

Mayor's list: 77 jobs for council

Projects protested, commended

An outline of 77 possible projects and areas for study, presented to Milton Council in committee Monday, raised the protests of several members and the commendation of others.

Mayor Brian Best acknowledged he had prepared the list as a guide to areas of interest for new members and committee discussion.

"Very dictatorial", Councillor Charles Fay termed it. "You're looking at a 30 mill rise in those suggestions", he warned.

Councillor Percy Barr complained the suggestions should have been advanced at the committee stage where chairmen responsible could have discussed them.

"I'm taking it in the light I believe it was presented", Councillor Bill Ferguson noted. He told members he had made arrangements to tour those town facilities he would be particularly concerned with. "I appreciate the help the older members of council are offering".

"I see no reason to take exception to the guide laid out. There are things in there I was not aware of", Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris declared.

"I was attempting, in all good faith, to help the committees," Mayor Best maintained as he proceeded to review the outline prepared for each committee.

Members of council had met earlier in two groups, one concerned with administration under Reeve A. Ledwith and the other with works under Deputy-Reeve R. Harris. The two groups came together at 9 p.m. for a committee meeting of the whole council, to hear reports and formulate actions which will be considered next week.

Arrangements were made for a tour of municipal facilities, under the direction of the works superintendent, on Saturday February 3. A proposal for the tour on a Sunday drew objections from Councillor P. Barr who maintained town business should not have to be dealt with that day.

Councillor Colin Smillie reported his committee would recommend next week, publicizing the by-law covering parked cars that hamper snow clearing operations, particularly on side streets.

The committee would also recommend detailed drawings be prepared on possible changes in Mary St. for submission to the Department of Highways. The drawings will permit the Department to determine grants available on property purchases under consideration.

It was noted the current by-law covering payment of councillors provides a \$10 deduction for each meeting missed. It was proposed that councillors be permitted four absences, two for holidays and two for illness, before deductions are made.

Reeve A. Ledwith asked clarification of absences resulting from attendance at conventions on town business. Members indicated two should be permitted for town-approved conventions. The status of absences for county-approved conventions are not resolved.

Deputy-Reeve Harris reported a recommendation would be made next week naming Councillors Smillie, Fay, Ferguson, Mayor Best and Hydro Manager O. Hadley a committee to study possible formation of a Public Utilities Commission to replace the present Hydro Commission.

Members agreed to utilize the fifth Monday of this month for an information meeting with the Town's engineering consultants. Uncompleted projects, possible implications of annexation and a question and answer exchange will make up the program.

Youth scores again helps M. D. campaign

A total of \$192.85, up \$60 over last year, has been collected by Milton Firefighters for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.

While fire brigade officials are tickled by the donations many Milton and district residents popped into the handy collection canisters they placed in stores and offices around town, they report they were overwhelmed by reports of children donating to the good cause.

"One thing that impressed me when I went around collecting the canisters last week," Fire Chief A. E. Clement reported, "was that almost everywhere I

went they told me children and young teenagers had put some money in the canisters."

At one district store, the owner told the fire chief two young boys came in to look over the candy display, when one boy said out loud he wasn't going to buy any candy after all, he was going to put his five pennies in the muscular dystrophy campaign box. The storekeeper was dumbfounded -- "I think he gave the boys some candy anyway," the chief said.

"I think all the kids who contributed should be commended, they should get a bit of a boost for their actions," Chief Clement summed up.

Township investigating protection for crossings

Discussion about protecting level railway crossings took priority at Nassagaweya Township's first meeting of 1968 on Monday night.

Council received an estimation of \$22,000 to protect a double track crossing with lights, a ringing bell and gate plus \$650 to cover the annual maintenance of a double crossing.

Eighty per cent of the cost is absorbed by the Railway Crossing Fund and 12 1/2 per cent is charged to the municipality.

Council received word from District Engineer J. E. Reynolds informing them of a meeting to examine the crossing at the Second Line. Mr. Reynolds asked that council send representation. Inspection will take place Wednesday, January 17 at 11 a.m.

Council instructed Clerk J.C. McIntyre to apply for protection on the Town Line crossing as well as protection for the controversial crossing on the devastated First Line. The municipality's share of the cost for the Town Line crossing would be shared by Esqueping if they agree to the plan.

