

Decide to Proceed With Annexation Case

Milton's long-awaited annexation hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board in the Halton County Administration building began Monday.

In the opening day, members of the O.M.B., A. H. Arrell and J. V. Ludgate:

- Ruled in favor of proceeding with the town's application to annex 2,206 acres of land from the town of Oakville and 579 acres from the Township of Esquesing.

- Heard a parade in which 19 of 20 individual land owners spoke in favor of Milton's application for annexation.

- Heard evidence from six Milton witnesses including the town planning consultant Derek Little on whose plan the application is based.

Annexation Boundaries
The town seeks annexation of lands on the west to the Oakville-Burlington Town Line; on the north to Highway 401 in line on the west with the present town boundary projected into Esquesing; on the south to 10 Sideroad; on the east to the Third Line.

Opening argument at the hearing was on whether the hearing would be continued, in the light

of the Plunkett study into the organization of Halton and Peel County.

Oakville solicitor John Depew moved an adjournment of the hearing until 60 days after the filing of the Needs Study being undertaken by T. Plunkett for the Department of Municipal Affairs. Mr. Depew argued there was no urgency in the town's application. He noted, if granted, the town's application would increase the town by four times its present area.

Urges Discontinue
Esquesing solicitor T. Van Sickler concurred with Mr. Depew, and urged discontinuing the hearing until the needs study was presented.

John Greenwood, solicitor for William Johnson, indicated his willingness to proceed, noting Mr. Johnson was in favor of annexation.

Board Chairman Arrell asked those individuals in the area proposed for annexation to indicate their support or opposition for the application. Nick Andrecko, Milton Plaza; William Koski, 10 Sideroad; Father Murphy, representing property on 10 Sideroad; Edward Liptay with property on the Third Line and

Town Line; Joe Wilson, Given Road; R. F. Cross, Given Road; Les Wills, west of Highway 25; Yvonne Christie, Given Road; Mary Furlan, Given Road; Joan Phillips, Given Road; Cynthia Joyce, Ontario St.; Harlette Pewtress, Town Line; Harold Hurren, Town Line; William Woods, Bronte St.; Mrs. Norman Maxwell, Given Road; Mrs. Henry Williams Given Road; S. W. Gazley, Given Road, and Harvey Forrester, Third Line, spoke favoring annexation. Edwin Harrop, Base Line, spoke in opposition.

An Urgent Matter
Arguing for the continuation of the hearing, Milton solicitor D. A. McConachie stressed annexation had been going on locally since 1962, with a hearing in 1963 that had referred the matter back, indicating the area was not large enough. He emphasized the hearing was an urgent matter for the town since industrial land is not available in the town. He maintained the services being developed by the town will be there, no matter what Mr. Plunkett may recommend. Mr. McConachie suggested the tabling of the Plunkett report was at least a year away and legis-

lation that might implement it could take three to five years. "Milton would just die on the vine in that time," he maintained. The town solicitor also emphasized the Needs Study being made by Mr. Plunkett was approved by Halton County Council only after assurances to Milton representatives it would not delay the town's application.

Strong Support
Chairman Arrell commented there seemed to be unusually strong support for the town's application from those in the area affected.

After a brief adjournment, the Board members ruled they would proceed with the hearing. Questioned by the chairman on why the town sought to go to the Third Line rather than half way, Mr. McConachie noted a considerable amount of the land half way to the Third Line was already developed.

H. D. Sewall, land surveyor, was the first witness as the town opened its presentation of evidence. Mr. Sewall outlined the area, referring to its developments and the location of highways, county roads, the rail lines and institutions like the Hospital, Manor, Ontario School for the Deaf and Milton District High School.

Little Difference
Mayor Sydney Childs referred to the Interim Report of the O.M.B. on the town's 1963 applica-

tion. He explained meetings had been held with Oakville on the matter and council had given the subject considerable discussion. He noted there was little difference between this plan and Mr. Little's original plan in terms of useable acres.

