OUR READERS WRITE:

WEED BY-LAW NOT BEING ENFORCED

Dear Mr. Downs:

I may be wrong, but I was under the impression Milton had a weed control bylaw. As far as I am concerned, not too many people of the town (or even the town proper) take it seriously.

This place is wild with weeds. I guess the only laws the town bothers about are the parking and building by-laws, and to hell with the ugly looking weeds.

How can we, the ones who take pride in our own property, keep weeds cleaned up if our neighbors on all sides don't keep theirs cut down? We spent a small fortune on calcium and weed killer to kill our weeds but all around us no-one else cares, so we still have weeds. I'm afraid our weed inspector is not on the ball as far as his job goes. We are paying him to enforce this weed control act but as far as I (and anyone else) can see, he is not doing the job. It would be nice if the town enforced ALL the laws, not just one or two to suit themselves.

> Yours truly, Edith Sharpe, 429 Pearl St.,

PS — I happened to be in Islington last week and was talking to one of the store clerks. I told her I came from Milton and she said,

"Oh yes, that is the small village west of here where they have the School for the Deaf." So you see how outsiders see Milton, not as town but a village. Too bad, really.

> TALBOT SHIVAREE AND HOME COMING

From Monday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept. 12 '71, the City of St. Thomas, Ontario is celebrating Talbot Shivaree '71. We would like to take this space in your paper to ask any readers who originated from, or lived in St. Thomas and Elgin County to return home for this week of festivities.

Talbot Shivaree '71 will be seven days of dancing, parades, fun and entertainment. The last day of the week-long festival is designed as "Home Coming Day." If you can make it for the full week, or just a few days, this is your invitation to come home to St. Thomas and Elgin County for Talbot Shivaree '71.

> Rev. W.W. Sherwin Home Coming Day Chairman Talbot Shivaree '71

Bronte Conservation Area newest project for HRCA

Conservation Authority for the natural state. They are heavily purchase of land to be known as wooded, scenically attractive and Bronte Conservation Area, has contain many species of small been announced by The Hon. wildlife and birds. George A. Kerr, Q.C., Minister of Energy and Management.

The parcel to be acquired comprises a total of 117 acres and is bordered on the south by the Queen Elizabeth Highway and on on the east by Bronte Road.

Geographically located between Toronto and Hamilton, the proposed park site would Ontario's largest population concentration with easy access by Highways 401, 5 and 25 and by the QEW. Natural state

The 117 acres to be purchased immediately consist of a deep gorge cut by the 12 Mile Creek through a level plain. The slopes and valley land, comprising over

"Littercheck" project here

Halton Region Conservation Authority will distribute 30,000 automobile litterbags to vehicles entering the Authority's conservation areas, as well as put 1,000 litter stickers on their garbage receptacles and adding 10 metal litter bins to their present supply.

The project is part of the "Littercheck" program originally designated and designed by the Packaging Association of Canada and adopted by the industry members of the Littering Control Council.

The main aim of the program endorsed by the Ontario government is to "keep Ontario clean'

"Littercheck" has been introduced into Troonto. Burlington, and Hamilton to gauge its import and to see exactly what lessons can be learned from it before extending it province-wide.

