

*Situation called serious*

## We're short of landfill sites

Halton Region could face a serious shortage of sanitary landfill sites unless new sites are acquired, designed and prepared for opening in the near future.

Milton's site closed last December, Esquesing's site closed last month and Nassagaweya's may close any day depending on whether or not an extension can be granted from the Ministry of the Environment. Acton's site is expected to be filled by the end of this

year and Oakville site isn't expected to last much more than a year from now. Burlington has sufficient accommodation to handle the needs of the town for about five years with room to expand if a certificate can be obtained.

Only three years Halton Hills opened a new and sophisticated site this year. Based on Georgetown's needs, the site was expected to have a 10 year life span. That life span has been

reduced to about three years now that other areas may be using the site as well.

Halton Hills Councillor Ernie Sykes expressed shock and opposition to any action the region's public works committee will take to fill Halton Hills landfill site within three years.

The site is located north of Armstrong Ave. west of the Credit River and was developed prior to the implementation of regional government. Georgetown Council had planned to use that site for 10 years.

Sykes went into a rage when it was suggested Halton Hills could be left without a local site after three years.

Soon exhausted Public Works Director Bob Baillie told the committee Acton's site was expected to be filled this year and Oakville's site capacity would be exhausted within a year or so.

Baillie said the intent was to reroute garbage from Milton to Georgetown rather than to Oakville, in order to extend the life of the Oakville site.

Sykes objected strenuously to what he termed the region's crash program to fill the Halton Hills site. "We should have a crash program to find new sites."

Under the regional government system, the region shares the cost of operating landfill sites but area municipalities pay the cost of collection and transportation.

Higher costs Transportation is considered to be one of the great costs involved in garbage disposal. Sykes argues that if garbage from other parts of the region fills the site, Halton Hills could be faced with having to truck garbage for a considerable distance, at additional costs.

Milton is now without a dump and faces trucking charges regardless where the garbage is sent. Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur supported Sykes' bid to find new sites.

sites for dumps.

Call it "stupid" Mayor MacArthur said the former Milton Council had been blocked by Esquesing Township from starting a dump at the Milton Brick site a few years ago. She said that if the township has not blocked the move, the town of

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## Here and There in Brief

### Raise \$260

#### Fast for famine

Going without food for 40 hours is really not such a sacrifice in this land of plenty. Over the Easter weekend 22 Milton residents fasted—and for a good reason.

A total of \$260 will be turned over to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund for famine relief as a result of their efforts and the faith their sponsors had in their self-imposed discipline.

### Steam train

#### Stopping in Milton

Steam train nostalgia will be breaking out Milton again this Saturday when a double-header steam locomotive passes through Milton and stops briefly to take on water at the Martin St. CPR crossing.

Ontario Rail Association, which owns engines 136 and 1057, is running a fan trip from Toronto to Hamilton via Milton, Guelph Junction and Waterdown. The trip is completely sold out—all 450 passenger tickets—but you can get a good look at the train in action when it arrives here around 11 a.m. Sherwood Hume of Milton, a director of ORA, said No. 136 is the now famous engine that starred in CBC's popular TV series The National Dream. It's an 82-year-old engine. No. 1057, its larger cousin, is a 62-year-old model.

The double-header train includes eight antique coaches and a directors' car. It will stay in Hamilton for another excursion run to Brantford on Sunday, plus one the following weekend, and won't be back this way in the foreseeable future.

### Halton Museum

#### Suggest take-over

Halton County Museum at Kelso may in the future come under the jurisdiction of Halton Region Conservation Authority. At present the museum is administered through the Community Services Committee of the Regional Municipality of Halton.

Halton Hills councillor Len Cox is of the opinion that with the regional government administration operating from Burlington away from the Kelso location of the museum, it would be better administered through the authority.

A meeting is being scheduled with the Community Services Committee to discuss the matter.

### Theresa Gies

#### In speaking finals

Theresa Gies of Milton was one of two winners in the Optimist Club-sponsored Ontario semi-final speaking competition in Toronto Saturday, and will carry Milton's name into the Ontario finals on May 11.

