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Heights ratepayers organize will oppose brickyard dump

Opposition to any dumping of garbage in the Milton Heights area was expressed Friday by a newly created Milton Heights Ratepayers' Association.

The meeting followed earlier reports that Milton Council favored establishment of a landfill operation in a pit on Milton Brick lands. Newly elected president Mike Wareham said following the two hour meeting his group wanted to work with the council in the best interests of Milton Heights.

Precedent

William A. Johnson, representative of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping) in presiding for the meeting, emphasized his concern that if dumping was allowed in this location the

region, which abounds in quarries, would be wide open for Toronto's garbage.

He urged an attempt be made to cut down on garbage through recycling and reduced packaging. "We have to be sure landfill, wherever it goes, is a temporary measure."

Councillor Gord Krantz reviewed that the brick yard site was previously approved by environmental departments but held up by Esquering when their official plan couldn't be changed.

"The official plan was only one reason," countered Johnson. He suggested lack of fill at the site and poor drainage were also factors in the Esquering decision.

Less cover

Krantz noted the town operated a landfill site for eight or nine years in Milton with less cover on the site than would be available at the pit site.

Increased traffic on Steeles Ave. was one of the fears expressed by Mike Wareham who referred to earlier estimates of 60 to 90 vehicles a day to the pit. Councillor Russ Powadiuk noted he lived on the Guelph Line and heavy traffic existed there, too.

Councillor Brad Clements explained the problem in garbage is that long hauling distances would mean the town would have to buy another truck, because the one truck cannot continue to handle it if it must drive to Oakville to empty.

"We need someplace local to take the material unless there's to be a recycling problem," he suggested.

Not Toronto's

Councillor Powadiuk emphasized he would push for recycling and other forms of resource management, but he didn't want to see Toronto garbage coming into the area. "We're not going to

pass ours off on Peel or Wentworth," he suggested.

Councillor Krantz emphasized that garbage is covered daily at a land fill site. "I would want to know about it if you found the garbage was uncovered—if the dump went in this location," he stressed.

Present pollution in Heights wells turned the topic to interest in the provision of municipal water in Milton Heights. Krantz emphasized that pollution would probably

increase with piped water because septic beds would be called on to handle greater volumes when the water was plentiful in supply.

Not on route

After reviewing the planned route of a new water line to be stretched from the Kelso wells to Milton, down through the Heights, across the sideroad and through Peru to Steeles Ave. some of the crowd noted the area south from the store would not be on the route.

Councillor Powadiuk promised those residents could obtain water too if they petitioned for it and were willing to pay the local improvement costs plus the normal hook-up. "Dump or no dump, you can get the water," he declared.

Peter Van Wouw recalled efforts three years earlier when they found the price would be something like \$1,300 to start and \$800 a year

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\$1,500,000 permit for hotel issued

Plans have been approved and a building permit issued for the construction of an 111-unit hotel on Mill St. at the corner of Garden Lane. The permit issued to Barlin Construction is valued at \$1,500,000.

Plans for the building in-

dicade there will be two levels of underground parking as well as parking at ground level.

Of the 111 units there will be 39 two-bedroom units, 36 single-bed units and another 36 one-bedroom with cooking facilities. Only 36 single units

can have cooking facilities. The others will be strictly hotel rooms.

The plans make no provision for a restaurant or other amenities in the building. The building will be 60 feet or six stories high. It is located on 1.236 acres.

Plans show the hotel will be built with concrete slabs. The site backs up to the tennis courts in Rotary Park. The site was formerly owned and used as a lumberyard by Milton Lumber.

Plans were approved by committee of adjustment last February when that committee granted relief from zoning regulations that would have prohibited any cooking facilities in the rooms.

Other permits issued during the month in Milton include nine single family dwellings. Permits issued during January indicate construction valued at \$1,700,000.

Snowmobile inquest 5 recommendations

An inquest was held in Milton Tuesday into the sudden death of Kenneth Pasuta, a 23-year-old worker with Halton Region Conservation Authority who was killed on Dec. 18, 1973 in a snowmobiling accident at Kelso Conservation Area.

The jury found the cause of death to be from multiple injuries received when the snowmobile on which he and

Robert Harris were riding collided with a CPR train at Glen Eden Ski Area, Kelso. Although Lloyd Chisholm, foreman of the jury, indicated the deceased was operating the snowmobile at the time of the collision, the finding was ruled out of order by the conducting coroner, Dr. D. Aikenhead. He pointed out the purpose of a coroner's jury was not to accuse but to avoid

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O'Connor denies conflict

Halton MP Terry O'Connor has flatly denied there was any conflict of interest or political patronage surrounding a contract the Ontario government gave a firm in which he is a minor shareholder. Allegations of a conflict and patronage were made this week by a Toronto newspaper which revealed National Heritage Ltd. received a \$10,000,000 contract to restore Old Fort William at Thunder Bay without a tender bid.