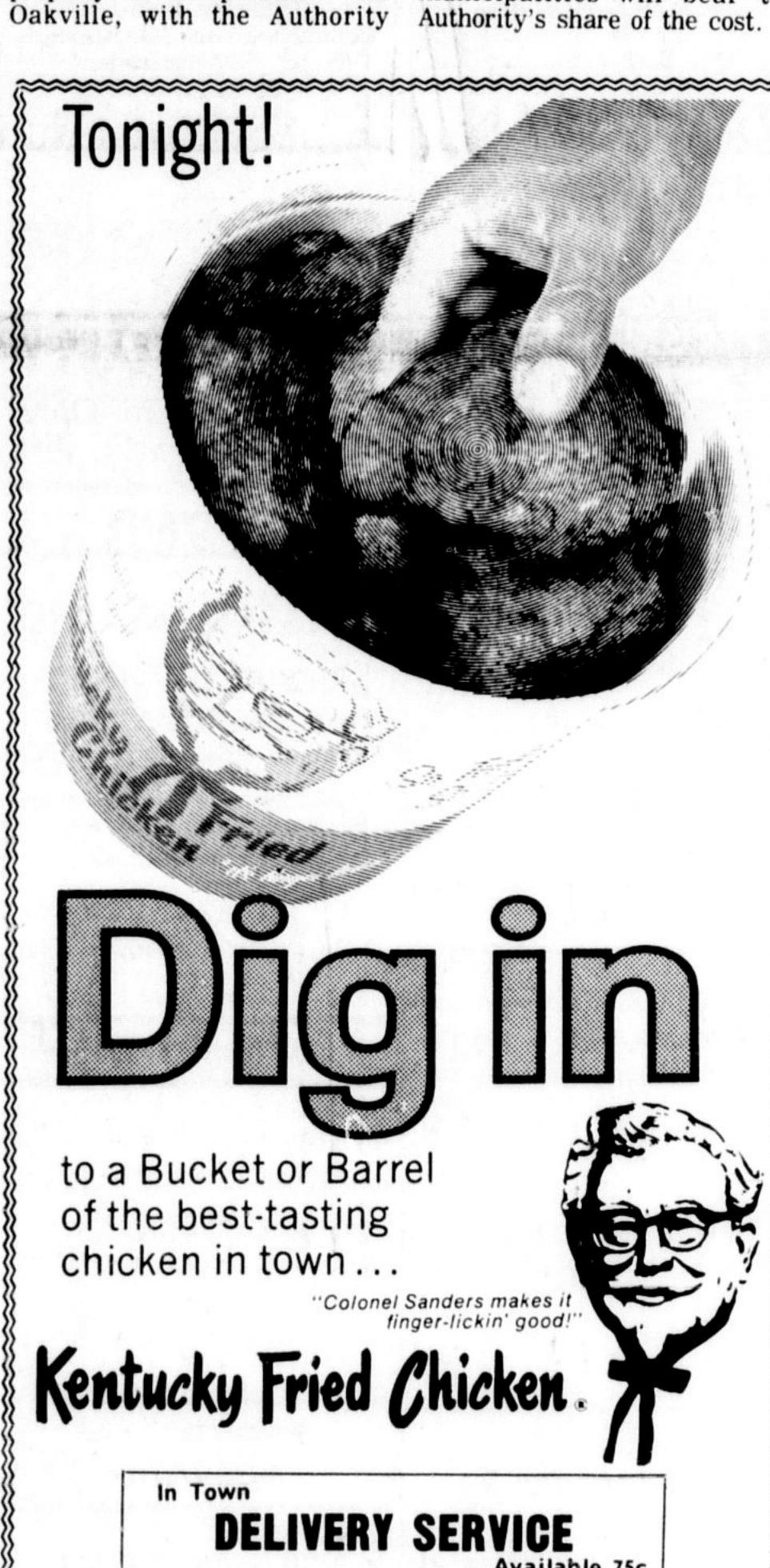
> RUTLEDGE TY 26C Main St. Milton

A provincial grant of \$81,747.50 two thirds of the property are carrying out the necessary Region virtually undisturbed from their

The Authority will manage the

stream improvements and Oakville managing the lands for park

Because the park will serve the regional as well as the local population, all member Resources property in co-operation with municipalities will bear the



BES THIS SIDE OF TAKE HALTON

On Highway 25

Jus! North of 401

Main and Commercial

TOYOTA No. 2 Lakeshore Rd.

826-2931

chicken Villa

878-4365

MILTON 878-4171-2

Township of Esquesing AUDITORS' REPORT

for the year ended December 31, 1970

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the Township of Esquesing.

We have examined the 1970 financial statements of the Corporation of the Township of Esquesing and its local boards, which are listed on the attached Index. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, subject to the conditions set out in Notes 5 and 6 regarding temporary borrowings and liability for vested sick leave benefits, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Corporation of the Township of Esquesing and its local boards as at December 31, 1970, and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for Ontario municipalities applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Toronto, Ontario, April 13, 1971 Licence No. 3910

> MAC GILLIVRAY & CO. Chartered Accountants

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure

for the year ended December 31, 1970 REVENUE

	1970	1969
Taxation Contributions from other governments	1,032,957	962,684 309,260
Other	351,111 48,316	57,598
Total revenue	1,432,384	1,329,542
EXPENDITURE	}	
General government	59,650	81,035
Protection to persons and property	45,408	34,632
Public works	356,143	296,390
Sanitation and waste removal	5,243	3,882
Conservation of health		
Social and family services	2,141	29,085
Recreation and community services	12,720	2,180
Community planning and development	12,293	1,500
Financial expenses	35,684	28,543
Education	792,141	757,960
County-share of expenditure	112,484	92,859
Other	106	6,525
Total expenditure	1,434,013	1,334,591
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year (Excess of expenditure over		
revenue for the year)	(1,629)	(5,049)
Surplus (deficit) at the beginning of the year	(301)	(4,748)
Surplus (deficit) at the end of the year	(1,930)	(301)