The Holy Rosary grade eight student was first in the local contest sponsored by the Optimist Club of Milton, then topped the zone contest in Oakville. She competed against girls from Etobicoke, Cornwall, St. Catharines, Stoney Creek, Newmarket and Lindsay in

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THREE-YEAR-OLD Diane Kirton was anxious to show off this seven inch rainbow trout as first day fishermen lined the shores of the Mill Pond Saturday morning. Diane's fish was actually landed by her father Mel who pointed out she had risen with him at 5 a.m. and had tried some fishing herself earlier in the day. Maybe next year Diane will be landing some big ones.

(Photo by D. Pink)

### Education cost up

## Pass budget \$52 million

A budget calling for an expenditure of \$52,274,693 to finance education in Halton was passed by the Halton Board of Education at a meeting Thursday night.

The board rejected a bid by trustee Dick Goodin to slash the budget by 10 per cent and a bid by trustee Tony Goodyear to place \$150,000 in supplementary taxes against the budget, to reduce the mill rate.

It was argued there was no guarantee of receiving the supplementary tax. That tax is received by boards in fast growing areas. Last year the board received \$300,000 in supplementary tax.

Unreasonable request In a prepared statement finance chairman Tom Watson of Acton told the board his committee felt Goodin's request was unreasonable.

He said the cost per pupil has increased by 10 per cent over 1973 and it would be necessary to operate at the same expense as last year to meet Goodin's goal.

Watson claimed a large portion of the increase was due to salaries and indicated it wasn't fair to expect the staff to work without an increase in pay.

He noted costs of supplies and contractual services had

increased as well during the past year.

Up \$5 million The budget is up over last year's spending by about \$5,000,000. The municipal share is up by an average 2.5 mills over the region or an average of 6.5 per cent.

Burlington will pay \$8,534,948 while Halton Hills will pay \$2,559,983. Milton \$1,694,682 and Oakville \$7,453,994. The balance is made up from provincial grants.

Instructional costs account for \$37,333,398 or 71.42 per cent of the total. Other costs are shown as follows: business administration, \$706,650; education services, \$1,052,397; attendance, health and food services, \$168,220; plant operation, \$4,638,632; plant maintenance, \$1,031,667; transportation \$1,229,165; tuition fees, \$107,900; capital expenditures \$161,260; other operating expenses account for \$26,500 while debt charges account for \$5,393,713 and non-operating expenses account for \$425,200.

### Repairs cost \$17,800

## Will put pool into shape

Milton Council authorized its staff to spend \$17,800 to put Milton's Community Swimming Pool into shape for the summer season.

Council was told the pool would have to be repiped with galvanized pipe and refilled with three-quarter inch granular fill. Estimated cost for repiping is \$8,500 and for fill is \$3,000.

Other steps approved included sandblasting the pool at a cost of \$1,500, recaulking at \$450, replacing the deck at \$2,500 and providing a special vacuum cleaner at \$850 and painting and relettering the

pool with special paint at \$1,000.

Costly proposals Council's action follows weeks of discussion and during that period consultant Doug Paton presented the council with several alternatives that ranged from \$45,000 to \$85,000.

Everything from building a pool within a pool to a new pool on a different site was considered.

The decision to repair the pool followed a meeting at the pool. That meeting was attended by Peter Block from the Ministry of Health, Recreation Director Bob Small, Mayor Anne MacArthur, Works Superintendent Bruce McKerr and a number of local tradesmen.

Small told council that after digging, workers found 11 leaks in the plastic piping, four different kinds of pipe and a suction pipe that wasn't hooked up to anything.

Wouldn't drain The plastic pipe apparently had bowed under pressure and the bows in the pipe made it impossible to drain properly.

Proper fill and the use of galvanized pipe is expected to alleviate this problem in the future. McKerr told council the pipes would be laid in such a way that they

would be drained by gravity flow.

McKerr said the pressure test on the main drain held up and he was convinced there was no problem with the main drain. That was one of the areas that was earlier thought to be a problem source.

