

# "New" Milton about to be born as region begins

The "new" Milton is being born this week. After 116 years as separate municipalities, two whole communities and portions of three others are being welded together into one central Halton unit of regional government—the Town of Milton.

It all takes effect next Tuesday, January 1, 1974 when Halton shrugs off her county government cloak and adopts the new modern garb of a region. Seven county

municipalities become four in the boundary shuffle designed to end all boundary shuffling.

As of Jan. 1 "Milton" forms the central Halton unit, covering a central swath and the north-west sector of the county. Halton Hills occupies the north-east corner, Burlington the south-west corner and Oakville the south-east corner of the new Halton Region.

Largest, smallest All of Nassagaweya

Halton community population-wise, the new Milton will cover the largest land area in Halton—approximately 135 square miles. Its population will be approximately 18,000 on Jan. 1. The regionalization forms a new community of subdivisions, town and rural homes, industries, commerce, institutions, recreation areas and farmland.

Township (except the village of Eden Mills, which secedes to Wellington County) joins the large unit to be known as Milton. Burlington lands north of 10 Sideroad (Derry Rd.) and a strip along Tremaine Rd.; Esquesing lands south of Five Sideroad in the first to fourth concessions; and Oakville lands north of the Lower Base Line Rd. are also included in the boot-shaped new municipality.

Milton's emergence as a

central unit of government is the result of a long fight to keep the town of Milton as a separate entity, as opposed to being swallowed up in a north Halton merger. The new community's shape also reflects Nassagaweya's successful battle to keep that storied township intact, instead of splitting it in two.

Named Milton The name Milton was selected by the electors in the Oct. 1 election. The other choice was Mohawk—an

Indian name suggested by councillors in Nassagaweya in an attempt to preserve some of the heritage. Other names were suggested, including Bomen which incorporates the first letters of the five communities joining the merger. Queen's Park, when it announced the boundaries, safely called the new community "Central Halton" but that name didn't suit either.

Although Bill 151, the government act which

establishes the Halton region says the lands in the townships are "annexed" to Milton, those being annexed prefer to call it an "amalgamation" of communities.

The new council which takes over Jan. 1 includes 11 members. The mayor was elected at large and the rural and urban areas each named one regional councillor who will sit on both town and regional councils. The other eight members were elected

by wards—four from Milton, two from the Esquesing and Oakville area, two from the Burlington and Nassagaweya area.

Election winners were Mayor Anne MacArthur, regional representatives Jim Watson and Mrs. Marjorie Powys, Burlington-Nassagaweya councillors Russell Powadiuk and G. Bradford Clements, Milton councillors Ron Harris, Gordon Krantz, Jim Kerr and Art Melanson

and Oakville-Esquesing representatives Don Gordon and Richard Day.

First meeting The inaugural meeting of the council-elect will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7 and following the swearing-in ceremonies conducted by Judge Alan B. Sprague, refreshments will be served. All citizens are invited to attend the brief ceremony and meet their new council representatives.

## Boot-shaped Milton

### Drawing a picture of new community

Milton — it's a name 116 years old but on Jan. 1 its geography will be greatly expanded far beyond what the early farmers and pioneers could ever have envisioned when the inhabitants chose that name during a town meeting.

Two names will disappear, except from history books. Milton encompasses virtually all of Nassagaweya and a portion of Esquesing, Ontario. To cover the perimeter of the expanded town you would travel 74 miles from the north-west corner to the south-east corner is 22 miles. From west to east is a span of 14 miles.

The boot-shaped community stretches 18 miles from south to north.

Communities Tapped up in the new Milton will be names like Moffat, Brookville, Haltonville, Campbellville, Milton Heights, Boyne, Omagh and Drumquin, all merged to form the borough of regional government in central Halton.

A great stretch of the Niagara Escarpment, with its bold limestone face, slices across the town. Large conservation tracts preserve the natural areas and county forests dot the town, a heritage from Nassagaweya.

Snakes Point with its vantage height provides a far-reaching lookout into the southern part of the county that is contained within the new City of Burlington. Seen too far that height of land is the open plain of rural farm land that borders Milton's southern limit.

Award Lake, a rich emerald-green and now preserved as a conservation area unique in the province, will fall within the boundaries of this new unit of government that the province created as it carved historic Halton

into four sections, welding the vast tract back to the same number of units which were contained there over a hundred years ago before the towns were identified as separate municipalities.

Vast areas of the new community will be in the northern limit of Halton. A 10-mile stretch to Hamilton-Wentworth boundary on the east and over on the east to the Ninth Line. Highway 401 lines the top of the town east from Fourth Line.

In parks alone the new town will include widely scattered Drumquin Park, and Brville Park in addition of course to the established Campbellville Ball park. The golf courses will stretch their greens into new Milton as well.

From its present three public schools, the stretched municipal boundaries as of Jan. 1 will include six public schools as well as present separate school, high school and Ontario School for the Deaf.