O'Connor, a lawyer, was acting as solicitor for National Heritage in July of 1971 when the firm won the restoration job. That same month he was engaged as executive assistant to Ontario's secretary of justice Allan Lawrence. Later O'Connor contested the Halton federal riding seat for the Conservative party and won it.

Minister of Natural Resources Leo Bernier confirms the job was awarded without tenders, but said it was done because no other firm could do that kind of work. He called it "a unique program" and said there are no other firms in that line of work.

Solicitor, shareholder O'Connor owns about five per cent of National Heritage. He said he was only acting as solicitor for a client when the deal was signed with the Ontario government and he did not talk to anyone at the government level about it. O'Connor said he is not active with National Heritage, although he is a shareholder. Another shareholder with five per cent is PC federal member for St. Paul's Ronald Atkey. Stories also named Ab Campion, former executive assistant to tourism and information minister James Auld as vice-president of Heritage.

The fort was opened by the Queen last year and three of an eventual 53 buildings have been completed. Another 16 are expected to be ready this summer. The fort was established as a fur-trading post in 1678.

Heritage did the main research and is co-ordinating the restoration project. Outside subcontractors are doing the work.



MILTON'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR for 1973, Brian Best was honored by Milton Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting and Citizen dinner Wednesday. He is pictured with members of his family and a provincial scroll presented by Halton East MPP Jim Snow. From left are sons Colin and

Allan, Brian's parents Mr. and Mrs. Percy Best who came over from England for the occasion, Brian and Freda Best and son Bruce. Over 200 gathered at Roma Social Club to pay tribute to the former mayor.

(Photo by R. Downs)



WEARING SCOTT AIR PACKS, Milton Fire Brigade contended with much smoke at a Campbellville house fire last Tuesday night. There was extensive smoke and water damage at the home of

Robert and Lena Burnside, 34 Main St. when fire broke out in the basement. Everyone escaped safely.

(Photo by D. Pink)

School in Dorset Park named Robert Baldwin

Robert Baldwin is the name chosen for the new elementary school being built in the Dorset Park area of Milton. Halton Board of Education voted in favor of the name at their meeting Thursday.

John Lenz, who for the past three years has been principal of W. I. Dick School, was appointed principal of the new Baldwin School at the Thursday meeting. No appointment was made to the W. I. Dick principalship.

A school opening in the Charnwood section of Oakville was named after William Chisholm. He is credited with having founded the original Oakville.

Early politician

Robert Baldwin is known as "The Father of Responsible Government in Canada". He was a political leader in the 1840's.

According to Assistant Director of Education Em Lavender, Baldwin's name is not well remembered in Canada but Lavender notes there is a growing interest in Canadian history and the Canadian heritage.

The Robert Baldwin School is slated to open in September. It is under construction on Wilson Dr.

Dick improvements must wait, says board

Milton Trustee Bill Lawson was unable to convince the Halton Board of Education that improvements and upgrading at W. I. Dick School should be made this year instead of 1975 when the work is planned.

Lawson told the board at their meeting Thursday the school was the last one in the region to be brought up to board standards. The school is without a gym or learning resource centre. A \$300,000 project is planned for that school in 1975. The addition would include a learning resource centre, a general purpose room and change rooms.

Lawson argued that because it was the last one to be upgraded, it should be done now. He noted some students would be transferred to that school from other schools where modern facilities existed.

The trustee said parents were unhappy about the prospect of taking their children from one school with complete facilities to another without the same facilities. Lawson noted that those students who would be

leaving Dick to go to the new school in Dorset Park would enjoy all of the modern facilities. He said it wasn't fair to leave those people who lived in the neighborhood near W. I. Dick without the facilities enjoyed by others in the region.

His bid was turned down on an 8-8 vote. Board procedure indicates that a tie vote defeats the motion.

Crowding at W. I. Dick School will be relieved this fall with the opening of the Robert Baldwin School in the Dorset Park area.

Until now the school has served the new subdivision as well as the previous attendance area. As of September any students living east of Ontario St. will attend the

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Rabies spreads to Norval sheep

Over the last three weeks Chester and Frank Early of Norval have lost three of their 40 sheep due to rabies.

