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## Allow growth to 20-25,000 population; development depends on water, sewage services

# MOVE MILTON INTO ZONE ONE



**HORNBY PLAYGROUND QUEEN** Beth Mauro, 5, of R. R. 3 Georgetown, took third place in the Miss Penny Carnival Queen contest held in Oakville Wednesday evening. Oakville Parks and Recreation Committee sponsored the annual event and 32 contestants vied for the title of queen. Young Beth won the large St. Bernard stuffed toy as her prize. — (Staff Photo).

## Petition, 6 letters protest row houses

A petition bearing names of eight landowners in the Meadowbrook Dr. and Anne Blvd. area as well as six letters

### Portrait to honor E.W. Foster

Edgar W. Foster, Milton's "Mr. Education" who retired after 44 years of service in the education field, will be honored by Milton Council late this September.

At their meeting Monday council agreed to have a portrait of Mr. Foster made available to be hung at J. M. Denyes school. It will be presented at the time the official opening of the addition to the school takes place.

expressing opposition to a row housing development on lands adjacent to Bronte St. in the Heslop Rd. Meadowbrook Dr. and Anne Blvd. area was received by Milton Council this week. Chaingate Developments propose 254 units of condominium and row housing units there.

The petition points out no recreational area for tenants has been provided, the development has an excessive number of units and does not lend itself to the existing density which is single family dwellings.

#### Devalue homes

The petition also points out the feeling of the area residents that the single family dwellings would be devalued because of type of development.

"No plan has been made to separate the existing homes from parking lots, excessive noise and a multiplicity of backyards all in

one small congested area," the petition says.

Council will meet in the committee of the whole council and establish council's stand on each of the objections before notifying the OMB and having a hearing called.

## Five firms accept Pakistani challenge

Five local firms have accepted Milton District Hospital employees' challenge and have signed up in a race to raise funds for 6,000,000 homeless Pakistani refugees in India.

Milton Hardware, Jack Richardson Chev-Olds, Harris Stationery, the Milton office staff of Halton County Health Unit and

In what almost amounted to a personal victory for Mayor Brian Best and the town council, Milton has been shifted into Zone One of the Toronto-Centred Region and the Treasurer of Ontario, the Hon. Darcy McKeough said Halton's capitol will be allowed to grow as high as 20-25,000 people on a self-sufficient basis.

McKeough released the news Tuesday afternoon as part of a status report on Design for Development: Toronto-Centred Region delivered to a meeting of the executive and members of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council at the Cara Inn, Malton.

#### Straighten Boundary

Three modifications were made to the original boundaries of Zone One, but the one that affected this area said:

"In the Milton area the Zone One boundary will be straightened to include the present town of Milton and adjoining lands to the west. The new boundary is intended to indicate the ultimate northern limit of the second tier of communities comprising the lakeshore corridor in its eventual full state of development. For the immediate future, however, the growth of Milton will depend on the extent to which the town is able to provide water and sewage services."

McKeough cautioned against interpreting this as meaning an endorsement for immediate large-scale development, however. Rather, he said, as indicated earlier the growth of urban centres in Zone One must be orderly, compact and properly staged. Population in the zone is allocated at 5.7 million people.

Milton was included in the agricultural and recreational Zone Two in the original development concept proposed for the Toronto-Centred Region released May 5 last year in a curious jog of the boundaries. Mayor Brian Best spearheaded opposition to the town being included in Zone Two because he felt Milton was the only municipality capable of providing services to North Oakville and North Burlington.

#### Quite pleased

Tuesday's announcement was the culmination of over a year of active lobbying and speaking into influential ears. Interviewed by

The Champion several minutes after the press conference where the announcement was made public, Best said he was quite pleased with the news, reiterating that Milton was the only municipality capable of providing services for North Oakville and North Burlington.

"I think we've proved we are prepared to do our own servicing," he told The Champion and "I'm quite happy with the fact we are in Zone One."

Milton was the only Halton community affected by the modifications. Hamilton and Brampton were also affected but the precise areas have not yet been determined.

#### "Natural" growth

The rest of the Halton towns in Zone Two, including Acton and Georgetown, can expect "modest natural growth" which will be encouraged into existing urban communities. With the exception of the northern corridor of cities up to Newmarket the policy of the government is to maintain land use essentially in its present form, mainly agricultural,

recreational and open space.

Population growth in the remaining small communities outside the northern corridor will only be facilitated if the community can demonstrate that it is self-sufficient in the provision of services at ac-

ceptable provincial standards. McKeough also shot down three large urban development proposals. Century City in the vicinity of Stouffville, and Centennial City and Castlemore to the west of Kleinburg will not be permitted.

This drew the ire of one questioner in the audience who said he was one of the mortgage holders at the Century City site and Mr. McKeough had better stay out of that area when there was an election, because he was

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### Councillors split

## Allow fluoride meeting

The prospects of fluoride in Milton's water supply was the subject of a brief but stormy session again at Milton Council's regular meeting Monday.

Councillor Charles Fay, who is chairman of the water committee, almost succeeded in his bid to have the public meeting and panel discussion planned for late September cancelled.

Councillor Art Melanson called for a recorded vote on the Fay resolution and with Mayor Brian Best casting a tying vote, the resolution was defeated. Ac-

ording to the procedural by-laws a motion is defeated when the vote is tied. Councillor William Woods was absent.

#### Drop it all

"I'm for dropping the whole thing. It is not warranted. We have letters for and against. I'm opposed to putting it to a vote and I think we should forget the public meeting. This council made a stand against it and it should stick to it, instead of bringing it back two weeks later and chewing it all over again," Fay said.

