

Assessment review hears 64 appeals

Assessment valuations on six properties were slightly reduced when Halton's Assessment Review Court met in Milton recently to hear 64 appeals against 1970 assessments.

Most of the appeals were requests for minor changes — names spelled wrongly, incorrect addresses or ages or occupations, changes of ownerships or petitions to change school support taxes. One man claimed the

assessment notice he received was not legal and binding because it bore a typewritten signature, not a real signature.

Eight Halton men have been named to the review court, including some former members of the Halton Court of Revision. Assessing is now being handled on a regional basis with a new regional office in Brampton handling Halton and Peel counties.

Chrysler parts depot for Streetsville area

Another large automotive plant is being established in this area. Chrysler Canada Ltd. announced Monday it will build a highly automated \$15,000,000 automotive parts depot at Erin Mills New Town, near Streetsville.

The 805,000 square foot building will be the central parts depot for national operations. Work has already started at the site and occupancy is slated for early in 1972. The plant will stock 175,000 auto parts and will also serve as headquarters for Chrysler's vehicle sales, leasing and training operations, replacing the present Rexdale plant. It will eventually employ 500 people.

Unhappy with Main St. job

Hire new engineers

Milton Council hired itself a new consulting engineer on Monday night. A Weston firm, Duncan Hopper and Associates Ltd., was picked from 11 firms which applied for the position after some councillors expressed their displeasure with the present engineers, R. V. Anderson and Associates.

The Duncan Hopper firm was engaged, on a majority vote at Monday's meeting, to meet with Department of Highways officials immediately to chart reconstruction of Highway 25 and Base Line Rd., from Highway 401 to the Ontario St. intersection, to a width of four lanes. A second motion engaged the same firm to launch an immediate study on either extending the present sewage treatment plant or

building a new plant for the town's future development.

It took a narrow 5-4 recorded vote to put the sewage plant motion through council. While most councillors were in favor of using the Duncan Hopper firm on the road reconstruction project to test their capabilities as engineers, four councillors insisted the Anderson firm be retained for the million dollar sewage plant expansion program. The Anderson backers cited the firm's 12 years of work with the town on sewage and water projects and warned hiring a new firm would up the total costs of the project, but five of the nine councillors demanded a new engineer be named.

Dissatisfaction with the Anderson company stems from the recent Main St. reconstruction project which suffered several costly setbacks and erupted into a series of controversies during the summer months. While one group of councillors blames the engineering firm for most of the problems, others felt the surveyors, the contractor and others were partly to blame.

Even before the Main St. program was completed some councillors were talking about hiring new engineers for the town's consulting work. At one point council investigated possibilities of hiring its own resident town engineer but backed off when the costs were outlined.

The smouldering 5-4 split on

council came to a head Monday when, after representatives of the 11 new engineering firms had been interviewed and their qualifications and past work were listed on a master list, Mayor Brian Best urged council to make a decision so some outstanding projects could get started.

During the discussion Councillor Charles Johnson labelled Councillor Gordon Krantz as "well brainwashed" for defending the Anderson firm. Accused of being prejudiced against the present engineers, Councillor Johnson suggested he had "a right to be prejudiced" following a series of squabbles with the engineers and contractors doing the Main St. work when they attempted to encroach on a downtown garage property Councillor Johnson owns.

He led the opposition against

the Anderson firm and claimed they had talked the town into building a large trunk sewer which "hasn't had three inches of water in it yet." And when they estimated the costs on the Main

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Inside today

There's plenty going on in the world of Milton and district youth these days. Catch up on their activities in today's Youth Pages, B2 and B3.

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Survey patients, doctors

Nurses, staffers at hospital want to wear pants (suits)

Would you be in favor of the nurses and female staff members at Milton District Hospital wearing pant suits instead of the traditional standard uniforms?

A large number of the nurses and lady staffers want to wear the pant suit outfits and they presented a request for permission to Hospital Administrator Ronald Woods last week. Pant suits are permitted in many hospitals across the country and several hospitals in nearby cities have given the staff staffers the okay to don these outfits if they want to — they're not mandatory, just optional.

Taking survey

Mr. Woods said he told the ladies he personally did not object but he's waiting to get the patients' and medical staff's reaction before giving a final okay to the new mode of dress. A survey of patients and doctors is being carried out this week.

One of the staffers behind the switch, chief X-ray technician Mrs. Kathryn Downie obtained one of the new outfits on approval from a Hamilton uniform company and modelled it around the hospital one day last week. It consists of a long tunic jacket which goes below the hips about as far as a mini-skirt, beneath which is worn the neat pant-type slacks. "If they didn't wear the slacks, it would just look like a mini-dress," smiled the administrator.

Nurses would wear white and lady staffers in other jobs would be allowed to wear a colored pant suit. Proponents of the switch emphasize they would not be mandatory uniforms — those who want to would wear them, but if the ladies prefer the regular nursing uniforms or the street dress or smocks worn in non-nursing jobs at the hospital, they would be free to retain them.

A request signed by about two dozen staffers was presented to Mr. Woods. A notice was posted on the bulletin board in the dining room and soon drew signatures of more staffers who support the switch.

