

Explain Hydro's 12 per cent increase

Plans for a 12 per cent increase in local hydro rates this year were fully explained to members of Milton Council and town officials at a dinner meeting held at the fire hall Tuesday evening of last week. Milton Hydro hosted the dinner and three officials of Ontario Hydro's consumer service division were on hand to help tell why the increase is necessary.

Increases will average 11.8 per cent for residential users and 12.1 per cent for commercial customers. Ontario Hydro's Murray McGinnis explained. He warned another rate adjustment—probably upwards—would likely be necessary in another year's time, depending on how quickly the town grows. The present increase in rates does not allow for much expansion of "plant" equipment—transformers, poles, lines or new installations.

Milton Hydro manager O. L. Hadley pointed out Milton Hydro had decreased rates to local customers in 1958 and

1959, while the rates had gone up slightly in 1960. Despite these adjustments most customers' total bills have been climbing gradually, due to increased use of electricity in homes and industries. The rates introduced this year are really going back to the rates of 1958, he said.

There was a 9.8 per cent decrease in 1958, a 3.6 per cent increase in 1960 and a 6.5 per cent decrease in 1968, Mr. Hadley pointed out. Hydro Commissioner Charles Thompson said he had been keeping track of his own hydro bills since 1960 and found his total cost had decreased by \$30 a year in that 10 year period.

Mr. Hadley suggested the new price means about a \$1 a month increase for the average residential user. New rates will appear on all bills issued in March, and will cover the period from Jan. 1.

The local manager explained Ontario Hydro had increased the price of purchasing raw power to local municipalities by 4.5 per cent last year, but the Milton Hydro Commission had absorbed that increase. This year Ontario Hydro upped the cost a further six per cent and Commission finances were already strained so the increase had to be passed on to the consumer.

Graphs showing the Milton Hydro's financial situation indicated the town would show a \$35,000 deficit by the end of 1970 at present rates, but the increased rates will bring a small surplus to carry into 1971—provided there is no major expansion in the next year.

A residence using 1,200 kilowatt hours per month, (if it had a flat rate water heater) would note an 80 cents a month increase to \$13.68 monthly according to comparisons of net monthly bills. The same customer with a metered water heater receives a bonus rate and his bill will increase by \$1.05 to \$12.95 monthly.

Questioned on the increase of a minimum bill by 50 cents to \$2.50 per month, Mr. McGinnis said this was to recover the cost of the installation and regular maintenance costs, as it was too difficult to bill the customer one lump sum for the initial service. Councillor Charles Johnson felt it was unfair. Mr. Hadley noted there were 359 minimum bills in town in 1968 and very few of them are senior citizens or people living on a fixed income.

Asked about a reported surplus fund that has been building up for several years, Mr. Hadley said there was "an enormous surplus" in the capital account but it was built up on purpose to purchase "plant" equipment if and when Milton ever annexed more land. The surplus was depleted in 1969 when annexation took effect and Milton Hydro was forced to purchase nearly \$80,000 worth of existing facilities in the areas of Oakville and Esquesing annexed to Milton.

"This will save the people of Milton a pile of money because they will not have to issue debentures to purchase all this equipment," he noted.

Hydro officials noted they hope to be able to charge all costs of new services to developers of new subdivisions and apartment buildings, not to all the customers in the town. Council's development committee is currently studying this idea. Mayor Brian Best said he hoped developers would allow underground services in new subdivisions, despite the higher cost of going underground. Costs are estimated at \$250 per lot for overhead services and \$550 per lot underground.

Hydro Chairman William Rowney chaired the dinner meeting. Murray McGinnis, George D. Robertson and Ian Bridgell represented Ontario Hydro at the meeting.



