

# Industrial trunk sewer approved by councillors

A sub trunk sewer line on Base Line Rd. from the existing main trunk sewer east to the Third Line Esquing was approved by Milton Council at their meeting Monday. The line will range from 21 to 30 inches in diameter, and is being laid to serve the industrial lands north of Base Line Rd. that were annexed to town last year.

Council was split over the size of the line, however, and an earlier motion calling for a line 27 to 30 inches in diameter was withdrawn when it met with a 4-4 tie vote. While they preferred a larger line that would eventually serve lands north of Highway 401, four councillors voted in favor of the smaller line to ensure that some progress would be made in the immediate future on serving the new lands.

## Extra cost cited

Debentured over 20 years, the larger line would have cost about \$101,000 more. Those who favored the larger line argued it was a wise investment because it would save laying a second line at a later date if and when southern Esquing lands form part of the municipality under regional government. Opponents to the

larger line claimed it was unfair to saddle the present taxpayers with the additional cost to service lands 10 or 20 years in the future. One objector was Councillor Charles Johnson who said it was "not good planning." Councillor Charles Fay backed him up, noting the line may not be needed for years and the ratepayers already annexed to the town need the town services first.

# Mayor, Whiting protest CPR bid to cut train passenger service here

Strong objections to Canadian Pacific Railway's request to discontinue passenger services on its Toronto to Windsor line were lodged before the Railway Transport Committee hearing in Toronto Thursday by Milton Mayor Brian Best and Halton MP Rud Whiting.

Council had delegated the mayor and clerk J. McGeachie to represent the town and present a brief at the hearing, and MP Whiting offered to fly down from Ottawa and support the town's request.

## Wrong time

Mayor Best charged CPR was showing a big loss on the operation of this line because it has withdrawn most of its services and what train service is left comes at inopportune times. Right now trains passing through Milton are "flag stops" at 10:36 a.m. eastbound and 6:06 p.m. westbound.

He complained the railway had five trains in each direction daily in 1958 when the town's population was just 2,500 persons, yet today it is three times that size and only two flag stops are provided. CPR has also closed the local station and rented it to an industry and the only waiting area provided for passengers is an open wooden shelter.

There is no other means of transportation in and out of Milton except bus service, the

mayor explained. Yet the town is growing and besides Ontario School for the Deaf and Halton Manor, has a full range of county services plus a new provincial jail which will mean more transportation problems.

The railway "has apparently made up its mind to get out of the passenger business," he told the hearing. He called on CPR to reschedule its services at more convenient times on a two year trial basis before any decision is made.

MP Whiting told the Commission that CPR studies showing how few passengers use the line were all taken in mid-August when most people are on holidays. He noted CP Air launched a big publicity campaign on its air service yet fails to advertise its passenger train business—instead they "downgrade services to a point where they are losing money, then come hand in hand to the CTC begging to quit the service."

Owes Canada service He said CPR owes it to Canada to continue its service as the people gave the company \$25 million to build the railroad and 25 million acres of land to build it on. "They have a moral and legal obligation to perform that service today," he added.

Discontinuance of passenger service would affect the growth of Milton and dozens of other communities along the line, he said.

## 1,267 lots in subdivision

# Plans closer to approval

Developers' newest plans for 1,267 single family homes in the 385-acre subdivision in Milton's north-east quadrant received almost draft approval when the plans and maps were scrutinized by members of Milton Council on Monday. Torprop Ltd., Halton Land Group and Wimpey Canada Ltd. have been haggling with the town for the past year over their subdivision plans but a review of

their most recent proposals shows only minor problems remaining to be cleared up.

Councillors appeared pleased this week to see the lots have been arranged to conform to the town's demand for a 55 foot average lot frontage, with no more than one-third of the lots to be 550 feet. Each developer has drawn in as many 50 to 55 foot lots

as he is allowed and council's only complaint concerned the Torprop and Wimpey proposals where there appeared to be too many lots of a similar size frontage grouped along streets.

## Five in a row

A Wimpey representative Keith Hansen agreed his firm could follow any guidelines the council suggested and seemed agreeable to the idea that not more than five lots of a similar frontage be allowed in a row on any street. Wimpey is the major developer of the three with 611 lots, while Halton Land Group has 342 and Torprop 314.

School sites, parkways, 12 foot pedestrian walkways and curving collector roads in the plans all appeared to meet with council's approval. There are no reverse frontage lots on internal roads although a few with reverse frontages will back onto Third Line and Base Line Rd.

There are no semi-detached homes in the present plans. Earlier two of the developers had planned to include a total of 140 semi-detached homes.

## Arena site

An arena site, one of the earlier stumbling blocks, was a controversial item in past discussions. But councillors appeared in agreement Monday that the arena could be located at the corner of an industrial area on the north-west corner of Main St. E. and the Third Line. Mr. Hansen said the Wimpey firm, owners of the industrial strip along the north side of Main St. "would be prepared to discuss it."

The proposals will go before a meeting of Milton Planning Board next week and representatives of the developers were asked to attend that meeting to answer any queries. The Parks Board and Arena Board will also be asked for their comments.

## Seven new councillors

# New faces in county

Halton County Council in 1971 will have seven new members, with only five former members returning after municipal elections in all but Milton on Monday.

Oakville will have two new representatives while Georgetown and Burlington have sent new reeves. New deputy reeves will come from Nassagaweya, Acton and Esquing.

County council representatives are the reeve and deputy reeve from each municipality in the county.

## Veterans back

Veterans returning to the county council table will be Nassagaweya reeve Anne

MacArthur, Georgetown deputy reeve Arthur Speight, Burlington deputy reeve David Coons, Acton reeve F. G. Oakes, Esquing reeve Tom Hill (formerly there as a deputy reeve) and the unchanged representatives from Milton reeve R. Harris and deputy reeve Percy Barr.