"It is just craziness and plain ridiculous. Once you make up your mind, stick to it. It just shows you didn't give it thought in the first place. I'm chairman of water and I'm not going to any meeting. If it goes in, I'm through. I'll fight against putting that rat poison in the water all the way," Councillor Fay stormed.

#### Wants consideration

Reeve Ron Harris said he agreed with Fay about not giving the matter enough consideration the first time it appeared and said that is why he brought it back to council. Harris said he was neither for nor against fluoride but felt the people should have a chance to become informed and make up their own minds.

Councillor Art Melanson said he was against fluoride, but in favor of a public meeting. He said if there was not a meeting and if there was a petition, people could go to the polls voting for it but not knowing enough about it.

Both Councillor Melanson and Mayor Brian Best suggested

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### Two CWNA awards

## Champion best in class

The Champion has again been judged best all-round paper in its circulation class, in a Canada-wide competition for weekly newspapers. The paper was also awarded a second prize for its editorial page.

Announcement of the 1971 Better Newspapers Competitions were made this week at the annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, being held in Vancouver, B.C. Publisher Jim Dills is representing The Champion at the convention.

#### Tops in pictures

Competing in the class for weeklies with 3,000 to 6,000 circulation, The Champion defeated 33 other newspapers in the class and was awarded 67.75 points out of 100 to win first place in the all-round judging. The Champion topped all entries for its pictures, came second for editorial page, news of the community on the inside pages, typography, make-up and general appearance.

Stouffville Tribune came second in the all round judging and Campbell River (B.C.) Upper Islander was third. In the editorial page contest, Stouffville was first and Powell River (B.C.) News was third. Stouffville also won a prize for best front page.

Several special competitions were organized by CWNA and The Champion won

two "honorable mentions"—one for the best women's news and features content, and one for editorial writing. The editorial entry submitted was Jim Dills' review of the FLQ crisis in Quebec last year.

Down(s) in This Corner, an editorial page column written by Champion editor Roy Downs, was cited by judges as one of the top columns entered this year, although it did not win a prize.

#### Other area winners

The Acton Free Press, another publication of the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., won best all-round award in the class for papers with 2,000 to 3,000 circulation.

Other area papers in the winners' circle included the Brampton Guardian, Mississauga News, Oakville Beaver and Mississauga Times.

All papers winning awards in the competition will be entitled to display this crest on their editorial page masthead for the next year:



### Jack scores hole-in-one

A Milton golfer achieved every duffer's dream on Sunday when Jack Dumstra scored a hole in one at Halton Heights Country Club, Sixth Line Nassagaweya.

Dumstra, who lives at 360 Broadway St., Milton, aced the 155-yard eighth hole Sunday afternoon while playing a foursome including Bruce Miller, A. Lisk and Guido Augustino Kenneth Rigo. Miller and Lisk, the losing partners, bought a bacon and egg lunch to celebrate Dumstra's ace.

Club owner Boris Trifonoff reported it was the first hole in one scored at the course this year. It was also a first for the local golfer.

# Polymer Co. purchases industrial land in town

Polymer Corporation, a crown corporation based in Sarnia, has purchased 52 acres of land in Milton and unconfirmed reports circulating in town indicate the company is preparing to erect a large factory on the site.

Company officials in Polymer's Toronto systems building division were contacted by The Champion but refused to confirm the land purchase or give any indication of the company's plans for the Milton property. "There will be a statement made in about a month's time," a company officer told this newspaper.

Polymer has purchased the William A. Marshall farm on the east side of the Third Line Rd. between Highway 401 and Base Line (Steeles Ave.) in a land transaction which closed on Thursday, Aug. 5. A search of public records in the Halton Registry Office confirmed the sale and disclosed that Polymer paid \$364,868 for the 52 acres of land.

The farm was one of the parcels annexed to Milton on Jan. 1, 1969. It is zoned for industrial use and town sewer service is being extended to that area this year. A trunk sewer from Martin St. to Third Line was

under construction earlier this month and on Monday night Milton Council approved extending a sewer line north on Third Line Rd. which would serve the Marshall farm and neighboring properties.

Polymer is one of the major firms in the vast chemical complex at Sarnia.

History on the Marshall farm goes back to July of 1829 when a crown grant was issued to the Canada Company for 200 acres in Lot 1, Concession 4 Esqueving Township. The farmland went through 10 different owners before it was purchased by W. A. Marshall in 1917.

Highway 401 and a gas line have gone through the farm in recent years. Texaco Canada Ltd. purchased a parcel on Base Line Rd. in 1962 for a fuel depot and the Krohnert stainless steel tank firm from Malton purchased 30 acres from the Marshalls in 1969 for a factory site and three homes.

Beaver Lumber and Star Steel Products have been located on lands on the west side of Third Line during the past five years. Lands south of Base Line Rd. in that area are slated for subdivisions.

The Marshall family refused to discuss the land sale or the future plans for their farm. Milton Council and town officials apparently know something of the plans for the property but refused to divulge any information.



W. A. MARSHALL'S FARM on the east side of Third Line north of Base Line Rd. is outlined in white in this aerial photo showing lands in the north-east corner of Milton. The 52-acre farm has been purchased by Polymer Corporation but the company has refused to confirm reports it is planning a large

industry on the site. The photo shows Beaver Lumber and Highway 401 at the left, the Halton County administration building in the centre, Ontario Tree Fruit Products and Ontario St. at the right, and Kingsleigh Ct. homes and Martin St. in the foreground.