Advocates of the pant suit uniforms claim there is no attempt to get a women's liberation movement going at the hospital. "They're a lot more comfortable," said Mrs. Downie. Another staffer claimed the pant suits would help cut down on the spread of bacteria because they cover more of the nurse's body. Which caused administrator Woods to opine that he would probably get some complaints from the male patients who enjoy looking at the nurses' legs.

First snowfall

Rockwood woman killed

Saturday's first snowfall of the winter was a contributing factor in the death of a 50-year-old R.R. 4 Rockwood woman early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Valerie Willard, a mother of seven, died when a car in which she was a passenger skidded out of control on an icy patch on Highway 25 three miles north of Milton, struck a tree and rolled over on top of her. Her husband and one daughter in the same car were slightly injured and two other children escaped unhurt.

Const. Ian McNally of Milton OPP, who investigated the accident, said the road had been sanded a few minutes earlier but an icy patch was visible where the car left the road, entered the ditch, struck a tree and rolled onto its right side.



PANTSUITS OR UNIFORMS? Milton District Hospital administrator Ronald Woods sees the best of both worlds as chief X-ray technician Kathryn Downie and pediatrics nurse Margaret Johnson present a request for permission to wear the new uniforms during duties at the hospital. Mrs. Downie modelled a pantsuit outfit to fellow staffers last

week and it quickly won the acceptance of a large number of nurses and lady staffers. Administrator Woods says he would be in favor of allowing pantsuits, as many area hospitals have done, but wants to obtain reactions from patients and the medical staff before he gives any final okay. — (Staff Photo)

Separate school seat

Tonelli seeks re-election

Angelo Tonelli will seek re-election to Milton's seat on the Halton County Separate School Board. Tonelli has served two years on the county board and has past experience on Milton Separate School Board.

Mr. Tonelli said there was more liaison and a greater scale between the two boards on a county basis and he said the aim of equal opportunity becomes more of a reality under one main office.

He lists a learning resource

centre, a gym and three new classrooms at Holy Rosary School as local accomplishments to the board's credit. He said he will stand in order to provide a base for continuity.

Noble runs too
John Noble of Woodward St., Milton's incumbent trustee on the Halton County Board of Education, will also be seeking re-election at the local nomination meeting next Monday.

The meeting is to be held at the Martin St. School on Monday between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. Milton does not have a municipal election this year (members of council and hydro commission are halfway through their two year terms) so only the two seats on the county school boards are to be filled that night. To date only the two men have announced their intentions of running. If more are nominated and an election is necessary, polling will be held at the Legion Hall between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7. Winners would be elected for a two year term.

Drew-Brook campaigns for deputy reeve seat

After five years as a councillor for Ward One on Oakville Council, Geoff Drew-Brook has decided to join the race for bigger things and run for deputy reeve. He is challenging Harry Barrett. Bill Gillies, who held the position for the past two years, is also seeking higher office.

Drew-Brook announced he would not seek another term as councillor some time ago but waited for Bill Cudmore to drop out of the race for the deputy reeve's seat before declaring himself. He said many people asked him to reconsider giving politics up when they heard he was quitting.

In his five years in office Drew-Brook has sat on a number of

Criticizes fire safety precautions at arena

Milton Arena came into discussions at the Milton Council table three times during the Monday night meeting this week — once when the town fire chief criticized the fire safety precautions at the building, again when council was asked to have the building inspected for structural adequacy, and once when complaints were forwarded to council about the arena operating on Sunday mornings.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement in a letter to the arena board, a copy of which was sent to council, reported on a check of fire safety regulations during a recent Friday night hockey game. The conditions he found did not conform with requirements and these conditions must be corrected he warned.

Fire exits located All fire exit doors on the south and north sides of the building plus one on Brown St. were locked and none of the three people at the ticket office knew where the keys could be located; three exit lights were not lit; a corridor near the players' rooms was obstructed by a bolted wood-slat gate at each end; "no smoking" signs had been removed; and there were 588 paying patrons watching the hockey game, he reported.

Chief Clement said he planned to visit the building and conduct a thorough inspection this week.

Councillor Charles Johnson, who is a member of the arena board of management, said the board would study the chief's recommendations. Mayor Brian Best said he discussed the locked exit doors with officials of the junior hockey club and they were concerned about losing gate receipts if the doors were left unlocked during a game. Councillor William Woods said he

could understand their concern, but "somebody should be there with the keys" in case a fire ever broke out.

Ask reply
Council noted and filed the letter but asked the arena board to advise council of their actions after the chief's report has been studied.

A letter from the Ontario Department of Labor to the clerks of all municipalities in Ontario warned about rising concern over structural safety of municipal arenas, and suggested it should be checked and tested by a qualified professional engineer. The letter noted the Listowel arena collapse of several years ago and the more recent arena collapse at Azilda.

The letter was also referred to the arena board but councillors wondered if the curling rink and other public halls should be checked for their structural safety at the same time.

Third mention of the arena came in a committee report which noted Chief of Police Ray Andress had complaints about the arena operating on Sunday mornings. Council decided to study the present Sunday sports by-law to see if such operation was a contravention.



MILTON FIREFIGHTERS were called to Guelph Junction last week to put out a blaze when oil leaking from a diesel train caught fire near the CPR track not far from Campbellville. The fire depart-

ment had no estimate of damages but the train car would either have to be towed away or repaired before travelling again. — (Staff Photo)