

Tax questions offer comic relief

Prompted by the frustration of taxation chairman Ed Smith in his attempt to get straight answers from local regional government officials, the question was raised by members of Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association as to how to get rid of the regional set-up.

"It doesn't serve a purpose, there is duplicate work in planning being done, they are just creating new jobs without replacing the old ones," member Don Duke stated.

"It really bears investigation," he continued, "no-one seems to know why they are hiring so many people and continuing to offer duplicate services in the region and local municipalities."

Chairman Walter Tkachenko added, "One example is the stupidity of Halton Region Conservation Authority in not using Nassagaweya Township Hall for their temporary offices. They all want to work in the Taj-

ma Hall. I wouldn't mind being within seven or eight miles of my work."

Hit the road
Tax chairman Smith told the Tuesday evening meeting that Milton Council will be meeting in Brookville on April 16. "They'll hit the road and then we can see them in action," he said.

"I was really only able to gather comic relief information for this evening's meeting," he explained. "When I asked what our mill

rate is I was told they didn't know—it wouldn't be set until July. When I asked how we would compare with Milton, they didn't know that either."

"They were quick to point out the 'additional' services were further hampered by the assessment information offices being located in the Univac Building at Square One in Mississauga.

Mr. Smith was told the financial report of the assets of Nassagaweya at the time of annexation could be seen in the auditor's report in the

Town of Milton offices but it would not be ready until the end of April.

Hampered
His efforts to gather information for the meeting were further hampered by the assessment information offices being located in the Univac Building at Square One in Mississauga.

"I found that the assessment will be frozen until 1976, but that's not the mill rate," he assured the 40 members of the association.

Complaints from the floor concerning tax bills being received only three days before the due date were heard.

Councillor Brad Clements attended the meeting and agreed to explain how regional government works at the next general meeting of the association.

"We should really try to get their answers in writing," someone suggested from the floor. "They seem to change their stories at whim."

Swimmers enjoy pool

Public swimming at the OSD pool was a great success during the mid-winter school break as 770 people took advantage of the opportunity to get some exercise away from the below-normal temperatures of last week.

Sponsored by the Milton Parks and Recreation Department, the program ran afternoons from Monday to Friday for children, plus Monday and Thursday nights for adults. Officials report 716 children and 54 adults enjoyed the large pool with its diving facilities.

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