

### Drop parkway plan?

## Allow home building to limit of services

Construction of new homes in the 1,200-lot subdivisions east of Ontario St. came a little closer to reality this week. Milton has received approval from the community planning branch, Department of Municipal Affairs, to release lots for building "to the limit of the available existing servicing capacity"—or approximately 2,800 extra residents.

An earlier proposal from the DMA which would have seen a large provincial parkway belt up to 300 feet wide dissect the concession east of Ontario St., has apparently been dropped. The earlier park and service belt idea would have eliminated about 600 of the 1,200 homes planned in the block bounded by Main St.,

Ontario St., Base Line Rd. and Third Line.

#### Lots frozen

G. M. Farrow, subdivisions supervisor from the Community Planning Branch told members of Council on March 10 that their branch had been requested by "other authorities" to freeze release of any lots east of a north-south collector road that runs through the centre of the town's newly annexed north-east quadrant. It was explained that lands east of that road were slated for a possible service corridor carrying sewer and water back and forth to Lake Ontario, or a mini-park.

Such a proposal would have eliminated plans of the Halton Land Group company to build in the quadrant. That firm owns the north-east corner, Torprop Ltd. owns the north-west corner, and Wimpey Canada owns the southern half of the concession. Halton Land Group and Torprop 300 each.

Information on the parkway belt was never made public. The Community Planning Branch representatives had asked to meet council in a meeting closed to the press and public. Council at the time asked the two men

from the DMA to put their discussion on paper for the town's records, but the letter never came.

#### Still favors west

Then late last week a letter finally arrived, indicating the DMA has no longer any need to freeze lands in the east half of the concession. "But we would suggest that the lots to be approved should be generally in the westerly portions of the three subdivision properties," wrote Mr. Farrow.

He emphasized the town's servicing capacity must be considered in the light of ALL development in town, not just the three subdivisions in the quadrant. Homes and apartment projects presently underway or proposed for the near future would also have to be taken into consideration in the light of the projected population growth limit of 2,800 persons, he indicated.

Council took no action on the letter but asked the administration committee to discuss it at their next meeting.

## Appeals permit refusal

An application for a building permit on Lot 2, Conc. 6, made by Stanley Duchinski, will be considered in committee by Esqueving Council.

Mr. Duchinski's original application was refused, on the grounds the property, on which he intends to build, does not have 125 feet frontage on an established road.

Monday night, Mr. Duchinski produced a land separation he was granted by Committee of Adjustment in 1965. The by-law requiring 125 feet frontage on an established road was not passed until later.

Reeve Tom Hill claimed the separation should have been withdrawn by the committee when the by-law was passed. "This Committee of Adjustment makes decisions then throws them into our laps," he charged.

A laneway, 66 feet wide, passes by the land on which Mr. Duchinski wishes to build.



IT WAS A SWINGING AFFAIR Sunday when the Milton Chansonettes choir and the Wicks Jazz Quartet teamed up for a Sunday musicale at OSD. Mrs. Judy Hunter of Milton conducted the choir while father and sister performed in the

quartet. They're pictured during a rollicking "Raindrops are Falling on My Head" number from the program that played to a full house crowd.—(Staff Photo)



ALL IN THE FAMILY. . . The Wicks family was in the limelight at Sunday's University Women's Club musicale. Mrs. Judy Hunter conducted the club choir, the Chansonettes while her father Glen Wicks led the Wicks Jazz Quartet which included Mrs. Hunter's sister Rebecca Wicks on the organ.—(Staff Photo)

## Say one hour limit too hard to enforce

A request to change the present two hour parking limit in the shopping area of Milton to a one hour limit ran into opposition, when it was broached to Milton Council this week.

Chamber of Commerce secretary Bob McCuaig wrote council asking the present parking limit be extended to 9 p.m. Thursdays. The present by-law only covers to 6 p.m. and most of the stores have started remaining open to 9 p.m. on Thursdays as well as Fridays. Mr. McCuaig also passed along the Chamber's idea that the time limit be changed from two hours to one.