MILTON'S ASSESSOR for the past seven years, Jack Charlton was honored by council and town department heads at a social gathering Friday, when Mayor Brian Best presented him with a gold watch and a certificate of appreciation for his faithful service, both as assessor and as a former town councillor. The job of assessing was taken over by the provincial government on Jan. 1 and Mr. Charlton, left, will be working on the Halton-Peel regional assessing staff from the Brampton office.—(Staff Photo)

Reject high tender on Oakville school

Tenders which exceeded the budget by \$40,000 were rejected by Halton County Board of Education and new bids called on an addition to an Oakville school, when the Board met last Thursday.

Trustee F. Armitage pointed out the cost per square foot on the project came in at \$25 rather than the \$18.73 budgeted. He expressed concern too, that only two bidders tendered on the project.

Mr. Armitage reported a meeting with the architect Shore and Moffatt resulted in savings of about \$10,000 but this was not sufficient and the committee

recommended retendering despite warnings from the architect that no improvement in price would be obtained. The architect had agreed however to

endeavor to have six to eight bona fide contractors bid in a retendering.

The committee chairman described the move as a "calculated risk" but said he felt more bids would result in a more competitive bid.

Some design alterations were also to be made in the plans and retendering was authorized by the board.

Roxy

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RUN WILD, RUN FREE (Color)
MARK LESTER

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ANIMAL MOVIE (Cartoon)

Seek water

Ontario Water Resources Commission has awarded a contract to G. Hart and Sons of Fenelon Falls. The job includes clearing out and test drilling in the Glen Williams area of Esquesing and investigating water availability. Halton East MP Jim Snow announced yesterday.

Many famous beauties use salt with olive oil for a stimulating facial. Mixed in a paste, the friction of the salt and lubrication in the oil gives tone to tired or over-tanned skin.

Police Report

Women drivers more careful teenagers in more accidents

Milton Police, in their annual report for 1969, note there have been a total of 3,231 occurrences during the year and charges rising out of these total 342.

The highest number of charges arising out of these occurrences were for liquor offences and these numbered 110.

Out of a total of 250 traffic accidents, 33 people were injured as opposed to 29 for 1968. The total damage in these mishaps was \$69,034 and 128 accidents resulted in damage over \$100 being done to the vehicles involved.

Of 383 drivers involved in these mishaps, 281 were men while only 102 were women, a figure which police say shows women are more careful drivers, but also shows women do not drive as frequently as men.

The highest number of accidents occurred within the age group between 17 and 20, people with driving experience of between 0 and five years. This group accounted for 80 accidents.

Under other categories, police say there were 182 insecure properties, 805 people were warned, 932 summonses and warrants were served and 1,679 people were questioned by police.

Summonses under the Highway Traffic Act numbered 841, an increase of 98 from 1968 while 618 parking violations were recorded this year.

Police say out of the total number of occurrences, 636 were of a serious nature and 28.4 per cent of the people involved in this figure were charged while the remaining people involved were cleared by other means. Out of all the occurrences recorded both in 1968 and 1969, the peak time was between 4 p.m. and midnight.

One interesting figure to note is that under the 636 serious occurrences this year, only nine involved juveniles, a drop of 28 from 1968.

Lack of homework concerns trustee

"The lack of homework concerns me a great deal", Trustee John Ronson told members of the Halton County Board of Education Thursday. He maintained homework provided indications on whether students were learning to be responsible. "If less and less is given, what are the pros and cons of this approach?" he wondered as he called for a report on the subject.

Trustee R. E. Goodin said he thought young people were not reading for enlightenment on their own initiative. He acknowledged they were using the resources for projects but not for enjoyment and suggested

they were losing something. The observations came as trustees considered a weighty document outlining achievements for 1969.

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"O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1970 9:45 a.m.—Sr. Church School. 9:45 a.m.—Young People's Bible Class. 10:50 a.m.—Jr. Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Minister, Rev. Professor J. C. Hay, B.D., Ph.D. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery.

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Lord's Day SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1970 10:30 a.m.—Breaking of Bread. 12:15 p.m.—Sunday School. 7:00 p.m.—Gospel Service. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer and Bible reading. All are welcome to these services.

He that hath the Son hath life. 1st John 5, 12.

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In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1: 1

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