Museum in town Well-known Kelso Conservation Area with its Glen Eden Ski Club and the Halton Museum will be new features of the enlarged town. The provincial agricultural museum, when it is built, will be within the confines of Milton.

Much of the social life of the community revolves around the churches, today as in the past. Many denominations of the Christian faith are represented as eight county parishes join with the seven town churches in a common bond.

The town council will consist of 10 members elected by wards, plus a mayor. Anne MacArthur begins her three year reign as Mayor of Milton Jan. 1, 1974.

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Budget \$1,500; cost \$3,924

## Warden's dinner is overspent

Gus Goutouski, a Milton businessman who, as a one man delegation expressed concern about overspending for the warden's dinner last year, has once again expressed his concern about overspending on the annual event.

Goutouski has secured from the county administration building, the \$1,500 budget for the 1973 dinner in honor of Warden Anne MacArthur was exceeded by \$2,424.66 for a total expense of \$3,924.66. The dinner in 1972 for Warden Jim Swanborough cost \$3,824.59. The budget for that dinner

was also \$1,500.

While Goutouski missed the last meeting of County Council, he has written a letter to both Warden Anne MacArthur and to John White, Minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs.

In his letter to the warden

he refers to a letter Mrs. MacArthur wrote to him Jan. 19, 1973. In that letter the warden promised the 1973 dinner would be put on within the budget as set.

"This year I have appointed a special committee to review the matter of an annual dinner in honor of the warden and this committee

will be reporting to council from time to time so that in the event a dinner is held, I can assure you that it will be within the budget guidelines established in our annual budgets," Mrs. MacArthur wrote.

In his letter Dec. 21, Goutouski reminded the warden of that commitment

and asked for an explanation. "I'm sure the dinner pleased all those who attended, the bills have been paid and my only comment is "this 1973 County Council has been dishonest in their conduct and by their actions degrade our democratic system of responsible government," he said.

## Police changeover is ready to take place

The changeover to regional police is ready to go and should be done with no disruption of service to the public, says regional police chief Ken Skerrett.

Milton Police Department will be disbanded and will be merged into the Halton Regional Force. The 11-man force will be manned by the same officers that now work in Milton.

Milton's Chief Ray Andress leaves Milton to assume the job of chief over the North Halton force in Georgetown. He will be the only officer who won't stay with the Milton detachment.

Chief Skerrett said the Milton division or precinct will be administered from Oakville, where headquarters for the whole region will be set up.

One phone number Local residents wishing to call any branch of the regional police will phone 878-5511 and the call will be channelled through Oakville cars which will be dispatched from there.

The chief urged residents to memorize the 878-5511 number and use that number for their calls.

However if any of the old numbers for individual police departments were dialed, the

## Brookville

call would be answered. Skerrett said the officers working in Milton would be able to draw on additional help from Oakville if they had to handle a serious situation or required more men. "All the services we have here will be available to the Milton officers," he said.

Milton officers will be moving into the former Children's Aid Society Building on Hugh St. That move will be made this week, before the end of the 1973.

Eventually Milton division will join the Georgetown district. That won't happen until the OPP is phased out of Acton and the two townships, according to Skerrett.

Standard ranking Jan. 1, all municipal police forces will have standard ranking systems in the province. Under the new system there will only be nine ranks instead of the 20 titles previously used.

Solicitor General John Yaremko said the change would make it easier for citizens to identify ranks.

"Standard insignia for municipal uniforms will be phased over the next few months," Mr. Yaremko said. "Changes to conform to this new ranking system will not affect the Ontario Provincial

## Drop titles

Among the titles dropped to prevent confusion in the minds of the public are Corporal, Patrol Sergeant and Sergeant.

The new insignia for police chiefs will be a crown and three maple leaves. A crown and three maple leaves for a Deputy Chief, and a crown and one leaf for a Staff Sergeant.

A Superintendent will have a crown, a Staff Inspector, three maple leaves, and an Inspector, two maple leaves.

The Staff Sergeant identification will be a crown and three chevrons, with three chevrons for Sergeants.

According to figures



TOBOGGANING, a practical and exciting winter sport, can be enjoyed best at the Kelso conservation area's toboggan hills. The hills have become very popular with Oakville residents, typified by the four, yes there are four, youths downward bound on one hill (right), three tobogganers breaking away over the well scuffed terrain (top)

## Barrett says Milton to face heavy tax load

Milton will be faced with tax increases in the regional government setup, according to Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett. Barrett said the addition of lands in north Oakville to Milton would be difficult for Milton to handle.

Barrett made his comments during a planning committee meeting of regional council. He said Milton would take over about half the land in Oakville but would only assume a portion of the taxes.

"For years we have spent far more in north Oakville than we have received in taxes from that area,"

## Bonus, raise given to Halton employees

A cost of living bonus, \$16.50 per month, was granted employees of Halton County at the final meeting of the 1973 county council last week. The bonus will be paid to all except those in supervisory capacities or those with salaries over \$20,000.

