTDOOR FURNACES - Staff will present a bylaw to regulate exterior wood/fossil fuel burning devices for review at the February 21st meeting of Administration & Planning Committee of Council. The proposed bylaw is available on the Town website. Contact the Town Clerk for more information or to register as a delegation.

MAILBOX REPLACEMENT - Rural mailboxes damaged by snowplows (not flying snow) will be temporarily replaced and owners reimbursed for up to \$100 towards the cost of a new box & post upon submission of receipts. Please note time & date of damage. More information available through Engineering Services.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION GUIDELINES - This report will be available on the website on February 10th and presented for consideration to the Community Services Committee of Council on February 14th.

TSUNAMI RELIEF - Staff was directed to investigate the feasibility of the Town assisting in Tsunami relief programs.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Council resolved to seek 'significant financial assistance' from Federal and Provincial governments as well as railways for construction of grade separations at Main Street East and Thompson Road. Estimates for grade separations are between \$14-18 Million each.

SLOTS REVENUE - The Town's share of revenue from Mohawk Slots was \$1,447,126 for the 4th quarter, for a total of \$5,580,607 for 2004, down almost \$1 million from 2003. Total revenue to date is \$32,772,672.

FOURTH LINE CLOSURE - Council supported the Region's recommendation to close Fourth Line from Derry to Main Street as of March 1st. Lower speed limits will also be implemented on Fourth Line, as well as a 60 km/hr limit on Derry Road from James Snow Parkway to Ontario Street.

THOMPSON ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHT - To mitigate traffic impact from the closure of Fourth Line, Council approved \$125,000 to install traffic lights at the intersection of Thompson Road and Laurier Avenue. These lights should be ready by early March.

WIND ENERGY STUDY - Council received an initial report of the Wind Energy Feasibility Study. Phase 1 is a preliminary assessment identifying potential sites and options. Since the preferred site in the area of Bell School Line and Steeles Avenue falls within the NEC, the Town will contact the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Province regarding permits and regulations. Phase 2 would include detailed analysis of wind resources, financial analysis, and equipment review. Public meetings would

also be held prior to any recommendations.

PROCLAMATIONS - 2005 is The Year of the Library. February is Heart Month.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Council received Annual Reports from Committees established by Council, including the DBIA (Downtown Business Improvement Association), Heritage Milton, MMYAC (Milton Mayor's Youth Advisory Council), Milton Seniors' Centre Advisory Board, MMAC (Milton Accessibility Advisory Committee), MEDAC (Milton Economic Development Advisory Committee), Milton Committee of Adjustment and Consent, CSAC (Community Services Advisory Committee), and Milton Public Library. All reports are available on Town's Web site.

BELL MOBILITY TOWER - Following a request from Bell Mobility, Staff was directed to begin discussions regarding a tower installation at the Brookville Operations Yard on the Guelph Line. Prior to any recommendations, staff will advertise and hold a Public Open House.

RECORD ECONOMIC YEAR - 2004 was a record year for ICI growth in Milton, with 1.4 million square feet of new industrial and commercial construction (a 350% increase over 2003) and 600 new jobs. Major projects include the Crossroads Power Centre (Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire, Reitmans, Pennington's, Payless Shoes, Superpet, Mark's Work Warehouse, Montana's Staples and others) at James Snow Parkway, Holiday Inn Express Hotel at Regional Rd. 25, Smurfit MBI, Kintetsu World Express, Canadian Business Machines, Impact Logistics, Motz Transportation, Karmax, and Parker Hannifin.

USER FEES - Council passed three Bylaws regarding fees for Clerks/CAO Department, Corporate Services, Engineering, Transit, Town Wide Services, Planning & Building, Fire Department and Community Services. Following stakeholder comments and much discussion, the only change to the circulated Staff Report recommending fees was the cost of appealing an Interim (dog) muzzle order, now set at \$100. Complete schedules of fees are available through the Clerk's office. An assistance program is available where cost is a barrier to participation.

FIRE PERMITS - A Fire Burning Permit fee was one of the new fees approved in the above bylaw. Rural residents are required to pay a one-time \$25 registration fee, with a grace period until the end of April before this fee is enforced.

ZONING BYLAW - Council approved 'housekeeping' or technical amendments to 2004 Zoning Bylaw. These amendments are available through the Clerk's office.


CAPITAL & OPERATING BUDGETS - These Budgets were considered on February 7th (following this column's deadline). More information in future Council Notes.

WEB SITE: Council agendas and minutes are posted on the Town's web site. This site also includes other useful and interesting information about Town events, services, press releases and reports. www.milton.ca.

REPRESENTATIVES: Phone numbers and email address for the Mayor and Councillors are available on the Town's Web Site or by phone. Town Hall: 905-878-7211 or 1-800-418-5494; Region of Halton: 905-825-6000 or 1-866-442-5866.

(These notes are intended to provide a snapshot of Milton Council happenings, rather than opinions. Further information can be obtained - and comments shared - through elected representatives, town staff and the Town website.)

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The slogan should meet certain requirements, it should:

- Refer to the historical/cultural identity of the downtown business improvement area.
- Establish downtown as a distinct shopping, dining and gathering place.

Contest Rules:

- The slogan must describe and be appropriate for the downtown core.
- Six words maximum.
- It should incorporate the key ideas listed above.
- Deadline for entries is: Monday February 28, 2005
- Anyone can enter.

Prize: \$75.00 Downtown Dollars

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Send entries to: Downtown Milton BIA Slogan Contest
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