Clerk - manager R. B. Reynolds in examination indicated the town had an official plan, a zoning by-law and subdivision control by-law. The zoning by-law was under review. He reviewed the composition of the council, and the other municipal groups, as well as the fire area and the police force.

Plans for the renovation of the town hall were explained with the suggestion this would make the building quite adequate for at least 10 years. He suggested no new administrative staff would be required if the area was annexed.

Build Sewage Plant
Present construction on a \$306,000 addition to the town's sewage treatment plant was noted, and water reports and sewage effluent reports filed.

A policy on subdividers' agreements, established at a special meeting last Thursday, was introduced as well as a policy on the supplying of services to residents in the area to be annexed, indicating they would be charged only for services received. Present costs for sewers in the mill rate are 2 1/4 mills; for street

lights 1 1/4 mills. The clerk indicated it had not yet been decided what services could be extended in the various areas.

The clerk - manager indicated he was receiving industrial inquiries, but no land existed in the town. Star Steel, he reported, had located in Esquesing, in the area under application for annexation.

Water Granted
Esquesing solicitor Van Sickler inquired into the town's approval to grant water to the Star Steel plant if necessary. The clerk indicated the water was to be supplied if the firm could not get water on its own property. Star Steel submitted a request for annexation and the solicitor inquired if this had been required before the approval for the water supply was given.

Board Chairman Arrell noted the board had said the towns should not supply services outside their boundaries. "I suppose they were asked if they wouldn't oppose annexation if the water was approved. There's nothing wrong with that," the chairman observed.

First witness in the afternoon was J. W. Ostler, president of Canadian Meter Co. Ltd., chairman of the Milton District Hospital Board and chairman of the Milton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ostler was examined on the effect of annexation on taxes paid by his company. He sug-

gested the increase would be small when charges for sewer rental and water at two and a half times the normal rate are deducted, as they would be if the industry was located in town. He registered no objection to annexation.

Chamber Resolution
He also entered a resolution by the Chamber of Commerce endorsing the town's annexation application.

John Kirk, representing International Water Supply, outlined the origin of the town's water supply in the Rattlesnak Point area. He noted the water required no treatment. He reviewed the recently added Kelso supply four miles from town. It was described as a "huge deposit."

Kelso Dam was constructed after discovery of the supply, he noted, and had no effect on the volume of water in the underground supply. Mr. Kirk explained a minimum of two million gallons a day was available there, and it could go as high as four million. No treatment was necessary and there had been no problem with the bacteria content. The present well could be expanded by adding new wells within 100 feet of each other to the maximum capacity.

Pipe Lake Water
"What happens after the six million gallon demand is reached?" Oakville solicitor Depew

wondered. "You get a pipeline to the lake," Mr. Kirk replied. At normal consumption, there was sufficient for a city of 50,000, however, he explained.

Planner Derek Little was the day's final witness, reviewing the extensive report he had prepared on the town's application. He reviewed the need for land in Milton. "There is virtually no choice available to new industry," he suggested.

Asked about the population of the area under annexation study, Mr. Little suggested there would be 300.

Estimate 16,000 People
Estimated population by 1986 is 16,000 for the town, Mr. Little said. He said he felt the town should be allowed to grow. "Milton is presently growing outside its boundaries," he noted, suggesting it was logical to have the land added to the town so it might plan its growth properly.

The Hamilton - Toronto metro areas, the rail lines and its geographical location were suggested as influences on the town's growth. With the projected population, it was estimated 1,700 acres of useable land would be required in addition to those areas already developed.

"The land (requested) will be adequate for reasonable and orderly development" the planner suggested.