The cost of living bonus was instituted as a means of upgrading the wage rates at Halton Centennial Manor, but county councillors felt all employees should receive the same benefits.

## Kinsmen, Mayor ring New Year's town bell

The midnight bell will ring at Milton Town Hall to greet the new year again.

For the past seven years the old town hall bell has been tolled while a large circle of citizens links hands in the street for a brief rendition of Auld Lang Syne. Coffee and donuts follow in the town hall where the year's crowd was estimated to be over 200.

Milton District Kinsmen Club, the town's newest service club, has come to the rescue of the tradition and will handle the preparation and arrangements for the New Year's greeting. Mrs. Anne MacArthur, who becomes mayor of Milton on Jan. 1, will ring the bell to introduce the "new" expanded community.

All are welcome

There has usually been a reason for the choosing of the bell ringer and over the years from the inception of the tradition the bell ringers have included Jim Dills, Austan Ledwith, Brian Best, Syd Childs, Andy Frank and Jack Rush, Ron Harris and John Comber, and Frank Thompson.

This year, as the town slips into a completely new form of government, the symbolic greeting to the challenges of the future will be sounding from the bell tower in the town hall, with the new mayor at the end of the bell rope.

The bell itself has historic associations with the community. Years ago, from a higher perch in a cupola on the town hall, it rang out the

time morning, noon and night. On Sunday it signalled the church hours and people from the countryside often reported hearing the bell at some distance.

Fire, water alarm The bell also served as a municipal fire alarm and in later years it also signalled when the town's water supply was to be cut off to allow watermain repairs.

The bell was lowered when the cupola was removed from the top of the town hall and now it is only heard at midnight on new year's eve.

The midnight event is quite informal as people arrive in time to participate, exchange greetings, and perhaps warm themselves with coffee and donuts. You don't need an invitation.

## merge town, township Building dept moves

Building and plumbing inspection departments in Milton and Nassagaweya will be merged into one office on Jan. 1, and the staff will move to new quarters in the basement of Milton Town Hall.

Chief building inspector Ray Olan and his staff are carrying out the move from their first floor office to the basement quarters this week. The present building department office will be renovated as an office for Mayor Anne MacArthur.

Cec Jackson of the Milton

building department staff will continue to work from the office and Terry Gallamore, who has been Nassagaweya's inspector for the past two years, joins them at the Milton office.

Contact office Olan said anyone within the expanded municipal boundaries needing a building permit or an inspection should contact his office at the town hall.

Early in the new year building department records from the north Burlington

## New town hall phone

Milton's municipal office has a new telephone—and a new telephone number—effective this week.

The old number 878-4151 has been discontinued and the new number to call for town hall business is 878-7211.

## One killed, one hurt snowmobile hits train

One local man was killed and another seriously injured when the snowmobile in which they were riding collided with a moving CPR freight train at Kelso Tuesday last week.

Dead is Kenneth Michael Pasuta, of R.R. 2, Campbellville. He was a passenger on a '72 Polaris believed driven by Robert Harris, R.R. 6, Milton. Pasuta was pronounced dead on arrival at Milton District Hospital while a fractured skull, broken shoulder and internal injuries were noted.

Harris was immediately transferred to Milton General Hospital.

Graduate Pasuta had graduated from University of Guelph in the spring with a Bachelor of degree in agriculture. He was working

at the Glen Eden Ski Area, inside the Kelso Conservation Area at the time of his death. Pasuta was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pasuta.

Harris, 21, was also working with the Glen Eden



Robert Harris

Harris was released from hospital Christmas Eve but will have to return to have a plastic plate planted in his skull, reports his mother. The broken shoulder will not require a cast.

Steep hill The accident occurred about 2 p.m. while the men were travelling to a toboggan crossing is situated on a steep hill. Trains cannot be seen from the bottom.

The snowmobile will require an estimated \$300 repairs while the freight train received no damage.

Milton OPP investigated.

## Christmas baby

Kyle David Hobson was born on Christmas Day in Milton District Hospital. Kyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hobson of 7808 Guelph Line.

Kyle's parents David and Judy consulted an Ouija Board a few weeks prior to the birth and were advised that the baby would be a boy, would be born on Christmas Day and would weigh eight pounds nine ounces.

## Manor false alarm

Milton Firefighters were called out to a false alarm at Halton Centennial Manor Christmas morning and later in the evening to a chimney fire on Anne Blvd.

The fire alarm at the Manor was set off when a steam line

## Manor false alarm

broke. Deputy chief Jim Coulson said the chimney fire caused little damage.

Milton Detachment of OPP report a rash of accidents Christmas day. Most accidents were minor accidents.

NASSAGAWEYA, part of Burlington and Oakville and all of Milton merge Jan. 1 to form the enlarged central Halton unit of regional government. The boot-shaped new Milton is shown in outline here with some of the familiar names indicated. The municipality stretches the full width of Halton and as far north as the county boundary. It encompasses an estimated 135 square miles.

More stories appear on page 2 outlining the effects of the new regional government structure on Milton.