

The Canadian Champion

VOL. 113 - No. 50

MILTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1973

Forty-Two Pages—Fifteen Cents.



Begin paring town budgets

The annual parade of budgets began for Milton Council Monday as members heard reports and reviewed projected spending with committee representatives.

Mayor B. Best told The Champion after the meeting he hadn't developed his usual total projections to indicate the reductions required, because there were still too many areas of uncertainty. But he said the mill rate will "definitely" be up unless drastic cuts are made. "We're over last year now," he said.

quietly and juggled figures only occasionally. They return to the job tonight (Wednesday) and hope to reach a final mill rate by Monday's regular meeting.

Reduced \$26,000

The Parking Authority budget was changed most dramatically from \$30,912 to \$4,912 but the change was made by transferring to capital the proposed paving of the parking lot on Mary St. at \$18,000, and the paving of the Oddfellows and Mary-Charles lot at \$4,000 each. Members agreed these works should be undertaken in connection with the town's proposed paving of Mary St.

Other projects left in the budget were a \$900 rental to Dr. I. A. Hunter for Mill St. parking on his property, installation of lights on lots at \$2,000, supervision at

\$1,000 and other costs for snow removal and maintenance.

Arena Board Chairman Bill Rowney amended that committee's budget by \$3,000, explaining the decision of council to restrict sales from the arena canteen to emergency supplies only, had reduced the board's proposed revenue. The board asked for a grant of \$2,611.79 which was increased to \$5,611.79. In 1972 the Board's actual grant had been \$17,000.

Field questions

Milton Library Board representatives fielded questions on their proposed budget of \$30,051, plus \$4,416.93 for debt service payments.

Parks and Recreation Committee levies of \$25,431 for parks and \$27,818 for recreation were left intact. A number of new recreation programs are being introduced this year, including a new skating rink in Dorset Park community. The board is also taking over maintenance work in town parks, necessitating some new equipment. This work had been contracted out before, chairman Jim Dills explained.

Chairman Don Jackson of the Economic Development Council reviewed hopes that a film project on the town might be completed this year and a \$1,500 amount was included in the budget for it. He noted it had been

planned last year but was not completed and the funds not spent. A budget of \$3,016 was submitted.

Share budget

Other budgets were received from the Fire Area Committee showing the town's share of that budget as \$27,682. The total budget, which is shared by adjacent municipalities served, was \$75,080.

The Planning Board asked for \$5,480.18; the Committee of Adjustment \$2,000 which council reduced to \$1,500; the Humane Society for dog control \$5,000 and the police budget at \$183,453.59, an increase of \$19,680 attributed largely to salary increases.

Turning to budgets of council committees, members received estimates of \$8,000 for the planning and legal activities including engineering, legal, OMB fees and consultants. The public relations estimates were \$1,450 which included \$1,000 for a civic banquet.

Air conditioning

The properties budget of \$39,471, increased from last year's expenditures of \$15,113.68 reflected provision for a \$7,000 air conditioning system for the town hall. Members voted to leave that amount in the budget, noting it had been in and out of budgets for several years. Earlier members, particularly in the summer, have conducted their evening deliberations with the street traffic noise drawing out discussion as doors were left open to reduce the temperature in the chambers.

Other changes came as a result of shifting in the allocation of expenditures to specific departments.

Waterworks budget figures indicated the town intended to pay for the \$105,000 Bronte St. N. line from current revenue as well as \$13,000 of controls and \$18,248 of lines on Garden Lane and in the Pine-Pearl-Oak street areas. The budget showed a deficit on the year of \$45,893 which members acknowledged would come from the previous reserves of \$62,858.34. Waterworks expenditures are met from water rates and are not reflected in the town's tax rate.

Budgets received or amended by Council were as follows:

Arena	\$5,611.79
Park. Auth.	4,912.00
Com. of Adjust.	1,500.00
Library	30,051.61
Conservation Auth.	16,658.51
Recreation	27,818.38
Parks	25,431.35
Dog Control	5,000.00
Economic Develop.	3,016.00
Planning Bd.	5,500.00
Fire Area	27,682.00
Police	183,453.59
Cty. of Halton	112,814.00
Bd. of Education	570,447.00
Planning & Legal	8,000.00
Public Relations	1,450.00
Properties	39,471.00
Garbage	44,200.00
Waterworks	314,995.30



ROY WOLLASTON will become superintendent of Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton September 1. He will be the second man to hold that post when he replaces retiring Don Kennedy, who worked at the school from the planning stages on. The school will celebrate its 10th anniversary this month. (Photo by B. Burt)

Roy Wollaston named superintendent of OSD

Roy Wollaston has been appointed superintendent of Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton. Wollaston, who now serves as assistant to Superintendent Don Kennedy, will assume the number one post

at the school Sept. 1. Mr. Kennedy is retiring after a 10-year-tenure at the school. Mr. Wollaston has been at the school since 1966 when he worked as a teacher. Promoted to post of supervising teacher of the

senior school in 1967, he held that post until he was received his current position as assistant superintendent.

