

MacArthur

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Morrow presented the new warden with the warden's crest and reiterated statements he made earlier emphasizing the personal, professional, and political esteem he held for her. He noted his remarks earlier in the meeting were not in any way to be taken as being a personal assault or character criticism.

Mrs. MacArthur said she had discussed a time off arrangement with Milton District High School Principal Charles Hunter. Mr. Hunter and assistant superintendent of the North Education Centre Don Thomas attended the Tuesday meeting and Mrs. MacArthur said any questions about availability could be answered by them.

When the vote came Bob McCuaig and Marjorie Powys of Milton, Mrs. MacArthur and Jim Watson of Nassagaweya, Terry Mannell of Oakville, Len Coxe of Esquering as well as Dave Coons and Les Preston of Burlington supported Mrs. MacArthur.

Peter Marks and Pat McKenzie of Acton, Tom Hill of Esquering, Ric Morrow and Ernie Sykes of Georgetown and Al Masson of Oakville supported Morrow's bid.

Region committee
In her inaugural speech the

new warden said she had appointed Les Preston of Burlington to head a regional government committee of county council. She noted the external boundaries of the region would be set by the province but she felt there would be room for negotiation on internal boundaries.

She reviewed special projects initiated in 1972 and mentioned data processing, solid waste management, the human service committee and road maintenance management as programs that got off the ground in 1972.

She suggested the "know your county" program that got started in 1972 should be continued. To put emphasis on cultural value she suggested an award be given for the best oil painting depicting a Halton scene and having the county purchase the winning painting and hang it in the county administration building.

Swearing-in
Judge Alan Sprague, County Court Judge, officiated at the swearing-in ceremony for the members of council and the warden. Rev. R. W. Foster of Grace Anglican church recited the prayer of dedication and conducted the invocation.

35 seeking job thru ad

Looking for someone to do part time work on a district farm, a woman recently placed a help wanted ad in The Champion, and she was amazed at the results. She received 35 replies — five from semi-retired men, the remainder from young men and teenagers looking for part time work. Champion want ads DO get results — try one and see.

Past Warden Jim Swanborough presented the chain of office and Nassagaweya Deputy-reeve Jim Watson presented flowers on behalf of Nassagaweya Council and residents. Watson said after working four years on council with Mrs. MacArthur he knew the county council would be guided not by a political power from above or below, but by one who works with the council. He concluded his remarks by noting the voice of the north is the voice of the north no longer, but the voice of all Halton.

Several retired or defeated politicians as well as a number of former wardens were in attendance at the meeting Tuesday.

Milton Council briefs

During the inaugural meeting of the Planning Board Monday, members moved quickly into regular business with some changes in the handling of correspondence and the conduct of the meetings. In regular business members:

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—Learned the report made several years ago on sewers for the Forest Grove area was being updated by the engineers to provide residents with more detailed information on the cost of services.

—Approved occupancy permits in apartment buildings not already there.

—Engaged R. Akitt to audit municipal purchases over the past three years for overpayment of sales taxes. Mr. Akitt will be paid 35 per cent of overpayments he discovers and recovers with the town retaining the balance.

—Accepted the storm and sanitary sewers in the first phase of the Victoria Wood development after being advised mud in catch basins had been cleared.

—Approved erection of an illuminated advertising sign for a real estate firm at the north west corner of Ontario St. and Pearl St. The sign is to be nine feet by six feet and the bottom of the sign is to be 15 feet from the ground.

—Approved removal of four chestnut trees at the same Pearl-Ontario property at the owner's expense, but referred the matter of a tree replacement program to the council's public relations committee.

—Adopted a recommendation of the Planning Board to rezone the Milton Community Credit Union property to commercial and permit construction of an addition to the building to the front and east lot lines. The rezoning by-law and site plan agreement are to be prepared.

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served by elevators because of the strike in the industry, provided the owner and the tenant sign an agreement relieving the town of any responsibility or liability.

If someone tells you that he doesn't feel as near to God as he once did, then you can pretty well know which one has moved.

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Ottawa Report

by Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



The other day I strode, file in hand, into one of the largest government departments, determined to solve a problem for one of my Halton constituents. As I approached a pleasant-looking civil servant behind the counter, I noticed a large grey computer-like machine in the corner of the room. It was about six feet square by 15 feet long, and displayed a series of dials and graphs on the front. It buzzed quietly.

"What's that?" I tried to sound casual, in case I was supposed to know.

"You noticed," he replied, his face brightening in satisfaction. "That's our new XY-1500 Red Tape Machine."

"Your Red Tape Machine?" I asked, somewhat nonplussed.

"Yes, that's where it's all made for this department. Much larger and faster than the old models. In addition to the standard type of Government Red Tape (GRT), we've developed a new brand which we call Bureaucratic Red Tape (BRT). It was actually created as a by-product of the space industry. It contains a new type of synthetic material that's extremely strong, almost impossible to cut, even with the sharpest mind or the most pointed questions."

"You mean you actually work at creating red tape?" I inquired dubiously.

"Well, the machine does the work now for the whole department. At least for the near future. But we hope eventually to develop a new branch of the department, with full staff to handle the expected increased number of files and matters that will require the application of red tape to them."

"My goodness," I said, for lack of any other appropriate reply.

"Serve them all

"But our ultimate goal," he confided, lowering his voice, leaning across the counter, eyes darting around for possible eavesdroppers, "is an entire new department to serve the needs of all government agencies—the Department of Red Tape."

The names of several Members of Parliament whom I thought would be eminently suitable ministers of the new department flashed through my mind.

A rebuttal occurred to me. "It won't work," I shot back. "That theory has already been tried with Information Canada. It was set up as a single centralized agency to gather, reproduce and distribute information on all government programs and policies. But as we know, it's a failure. Each department has chosen to maintain its own

information section to handle the publication and distribution of most of its own material. Information Canada is invariably late getting material, or the supply is inadequate."

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