Council also wrote to the Board of Transport Commission supporting a recommendation

made by an inquests jury asking all Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railway cars be painted with all reflective paint on the side of the cars.



SMILING IN HER SLEEP, little Nancy Lynne Vander Eyken of R.R. 4, Acton seems pretty pleased with herself. She was the first baby of the new year 1968 to be born in Milton District Hospital, arriving Friday when the new year was five days old. Mrs. Pat Vander Eyken, her mother, holds the baby. (Staff Photo)

Wm. Hunter, Georgetown is 1968 Halton Warden



HALTON'S 1968 WARDEN is William F. Hunter, reeve of Georgetown. He was elected Tuesday afternoon at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council in Milton. Retiring Warden William Coulter, Nassagaweya, is pictured at left helping the new warden into his chain of office, while Judge Alan B. Sprague looks on. (Staff Photo)

William F. Hunter was elected Warden of Halton County Council at the inaugural meeting on Tuesday, succeeding William Coulter.

He was unanimously elected to the position following the nominations of himself and Reeve A. Ledwith of Milton. Reeve Ledwith declined the position but indicated he would probably seek the position in 1969.

Mr. Hunter is a veteran of six years on Halton County Council representing the town of Georgetown. He served as deputy-reeve from 1962 to 1965 and as reeve for 1966 and 1967. He is completing the final year of his two year term this year.

Owner of W.F. Hunter Real Estate and Insurance in Georgetown, Mr. Hunter lives on a 350 acre dairy farm at Terra Cotta. Active in Georgetown, he is a member of the Lion's Club and Chamber of Commerce. Married, he has three children, William John at home, Irene (Mrs. Bill Wheeler) of Glen Williams and Hughes of Sundridge, Ont.

The last warden elected from Georgetown was Doug Sargent in 1960.

Members of the 1968 County Council are Reeve Alan Day and Deputy-Reeve William Gillies of Oakville; Reeve Gordon Gallagher and Deputy-Reeve Evelyn Burke of Burlington; Reeve W. Hunter and Deputy-Reeve A. Speight of Georgetown; Reeve A. Ledwith and Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris of Milton; Reeve G. Currie and Deputy-Reeve A. Hill of Esqueping; Reeve H. Hinton and Deputy-Reeve F.G. Oakes of Acton; Reeve W. Coulter and Dep-

uty-Reeve W. Hoey of Nassagaweya.

Judge Alan B. Sprague addressed members of council, outlining the development of democratic government in 1215 and challenged them to uphold the trust placed in them by the electors. He then administered the oath of office to the members.

In his nomination address Mr. Hunter predicted 1968 would be a very busy, challenging year. He cited the plan for a county school board as one in which the county would be involved. He expressed the hope a county assessment commissioner would be adopted in 1968, the updated local government review would be considered, and the controversial question of Health Clinic amalgamation would be dealt with.

A new site for a manor in the south end of Halton would have to be located, the centennial project at the Museum completed, and the film prepared by the county previewed and distributed. Mr. Hunter also foresaw the need to expand the county road program.

Present for the inaugural meeting were past wardens H. Merry of Oakville, Stan Allen and Douglas Sargent, members of Georgetown council and Mr. Hunter's family.

Rev. Kelvin C. Johnston, St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, gave the prayer of dedication for the newly-elected warden and invocation for the council.

Past Warden William Coulter presented the chair of office to the newly elected Warden.

Flu bug subsides

The flu epidemic which struck Milton so hard just before Christmas seems to be subsiding, although many are still ill with colds or flu.

Ontario School for the Deaf, which had to close down almost a week early before Christmas when the flu bug hit both students and staff, was back to normal Monday. Assistant superintendent Gary Bunch said "it seems to be completely over now" and attendance figures had returned to normal.

Spot checks with local industries this week showed little absenteeism, compared to large gaps in the staff over the holiday season.

Helping stranded motorist

Galt man dies on 401

A young Galt man was killed and a London man seriously injured early Tuesday morning, in an unusual mishap on Highway 401 near Milton.

Dead is 21-year-old Douglas Lawrence Anderson of 86 Cedar St., Galt, an employee of the service centre on Highway 401 near Preston. He was killed as he attempted to assist a stranded motorist, as his own car stalled on the highway.