Prior to coming to Canada to work, Mr. Wollaston worked in England at the famous and historic Margate College built in 1792.

Long affiliation

Wollaston has a life-long affiliation with the deaf. His father who was a travelling parishoner went deaf before Roy was born. When he went deaf Wollaston's parents left Canada and went to England where work was available for him. As a youngster Wollaston lived with his family on top of a deaf mission.

Uncertain of where his greatest interests lay, Wollaston studied both theology and law before going into education in a serious way.

Left home

At age 17, he left England to come to Canada. He returned to England for a holiday, got married while he was there and returned to Canada some 10 years later.

Wollaston lives with his wife Anne and four boys, Steven, Andrew, Nicholas and Johnathon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wollaston are active in the Milton Tennis Club and the Badminton club.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Wollaston suggested he hoped he could do as well as Mr. Kennedy had done for the past 10 years.

Moreau resigns seat on council

Robert Moreau has resigned his seat on Milton Council, because he has been appointed to a position with the provincial government.

Moreau has been named an inspector with the provincial liquor licensing board. He called it "a conflict of interest" and said his new job necessitates his immediate resignation from the town council, in a letter to council dealt with at Monday's meeting. Moreau was not available for comment—he began his new job last week and was away in Peterborough on a training course all this week.

Members of council accepted his resignation, by resolution. Whether or not the council will seek a replacement depends on what Arthur Meen, assistant to provincial treasurer Arthur White, thinks. Council wrote to Meen asking for direction.

New provincial statutes

indicate a resigning councillor has to be replaced, unless he

(Continued on Page Fourteen)



ROBERT MOREAU

May be demolished

Bruce St. future still undecided

The future of the town's Bruce St. School will be decided by Milton Council by May 7, members agreed at their budget meeting Monday.

A quotation of \$7,870 for the school's demolition had been filed with council. This would be increased if a wall was to be left standing for inclusion in a new

library. Mayor B. Best suggested the town consider salvaging some of the school's stone veneer for possible use in the library, as well as the belfry and bell.

Salvage stone

He suggested the works staff could salvage the stone required after the building has been levelled, provided this was agreed to in the contract for demolition.

Council agreed they would consider the future of the school in committee on April 30 and confirm their decision in full council on May 7.

Still undecided

The mayor reviewed that the town's purchase, which was conditional on the purchase by the Ontario Housing Corporation, could not be closed until near the end of May. The OHC must await a Committee of Adjustment decision on separation of the parcels of land and this would not be finalized until that time.

The decision on the school also affects the proposed library which would probably be located on the school site, if the school is to be demolished.

INDICATING 34 LAPS completed in his half-hour portion of a swimathon at Ontario School for the Deaf Wednesday is a happy swimmer, Bruce Reece. The 34 laps at the school's indoor pool may not seem like quite a feat, but it was a tremendous effort for Bruce, who is crippled and has no strength in his legs or feet. He pulled himself through 34 gruelling laps with his arms and hands alone, raising 91 cents per lap completed from a host of sponsors. Kathy King, pool supervisor, checks over his scoresheet above, while below, Bruce shows his backstroke. A total of 101 swimmers completed 4,158 laps in the pool (or 59 miles) to raise over \$6,000 in the nine-hour swimathon sponsored by Halton and Peel Association for the Hearing Handicapped. (Photos by R. Downs)

101 swim 59 miles at OSD

Swimmers raise \$6,000

The students of Ontario School for the Deaf were "splashing and splashing" around the OSD indoor swimming pool all day Wednesday, but they weren't getting wet for fun this time.

One hundred and one students were participants in the annual fund-raising swimathon project, sponsored by a parents' group known as the Halton and Peel Association for the Hearing Handicapped. The swimmers covered a total of 4,158 laps (59 miles) and pledges from their sponsors are expected to bring in over \$6,000 according to Mrs. Paul Scott of Milton, co-convenor of the swimathon.

Swimmers were limited to either 50 laps or half an hour in

the water and 43 of the 101 starters made the 50 laps, officials report. Biggest per-lap money-maker of the day was Colleen Casey of Brampton, who went 12 laps at \$8.35.