"When the first two died, there were no symptoms of rabies," said Chester Early, "no frothing at the mouth; they just died." But the third, commented Frank Early, was like a mad bull.

Before the brothers burnt the carcass of the last sheep, a government veterinarian,

from the Health of Animals Branch, removed the brain and sent it to Hull, Quebec for examination.

Compensation from the federal government is expected but, the amount was not known. "The government must have proof," stated Frank Early. "We won't get anything for the first one because they didn't see it." When the second sheep died they took it to the post-

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Weekend Winterfest promises community fun

Fun events here all weekend

Preparations have been finalized and Milton's annual winter carnival is ready to get underway this weekend.

The activities get started Friday night at Rotary Park with the official opening and crowning of the snow king and queen. Mayor Anne MacArthur, MP Terry O'Connor and M.P.P. Jim Snow all plan to attend the function.

The decision regarding the king and queen has been made but the winners won't be announced until Friday night. Following the crowning the crowd is expected to follow the torch light parade to the mill pond where areas on the pond will be cleared and prepared for skating,

weather and ice conditions permitting.

Snowmen

While everyone in the community is encouraged to buy and wear a snowman tag no admission charges will be levied Friday night. The snowman is your admission to all carnival events except the dances.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Milton Fire Department will provide hot chili for cold and hungry skaters Friday. The emphasis is being put on a family affair Friday night. For those who'd sooner be inside, a number of films will be shown in the community room at Rotary Park.

A youth dance will be held Friday night at St. Paul's

Church with Mecca providing the music. That dance is being held by Milton Youth Council.

Saturday promises to be a full day with activities getting underway at 10 a.m. and continuing on into the night.

Rodeo event

Milton Snow Birds will conduct a snowmobile rodeo Saturday morning. The winners will be tested on skill, safety, the manner of operation and how appropriate the dress is. Trophies and stickers are available for winners.

Once again the Rotary Club of Milton will host the children's mutt show. The rules are similar to last year's.

Children showing dogs must be 12 years old or younger and all dogs must be on a leash. Prizes will be given for the oldest, youngest, smallest (full grown), best trick, most unusual, funniest and the cutest dogs.

Oakville's Youth-Theatre will provide a new attraction to the carnival with their presentation of Jake and the Cat. The play is to last about 45 minutes and is the story of a lazy cat that won't catch a mouse.

Full program

Milton Senior Citizens' Orchestra will lead off with a couple hours of entertainment. The en-

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Your Winterfest schedule

A wide variety of events has been planned for the Milton Winterfest to be held Feb. 8, 9 and 10. Snowmen will serve as admission and are on sale at a number of locations now.

FRIDAY

7 p.m.—Opening ceremony, crowning and announcement of king and queen, tree burning ceremonies, dignitaries' remarks and official opening, at Rotary Park.

7:30 p.m.—Torchlight parade with school children taking part, at Rotary Park.

8 p.m.—Public skating at the mill pond (weather permitting).

8:30—Films at Rotary Park Community Centre (family and children's films)

9 p.m.—Youth dance at St. Paul's Church, music by Mecca.

SATURDAY

All events at Milton Fair Grounds
10 a.m.—Snowmobile rides, helicopter rides start, cross country skiing, snowmobile rodeo.
11 a.m.—Handicraft hall opens, high school fun events, mutt show.
1 p.m.—Sanctioned snowmobile races (over \$2,000 in prize money.)

1:30 p.m.—High School fun events.
1:45 p.m.—Youth-theatre, Jake and the Cat.
2-4 p.m.—Public swim at Ontario Schools for the Deaf.
2:30 p.m.—Entertainment by senior citizens' orchestra, square dancing demonstration and dance, folk singing and the Higgins twins will perform with their accordions.
2:30 p.m.—Fun events (High school)
9 p.m.—Dances-Rhythmic Five at Agricultural Hall, J. C. and the Squires at Boy Scout Hall.

SUNDAY

Sunday events will be held in the Arena
2:30 p.m.—Milton Figure Skating Club demonstration.
Hockey—University of Guelph Girls vs. Milton District High School Boys.
Broomball—Milton councillors vs. town staff.

Note: Milton Optimist Club will be holding hay rides on Saturday at the fair grounds. A committee of teachers and students at Milton District High School is organizing a series of fun events. They include such things as donut eating contests, snowfootball games, sack races, etc.



MILT THE SNOWMAN IS THE SYMBOL OF THE MILTON WINTERFEST THIS WEEKEND.