#### Have to enforce it

Councillor William Woods felt two hours was more fair. Councillor Syd Childs was worried about the cost of replacing all the signs along the street. But Councillor Art Melanson said "It doesn't matter if it's one hour or two, if you don't enforce the by-law."

Councillor Charles Fay couldn't see how the police could enforce a one hour parking limit. Meters was the only answer, he opined.

It was finally suggested the Council, Chamber and Parking Authority get together and discuss the proposal.

## Homes are too big . . . but too small too

Nine two-storey homes proposed for the 30-lot Derrydown subdivision north of Highside Dr. are too small, according to the town's zoning by-law. Derrydown Homes (Milton) Limited has applied to Milton Committee of Adjustment for approval to build the homes and a public hearing will be held in the town hall at 8.30 p.m. on May 25.

Each of the nine homes actually has more total square foot floor area than the town's by-law requires, but all are short of the requirements on the ground floor, it was explained to members of council this week. Four homes

have 1,335 total square foot area and the minimum is 1,050; however they have only 641 square feet on the ground floor and the by-law requires 840. The other five have a total area of 1,326 square feet with 707 feet on the ground floor.

#### Town goof

Council made no objection to the application. Reeve Ron Harris said he felt the town has goofed and the by-law should be revised.

Under this rule, a two storey home would have to have a total of nearly 1,700 square feet of floor area and that size of home was

### LITTER WAR

#### Plan poster contest

Milton's litter war is gathering steam.

Litter and garbage in parks, streets and yards in Milton seem to be the concern of both the young and old of town. At a council meeting just a few weeks ago Mayor Brian Best and councillors expressed dismay at the appalling condition town streets were in, strewn and littered with garbage.

The plea by the mayor to clean up the littered areas of town sparked an anti-litter "bee" at Bruce St. School. Grade four and five students agreed a clean-up of their school yard would definitely beautify the town, and following the clean-up made anti-litter posters in their art class, which will be posted in town to remind residents of the need to clean up Milton.

The Operation Survival group has also agreed to help with a clean-up day in town. The group appealed to residents last year for a massive town clean-up and members spent a Saturday cleaning up along creek banks.

Police Chief Ray Andress also stresses the importance of the litter and garbage by-law in Milton. He reminds residents that all loose materials must be tied in bundles of not more than 50 pounds, that receptacles must be watertight and not exceed the 50 pound limit, and garbage may not be put out before 8 p.m. the day prior to pick-up.

Proper observation of the by-law prevents loose garbage from blowing out of cans and boxes thus littering the streets.

Council recently wrote letters to schools, service clubs and the Chamber of Commerce urging a beautification program during May. At Monday's meeting the Lions Club secretary Tom Huddleston wrote to pledge his club's support of the campaign.

Mayor Best told councillors the children at Bruce St. had done a good job on their one-day litter chase at the school. But when they arrived for school the next day they found the school yard strewn with beer bottles. "The kids were quite incensed about it," he added.

Spurred by the Bruce St. children's efforts at poster-making, councillors decided to run a town-wide poster contest on the subject of litter, with winners to be chosen from the five schools—W. I. Dick, Holy Rosary, Bruce St., J. M. Denyes and Martin St. When the school winners have been named, a grand prize winner will be selected.

Each councillor (and clerk Jack McGeachie) agreed to donate one day's council pay toward prizes so the council ended up with a fund of \$200—plus \$25 they had earlier agreed to donate toward such a contest. They weren't successful in gathering similar cash donations from the three press representatives present at the meeting, but the reporters agreed to be the judges at the final selection of the litter poster king or queen of Milton. Without pay.

In other business at their meeting Monday, councillors

decided to look into prices on heavier weight garbage bags, which are sold to residents at cost from the administration office in the town hall. Several years ago council adopted the garbage bag idea. But there have been complaints the bags are not strong enough.

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