

# "We will serve you wisely and well"



MAYOR MacARTHUR reads her inaugural address to Monday's first meeting of the 1974 council.

The following is the complete text of Mayor Anne MacArthur's address to the inaugural meeting of Milton Council, following the induction of members Monday evening.

Your Honour Judge Sprague, Father Murphy, Rev. Lowry, staff and friends.

Tonight is indeed a unique occasion because you have seen installed a council for a complete new municipality, which extends from the borders of Mississauga to Eramosa, taking in two complete municipalities and part of three others. This municipality is, as you know, the largest in area, and by far the smallest in population. This in itself poses a problem because it means that the ratepayers will have to provide costly services in the area and it could be very costly indeed.

The area, sprawling out like a boot, is the child of the province. In its wisdom, the province decided that there should be four area municipalities rather than

the three proposed by the County Council. This council that you see before you, have, by your choice, been made the guardians of the early years of the infant. This we are more than willing to be,

but we say in all honesty that the province will have to give special consideration to this child if it is going to survive as an economic unit without bringing the ratepayers to their knees.

Father Murphy spoke of goodwill and co-operation. I promise you at the regional level, to do my utmost to co-operate with the other municipalities and gain their goodwill. It has been said, that no man is an island. Neither is a municipality. We get only in return what we are prepared to give.

At one of the first steering committee meetings held this fall, the Mayor of the Town of Milton at that time, said that it would be necessary to hire a treasurer and an engineer, in order for the town to get its fair share at the regional level.

The treasurer we have hired. This council in its wisdom has decided that a planner we must have. If this area is to grow in other than a haphazard fashion we must have someone with the expertise in that line to guide it.

The growth of this town has been phenomenal in the last few years. How good it is or how bad, I'm not prepared to say, however I do think the time has come that we must seriously consider and reassess our position in order to give the best service to all areas. This we intend to do at the different levels over which we have control. The central core of this



RED ROSES were presented to Mayor Anne MacArthur as soon as she was sworn into office Monday night, by Councillor Jim Watson's daughter Autumn Watson.

(Photo by R. Downs)

## Name brigade's company officers

Changes in officers of Milton Fire Department were announced recently by Fire Chief A. E. Clement, following a resignation and a retirement.

Lt. Murray Currie has retired and Capt. Wilf Penon resigned at the same time as the brigade was dividing its firefighters into two fire companies instead of the three that have existed for several years.

Officers now are, No. 1

Company, Capt. V. J. "Barney" Coulson, Lt. Ivan Clarridge and Lt. Jim Coulson; No. 2 Company, Captain Harold Coulson, Lt. Gord Krantz and Lt. Glenn Stringer.

The changes and the promotions of firefighters Jim Coulson and Ivan Clarridge to the rank of lieutenant were approved at the fire area board's last meeting.

REMINISCING about other days, Anna Scott MacNabb chats with Milton's first woman mayor, Anne MacArthur at a reception following Monday's inaugural meeting of the new council. Mrs. MacArthur paid a warm personal tribute to Mrs. MacNabb during her inaugural address.

## \$150,000 over budget

## OMB approves funds arena can be built

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved the expenditure of an additional \$150,000 to cover the costs of a new arena in Milton. Former Milton Mayor Brian Best met with the OMB Friday and presented the council's position.

Estimate for the project was \$406,000. Permission to spend that amount was granted earlier by the OMB. The

low bid, however, came in \$150,000 over the projected price.

Milton Arena Board had considered going ahead with part of the project and leaving some parts of the operation unfinished until next year.

Council felt the project should be built in its entirety and permission for the entire project was finally granted

after Friday's hour-long meeting in Toronto.

The town now has permission to spend \$556,000. The new arena will be built on the site of the new high school at the south-east corner of the Third Line and Main St.

Mr. Best said he received a verbal okay for the funding Friday and formal notification was expected soon.

## Hockey, Scout grants passed at final meet

Grants of \$1,500 to the Milton Minor Hockey Association and \$500 to the Boy Scouts Association were approved in a brief year-end meeting of the Milton Parks and Recreation Committee last week.

The Board reviewed a difficult financial year after construction of the community centre building in Rotary Park on which costs far exceeded estimates. Funds for the project came from the LIP grant and from development contributions and budget cuts.

Commitment It was expected the committee might slightly exceed its budget but members concurred in meeting the two grants on which a commit-

ment was felt towards the groups' operations.

Chairman Jim Dills expressed appreciation to the members for their service and dedication to the work of the committee, as it adjourned. The committee is one that was disbanded at the year-end.

### KNOW FACTS

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HALTON HILLS Council held its inaugural meeting Thursday afternoon in the former Esqueing Council Chambers. Clerk D. Pritchard, right, administered the oath of office to new Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill. (Photo by A. Currie)

## Sticker sales down here too Police, fire chief speak at Fairview

The provincial Department of Transportation and Communications has reported only 3.8 per cent of all Ontario motorists have purchased their 1974 licence renewal stickers, compared with over 10 per cent last year.

Locally, the licence bureau at Clement's Paint and Wallpaper reports only 603 stickers sold this year compared with 808 plate sales at this time last year, indicating sales to date are down only 36.4 per cent compared with the provincial 62 per cent figure.

Upper Burlington Citizens Forum has invited Halton's regional police chief and Burlington's fire chief to speak and outline the changes in police and fire protection that regional government have brought, at the group's annual meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Police Chief Kenneth Skerrett and Fire Chief Reg Law will be present to explain how the regionalization of Halton affects the people of northern Burlington.

The annual meeting will also elect directors to serve in 1974 and review three proposed constitution changes. One would change the name of the group of Upper Burlington Ratepayers Association, another would alter the group's boundaries to include only those properties remaining in Burlington (south of Derry Rd.) and the third will revise the make-up of directors representing various areas.

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