Referring to the corridor west (Continued on Page B6)

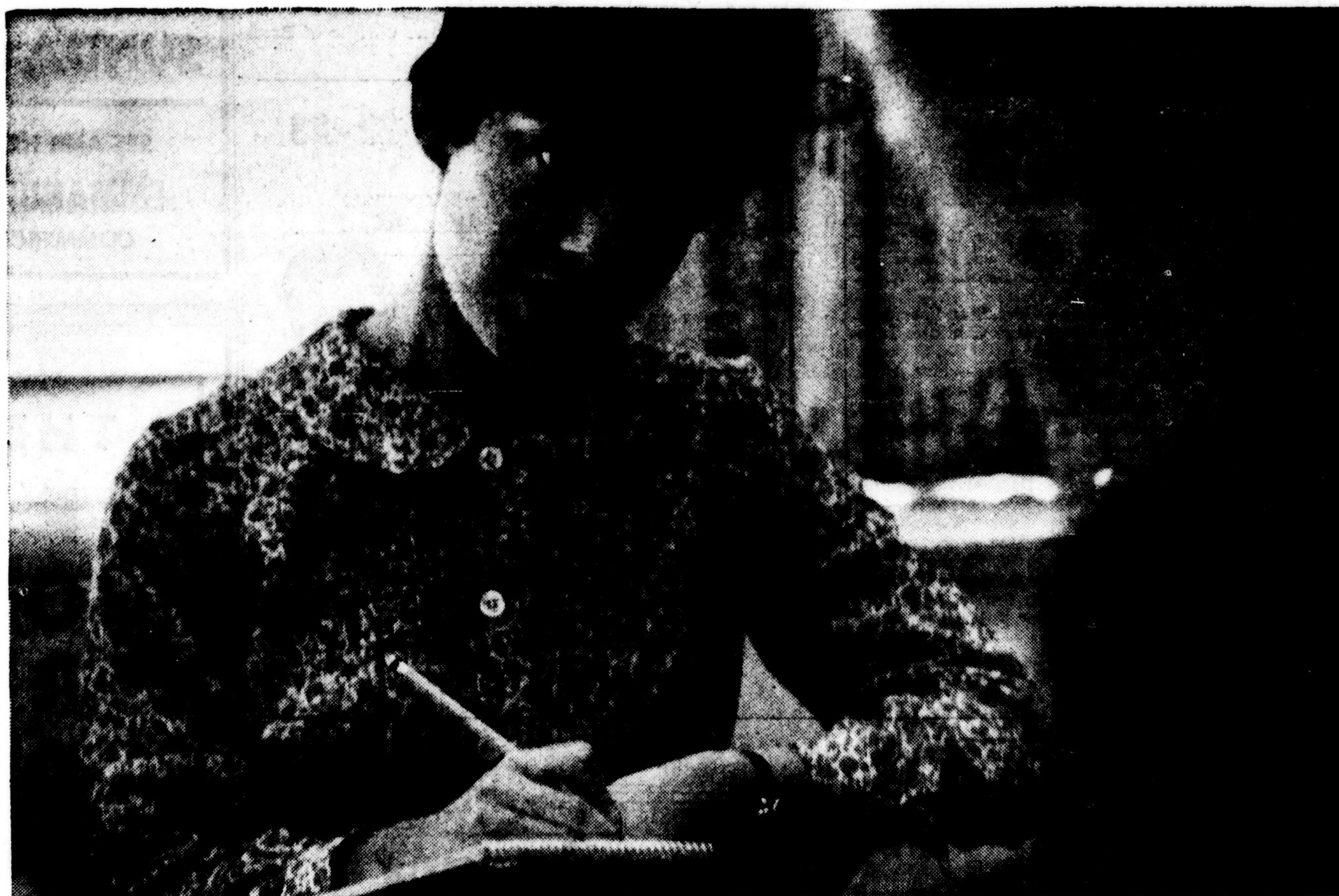


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THE MOUNDS OF GRAVEL shown in the photo indicate there is still a lot of work to be done at Milton arena before youngsters will be able to enjoy their favorite winter sport in Milton. Arena manager Larry Arbic reports the floor should be completed and ice will very probably be in for November 15, nearly a month later than last year. Arena helper Jim Smith is shown hard at work while a bulldozer forges ahead in the background.

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