Four former wardens will not be at county council. Reeve George Currie, twice a warden, retired this year; Gordon Gallagher and William Hunter were defeated at the polls and Allan Day was defeated in his bid for the mayoralty in Oakville. The council will operate this year for the first time in a number of years without a sitting past warden.

# New deputy-reeve elected for Acton

Les Duby was returned as Acton mayor, after holding the office for eight years, when he polled 768 votes Monday. Challenger Bob Drinkwater, a former councillor polled 452.

Reeve Dr. Frank Oakes was acclaimed, but a new deputy-reeve will go to county council, former councillor G. W. McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie, a public school principal, received 710 votes; incumbent Ted Tyler Jr. 495.

## Five returned

Councillors returned are Peter Marks 726, Bill Coats 724, Earl Masales 672, Orval Chapman 636, Jack Greer 630, with newcomer

Norman Elliott 616. Losers in the council race were Dave Muckle 540, Mrs. Elizabeth Eastwood 437, Bill Williams 429 and John Shadbolt 356.

In Acton and Nassagaweya Tom Watson was returned as school board member with a grand total of 1294 votes to former warden H. H. Hinton's 765.

Acton's hydro commission was all returned, Wilf McEachern 927, Orville Brown 874, Bob MacArthur 791, Ted Tyler Sr. 709. Loser was Doug Manning 612.

Over 47 per cent of the voters cast ballots, considered "light".

# Burlington seats . . .

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recalled this same time last year when he was fighting for the position. "Elections are excellent experiences," he noted. Mr. Coons' fiancée Miss Gail Decaine said she was "pleased and proud with David's re-election. He worked hard and reaped the benefits," she said.

Wessell Gall noted the reserved campaign which Mr. Gallagher had conducted, the high powered one Mr. Swanborough had conducted and "the poor one" he had presented. "The best man is supposed to win but I don't know," he added.

Defeated Reeve Gordon Gallagher said he didn't believe in conceding an election. "It's just against my principles. I led a modest campaign which cost me less than \$2,000. I understand my opponent is wasting no time and already is handing out literature."

Mr. Swanborough thanked all voters for their support and added he had "the greatest respect for Mr. Gallagher who got him started in the business. I suppose it's the case where the student defeats the teacher," said Mr. Swanborough.

"I'll never sell Burlington short," he added, "it will always be my town."

## Late results

Results were still pouring in to Burlington Town Hall after midnight Monday, and unofficial results showed R. J. Kearney out front for Ward 1 councillor, Lloyd Dennis in Ward 2, Roland Bird in Ward 4 and Albert Dunn in Ward 5.

Stephen Toth was leading Earl Jenkins for Ward 6 seat, Leslie Preston in Ward 7, William O'Connell Ward 8 and Thomas Sutherland in Ward 9.

It was Robert O'Brien in Area 1 separate school board of education and Thomas McKay in Area 2. For public school board of education Area 4 results showed Noel Cooper and Frederick Bidwell, Area 8 leading.

# Expensive . . .

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one soul showed up" for the advance poll on Saturday. Monday was pretty quiet at the polling booth too—the first voter to walk in the door arrived at 4 p.m.

## \$25 per vote

Final costs run in the neighborhood of \$300. The Town of Milton pays the expenses and is reimbursed by the county board. That figures out to around \$25 per vote for the 12 Milton voters.

Milton votes were Priestner 10, Clohecy 8, Davidson 5.

John Noble had earlier been acclaimed to the town seat on the county board. Angelo Tonelli was returned to the separate school board as Milton representative, without opposition.

# Retain 30 mile limit

Speed limits will NOT be raised to 50 miles per hour on Ontario St. E., Milton Councillors agreed this week.

They had expressed surprise two weeks ago when a Department of Highways official suggested raising the 30 limit to 40 on that stretch of connecting link. The administration committee met with Police Chief Ray Andress and he firmly recommended no change be made.

Ontario School for the Deaf has also requested that council make no change, for the safety of students and staff members. Council concurred.

Acton Junior Farmers recently held a cleaning bee at Brookville Hall, doing a community good turn because they use the building frequently for meetings. Mops, pails and a big amount of good humor got the job done quickly.

# Chamber promoting winter carnival

Milton's winter carnival was the main topic of conversation at the December directors' meeting of Milton Chamber of Commerce as members made plans to participate in and promote the carnival scheduled for Feb. 7 to 13.

The carnival is under the direction of Milton Community Service Clubs. The Chamber, as one of the participating

organizations, has been asked to handle publicity and arrange the co-operation of retail stores in the week-long event. A committee including directors Ross Brancier, Blake Charlton, Reg. DeCola and Roy Downs was named to co-ordinate efforts with the service clubs organization.

Immediate plans include street banners at the entrances to town, window banner, bumper banners and a major publicity campaign through the press in the area. Future plans include a week-long promotion during carnival week in the shopping areas of Milton to tie in with the events already being organized by other clubs.

During the executive meeting the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1971 was agreed upon as the ideal time for the Chamber's 1971 annual meeting and election of officers. A dinner and dance are being planned.

Members also agreed to handle the collection and mailing of local children's letters to Santa Claus, and ensure that each one receives a reply. Letter boxes are being placed in the downtown and plaza areas where children may deposit their letters.

# Groceries hot stuff

Smoke and fire ripped through the basement of Joe's General Store, Main St., early Sunday evening, destroying nine cases of groceries. Owner of the store Mrs. Joe Crisci told this paper the groceries were the only items gutted by the fire.

Milton Fire Department extinguished the blaze before it had a chance to spread. Cause of the fire is unknown.

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