

Mayor's inaugural address

Better fire protection "as soon as possible"

Plans for improved fire protection in Burlington's northern area should continue and "be implemented as soon as possible," Mayor George Harrington suggested in his inaugural address to Burlington's 1970 council on Monday, Jan. 5.

Fire protection was one topic he dealt with in a 13-page inaugural address and Mayor Harrington left no doubts the town will work hard to bring northern residents better fire protection.

"The matter was a controversy during the election. However, when one reads the reports of the Milton Area Fire Committee and the recommendations of the fire chief of Milton and our own fire chief, there is no controversy. Improved protection is required," he said.

Mayor Harrington recommends the finance committee of Burlington Council meet the Milton committee soon to establish new boundaries for the future; that the council continue to participate in the Milton Fire Area for 1970 "for the small amount involved"; and that plans for improved fire protection in the northern area continue and be implemented as soon as possible.

His address was delivered before a brief inaugural in the council chambers during which all members of council swore their oath of office. The oath was administered to the two new councillors, Mrs. Ella Foote representing the northern Ward Three and newly elected Deputy-Reeve David Coons. Judge W. K. Warrender administered the oath and Rev. Harold G. Lowry gave the inaugural prayers. Afterward council and invited guests attended a reception and dinner at the Estaminet Restaurant.

The mayor's address suggested action needed on the following fronts:

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. He told council they should follow the interests of the voters of the community regarding regional government and the Steele Commission report. (Voters overwhelmingly voted to stay with the Halton-Peel region when regional government takes effect, although the Steele Report recommended Burlington join the Hamilton-Wentworth Region).

ORGANIZATION. He said the proposed amalgamation of the Recreation and Works Department should be followed up; and recommended various committees elect a deputy chairman whose duties would be to serve on other boards and commissions.

RECREATION. He recommended council curtail any additional capital

expenditures other than those for which reserves are now available until 1971.

ELECTION PRACTICES. Mayor Harrington said they should again mail out voters' cards, giving time and location of polling booths and supply advance publicity for the project.

WARD BOUNDARIES. He urged a careful study and an early decision be made on the topic before this fall's election.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT. He requested a review of the proposal to create a one-way traffic pattern and said the

original proposal should be updated and improved upon.

PUBLIC WORKS. The program of improvement of municipal services should be carried on, he said.

BUS SERVICE. He said he plans to achieve improved bus service for the community without the use of taxes to subsidize the move.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT. Burlington's two representatives on County Council will deliver verbal reports on its activities to the town council in order to keep council members completely informed.

School dental program

Unveil Murphy the Molar

The Hon. Thomas L. Wells, Minister of Health for Ontario, today unveiled Murphy the Molar, a new dental health education symbol to be tested in two official health agencies in Ontario starting on Jan. 15.

Murphy who is a cartoon-style character will be introduced to Grade One pupils in selected parts of the Borough of Etobicoke and of Halton County. He will provide a focal point for dental health educational programs for more than 7,000 children in the pilot areas.


Murphy will carry the slogan, "I'm No Tooth Goof," to the youngsters who will be asked to practise his five rules of good dental health: brush your teeth regularly, develop good food habits, practise tooth safety, visit your dentist regularly, and have fluoride protection. Children who follow these rules will be given a three-colored button to wear.

The concept of Murphy was developed jointly by the staff of the Health Education Service and the Public Health Dentistry Service of the Ontario Department of Health in co-operation with Dr. S. M. Green, Director of Dental Health for both the Etobicoke Department of Health and the Halton County Health Unit. It is

hoped that Murphy will eventually be adopted by all official agencies in Ontario.

Murphy will be introduced in three areas of Etobicoke; that north of Highway 401; that between Bloor Street and the 401 and that between the Lakeshore and Bloor Street. Approximately 4,000 of a possible 6,000 Grade One pupils in Etobicoke will meet Murphy. The areas in Halton County that will participate are Milton, Georgetown, Acton, Burlington and Oakville. There will be 3,000 of a possible 5,000 pupils in Halton County reached by Murphy.

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E. FOOTE

TWO NEW COUNCILLORS were sworn in as members of Burlington's 1970 council at the Jan. 5 inaugural. Mrs. Ella Foote is the new ward councillor representing voters in Ward Three, the town's most northern area. She and the town's new deputy-reeve David H. Coons are pictured after the inaugural.—(Staff Photo)

EBENEZER

Full program, Santa at Christmas concert

By Mrs. R. McLean
A good crowd enjoyed an unusually entertaining Christmas concert at Ebenezer. Rev. Russel Finley acted as chairman. Mrs. John Kitching at the organ and Sue Ward at the piano played seasonal music while the audience gathered.

Christine Ferrier had the opening greetings. Others who gave recitations were Jessie Mae, Ruth and Sandy Munro, Tracy Beeler, Greg Kitching, Richard

Anderson, Sheena Glegg, Andrea and Michael Hyde.

Wayne Gall, Mark Munro, Doug Joss and Leonard Ferrier gave "One Christmas." Laurie Early, Jay Kitching, Willie Wild and Paula Kitching delighted with solos. Norman Moore played "Winter Wonderland" on the organ.

A pantomime showing children dressed as in other countries was given, with Denise Daigle as reader. The Messengers gave the Christmas pageant, complete with angels, shepherds and wise men, accompanied by the junior choir.

Valerie Wild sang "Christmas" with guitar accompaniment, Sandra and Laurie Early sang a duet and Wayne Thomson gave a recitation. A choral reading, "Peace on Earth" by some of the boys was enjoyed, also verses and a song by Tami Thomson, Eleda Ward, Darlene Hower and Shirley Moore.

A visit from Santa Claus closed the evening.

Good news

In his inaugural address last week, Burlington's mayor George Harrington recommended the town's capital budget be limited to a maximum of \$3,000,000.

On the current budget, he said, "It is hoped despite rising costs that we can continue to contain any tax increase in 1970 on the same base as achieved in 1969, less than one mill."

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