In Burlington Hospital suffering a punctured lung, undetermined internal injuries, two broken arms and two fractured ribs is Douglas W. Banks, 29, of 429 Pall Mall St., London.

Const. J. Terryberry of Milton O.P.P., who investigated the incident, said Anderson was struck by a truck, which then struck

Anderson's car which rammed into Banks as he stood on the highway.

The accident happened at 1.10 a.m. on Highway 401 four-tenths of a mile west of the Base Line overpass. Banks' car had stalled on the side of the road and he had hitchhiked to the service centre for assistance, returning with Anderson in Anderson's own car.

Const. Terryberry said it appeared Anderson had tried to turn his car around on the highway, and it stalled cross-ways on the road, partly in the passing lane and partly in the driving lane. Mr. Banks and his invalid wife, Helen, aged 24, were sitting in Anderson's car at the time trying to keep warm.

When a vehicle was seen approaching from the east, Anderson and Banks jumped out of the stalled car and tried to flag down the truck, but it struck Anderson where he stood on the highway. Then the truck rammed the car in the rear end, spinning it around and into Banks who was also standing on the highway behind the car.

Mrs. Banks, still sitting in the car at the time of the collision, received a cut lip and was treated for shock. Mr. Banks was treated at Milton Hospital and later transferred to Burlington.

The pickup truck was driven by George Douglas Cuthbert of R.R. 2 Ingersol. He and a passenger William Mitchell were unhurt.

It was North Halton's first fatality of the year.

Nominate Reeve Bill Coulter for 1967 centennial medal

Nassagaweya council honored Reeve William J. Coulter by nominating him as their choice to receive the Centennial Medal for the Township of Nassagaweya at their regular meeting Monday night.

Deputy Reeve Bill Hoey said it was difficult to pick one man out of the whole township because of the difficulty of evaluating any man's donation.

Council felt the Reeve deserved the award for his contribution to municipal affairs. Mr. Hoey pointed out the Reeve was partially responsible for the building of the Township's Hall in Brookville.

In thanking the council for the honor bestowed on him, Mr. Coulter vowed he would work hard and in a manner to make himself worthy of the award.

Snow, Kerr, Minister discuss annexation, regional government

The status of regional government for the Halton area and the situation surrounding Milton's unsuccessful attempts to annex more land were "thoroughly discussed" at a special meeting in Toronto Tuesday.

Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow, Halton West M.P.P. George Kerr, Minister of Municipal Affairs D'Arcy McKeough and his deputy minister W. H. Palmer had a meeting and thrashed out the two inter-related problems. Mr. Snow told The Champion. "We had a full discussion on it."

Mr. McKeough expects to have a written report on suggestions emanating from the meeting, ready in time for next Monday's meeting of Milton Council. If it is not ready by then, Mr. Snow expects to visit Council personally and discuss it with them.

Tuesday's meeting came as a result of a letter Council sent the new Minister late last year, informing him the town was still awaiting a final decision on its 1965 annexation application. The Minister at that time promised to meet with the two M.P.P.s.

\$1,442,730 is total construction for 1967

A total of three houses and seven apartment units were added to Milton's available accommodation during 1967, according to figures on record in the municipal office.

Building permits were issued for structures with a total value of \$1,442,730.

Industrial construction through the year included store renovation by Alphonso Crisci for \$8,000; a Martin St. medical office complex; a cosmetics factory on Ontario St. valued at \$40,000; a lunchroom and addition to Robin Hood Flour Mills at a total cost of \$22,400; and a lunchroom addition to Ontario Steel Products valued at \$10,000.

Milton District High School Board's addition to the school was evaluated at \$1,044,210, and an industrial garage, also erected in December, applied for a \$13,000 permit.

Total value of permit issuance during 1966 was \$965,613, indicating a \$477,117 increase this year.

Heaviest building during 1967 was December, with the steel plant lunchroom, Robin Hood addition, high school addition, and industrial garage bringing the month's permit total to \$1,077,210.

April and November each saw only \$3,400 worth of permits issued.

Okay protection Mansewood crossing

Esqueping Township Council applied for protection last June for the Mansewood C.N.R. railway crossing on Five Sideroad. They received permission from the Board of Transport Commissioners to go ahead in December, one week before the tragic accident that snuffed out the lives of two young Milton people. Esqueping clerk K.C. Lindsay said the railway has 10 months to provide the specified protection.

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