Statement of Capital Fund Operations

NIL

52,487

Unfinanced capital outlay (Unexpended

capital financing) at the

beginning of the year

CAPITAL OUTLAY			
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			
General government Public works Transfers to others Total capital outlay	12,707 148,613	12,909 33,513	
CAPITAL FINANCING	161,320	46,422	
Long term liabilities incurred Contributions from the revenue fund for capital expenditure Contributions from reserve funds and reserves Other	135,113	75,000 12,909 11,000	
Total capital financing	147,820	98,909	
Unfinanced capital outlay (Unexpended capital financing) at the end of the year	13,500	NIL	

Consolidated Balance Sheet

for the year ended December 31, 1970 ASSETS

	1970	1969
Cash Accounts receivable Taxes receivable	47,319 171,440 311,964	70,132 $152,665$ $262,153$
Other current assets	587	693
Total current assets	531,310	485,643
Capital outlay to be recovered		
in future years	74,377	65,311
Total assets	605,687	550,954
LIABILITII		
Temporary loans Accounts payable and accrued liabiliti	342,734 90,708	332,642 35,089
Total current liabilities	433,442	367,731
Net long term liabilities	60,877	65,311
Reserves and reserve funds	113,298	118,213
Unappropriated balances	(1,930)	(301)
Total liabilities	605,687	550,954

Statement of **Continuity of Reserve Funds**

for the year ended December 31, 1970.

Balance at the beginning of the year	Total 55,062	Capital Reserve Fund 55,062
Revenue		
Interest earned	997	997
Fees collected	12,900	12,900
	13,897	13,897
Expenditure		
To revenue for Debt Charges	6,105	6,105
To Capital Fund	$\frac{12,707}{18,812}$	$\frac{12,707}{18,812}$
Balance at the end of the year	50,147	50,147

Trust Funds Statement of Continuity Railway

	Total	Bonus Fund
Balance at the beginning of the year Interest earned	30,366 1,354	30,366 $1,354$
Balance at the end of the year	31,720	31,720

Balance Sheet

	ASSETS			
Cash Investments, at cost		6,815		6,815
(market value \$) Canada Provincial Municipal-other		18,000 500 6,000		18,000 500 6,000
		24,500		24,500
Other Due from Revenue Fund		$\frac{405}{31,720}$:	31,720
Balance—capital	LIABILITIES			
		31,720	51	31,720
		31,720		31,720

Notes to Financial Statements

CHARGES FOR NET LONG TERM LIABILITIES:

Total charges for the year for net long term

liabilities were as follows: Principal payments Interest

The total charges shown above were paid from the general revenues of the municipality and are included in expenditure, classified under the appropriate functional headings.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION:

The consolidated balance sheet reflects the assets and liabilities of the revenue fund, the capital fund and all reserve funds of the municipality. Trust funds administered by the municipality, amounting to \$31,720 have not been consolidated, nor have the assets and liabilities of any local boards of the municipality.

NET LONG TERM LIABILITIES:

Total long term liabilities incurred by the municipality and outstanding at the end of the year amount to

927,801

60,877

7,992

Of the long term liabilities shown above, the responsibility for payment of principal and interest has been assumed by others for a principal amount 866,924 Net long term liabilities at the end of the year

CAPITAL OUTLAY TO BE RECOVERED IN FUTURE YEARS:

Some capital outlay does not represent a burden on general municipal revenues, as it is to be recovered in future years from other sources;

Special charges on benefitting landowners 9,877

TEMPORARY BORROWINGS:

The Municipal Act places a limit on the amount of temporary borrowings at any one time. Our calculation shows that the revenue fund's net temporary bank loans of \$329,234 exceed the borrowing limit by approximately \$60,000.

LIABILITY FOR VESTED SICK LEAVE BENEFITS:

Under the sick leave benefit plan, unused sick leave can accumulate and employees may become entitled to a cash payment when they leave the municipality's employment.

The liability for these accumulated days, to the extent that they have vested and could be taken in cash by an employee on terminating, amounted to \$8,072, at the end of the year. No provision has been made for this liability.