Girls raise money

Sandra Adams of Owen Sound completed 48 laps at \$4.90 per lap while Ann Sharp of Sombra went 46 laps at \$4.45 per lap and Donna Dion of Penetang rounded up \$4.20 for each of the 50 laps she completed.

One non-swimmer at the school went sponsor-seeking for two friends and rounded up \$6 per lap in sponsorships—one swimmer went 46 laps to raise \$276 and the other went 30 laps for \$180.

Mrs. Scott, an executive member of the HPAHH, received assistance from OSD's pool supervisor Mrs. Denise Anton and dean of residence Wayne Fox in organizing the nine-hour swimathon. (Continued on Page Fourteen)

Seniors' housing project grows from 22 to 60 units

Milton's second senior citizens housing project was increased from 22 to 60 units this week.

A rash of applications and the probability that the town will be involved in some kind of regional

government in the near future have prompted Ontario Housing Corporation to change its plans and design a local senior housing project for the future needs instead of immediate needs, it

was learned Monday at a meeting of Milton Council.

In a letter, OHC asked council to accept a 60-unit proposal instead of the 22 units agreed on in 1972. Council readily accepted the suggestion.

The town's first senior housing project was a \$365,000, 36-unit, three-storey apartment building on Ontario St. which was quickly filled up, and has a large waiting list. OHC is buying a portion of the Bruce St. School site, fronting on Ontario St. for the second project.

Ontario Municipal Board approval for the rezoning of the site was obtained about three weeks ago. Oakville architects Halford and Wilson have been appointed to design the building. Halton East MPP Jim Snow said the project will likely be done in two stages—about half in the first stage and the balance when needed—but the building would be designed to accommodate the total project. He said three weeks ago the project might eventually expand to 100 units. Tenders will likely be called this summer and the project should be ready for occupancy in about one year.

Boiler on the blink students get holiday

Boiler problems at W.I. Dick School on Highside Dr. gave the school's students an unexpected holiday on Tuesday of this week. But a temporary system has been installed to keep the school heated and classes were expected to resume this morning (Wednesday).

Principal John Lenz said the old oil-fired boiler was causing some problems and installation of a new gas boiler was started during the March holiday break. But delays were encountered and there was a hold-up in getting a new gas line installed.

The old boiler was carrying on until Sunday night when it "just gave up". The new boiler wasn't ready to go. Classes were held Monday, with difficulties, but all classes were cancelled Tuesday to allow workmen to speed up the new installation.

Meanwhile, the principal said, two salamander-type heaters had been installed in the hallway and two or three electric heaters had been placed in each classroom. This temporary arrangement will likely be in operation until next Monday, when the new boiler should be ready to go into operation.



POTHOLEs are one sure sign of spring and Milton is not without its share. This week The Champion presents a mini-photo-story on the "spring scourge" of motorists. See Page B 9

Bronte St. condominium project wins approval

Rezoning for the condominium development on Bronte St. was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in a decision

released this week. Referred to as the Chaingate development, it involves three parcels of land on Bronte St. at

Heslop and Anne and will provide for 254 units. Clerk J. McGeachie told Council Monday the developer

had called tenders for the required storm sewer and the work now awaited the approval of the Department of the Environment.

Owned now by Marcob Estates Ltd., it was intended the development of the three parcels would be phased but the phasing agreement concluded some months ago called for final phases to be released later this year and it is expected the development may be completed during the year.

Hearing held

The OMB indicated in December that approval for the project would be forthcoming once final measurements and minor discrepancies in the plans were clarified.

The project was taken to an OMB hearing after a ratepayers' group in the area contested the rezoning to allow the project.

The project will represent the first major medium density housing development to get underway in Milton. Condominiums are commonly referred to as townhouses.

Condominium home owners own their own home and a small yard while roads, sidewalks and parks as well as other common facilities are owned by the corporation made up of home-owners. Upkeep of the grounds and exterior of the units are done by the corporation.



50 YEAR JEWELS were presented to veteran members of St. Clair Masonic Lodge last week in a special ceremony. Joe Willmott is shown pinning the jewel on Rex Scott, now a Toronto resident but a former Miltonian who left town in 1924. Flanking the Lodge Master Ron Featherstone is J. C. Cunningham who

received his jewel from G. Frank Thompson. Mr. Cunningham was the District Deputy in 1960-61 when the local lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary. About 120 attended the event at the Masonic Hall on Highway 25 with a number of representatives from other lodges. (Photo by J. Dills)