Proper course, but... Small estimated the work would take about five weeks. Questioned by members of

council, both men said they felt the route was the right one to take but agreed there was no guarantee that the pool would not provide problems again next year.

McKerr noted the recommended route was endorsed by both Paton and the Ministry of Health.

At one point there seemed to be serious doubt about whether or not the pool would be open in time for July 1—or in time for summer use at all.

### Campbell not paying

#### Still holds taxes

Second instalments on Town of Milton 1974 taxes were due on Tuesday, but Milton evangelist Rev. Kenneth Campbell wasn't one of those who paid his instalment at the town hall.

Campbell has pledged to withhold his educational taxes this year, awaiting suggested improvements in the educational system in Halton. He spearheaded a Halton Renaissance campaign to rid the schools of what he calls "moral pollution and literary sewage." Asked Monday by

The Champion if he was planning to make the second instalment on time, the evangelist said "no way—I'm still sitting on it."

The Renaissance leader said he hopes there will be enough changes made in the education system to allow him to pay his taxes before the end of this year, but said he is still prepared to hold back his taxes until he is satisfied with the system.

Milton's treasurer Donald Lougheed said there is a penalty of one per cent per month added to overdue tax instalments.

## Liberals, Conservatives meeting back to back

Halton Conservatives are expected to stand 100 per cent behind incumbent Terry O'Connor of Oakville, when the party holds a formal nominating convention in Oakville on Thursday, May 16. There were rumors last week that Jim Muir, an Oakville insurance salesman who opposed O'Connor for the nomination four years ago would be contesting the MP's bid for another nomination. But Muir told this newspaper Monday he was definitely not in the running, this time around.

The Conservatives had earlier hoped to hold a nominating convention on Tuesday, May 14 (one night before Halton Liberals' nomination meet) but it was delayed to May 16 in order to obtain Michael Meighen, president of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, as guest speaker. The convention is at 8 p.m. at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville and May 2 (this Thursday) is the deadline for buying memberships and being eligible to vote, unless you hold a valid 1973 membership. Those with '73 memberships

can obtain a renewal right up until the time of the convention.

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Halton Liberals are planning to meet Wednesday, May 15 to select a candidate to carry the party's banner in the next federal election—whenever it happens. To date just two candidates have announced intentions of contesting the seat—Oakville physician Dr. Frank Philbrook and Georgetown resident Frank Allen, equipment design manager for Northern Electric.

Elizabeth Robson, president of the Halton organization, indicates there may be other candidates in the race. The nominating convention will be held at Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton. To be eligible to vote, you need a membership more than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Former Halton MP Rud Whiting of Oakville, who was unseated by PC Terry O'Connor in the last federal election, will not be a candidate, he told this newspaper.

### Others up too

## Recreation budget is worth \$534,680

The largest recreation budget ever to be presented to a Milton Council received its first examination at a budget meeting Tuesday night of last week.

In presenting the \$534,680 budget, Parks and Recreation Director Bob Small noted he had included requests from all groups who had made them. Last year's budget was for \$183,646. He told council he had no intention of having the budget passed in its present form.

Small noted the budget was the most difficult budget he had ever compiled because of the amalgamating areas and the lack of information concerning some projects and properties in the past.

Revenue \$242,496

While showing an expenditure of \$534,680, the recreation budget also shows revenue of \$242,496. Administration costs are estimated at \$66,347, operation of facilities at \$195,218, programs at \$81,489, park maintenance and development at \$123,626 and the operation of two arena canteens at \$68,000.

The revenue side of the budget shows \$6,313 in revenue from OSD swim programs, and \$22,997 from other programs, \$89,950 for rental of facilities and \$68,000 from arena canteens.

Small explained the increased number of parks and other facilities and new programs for rural areas accounted for some of the increase in the budget.

More staff

The budget shows requests for two additional employees in administration and the conversion of one part time position into a full time position.

Council considered that budget and several others Tuesday and again Monday night. No cuts have been made as council agreed to listen to budget presentations first and then make cuts later.



REGIONAL CHAIRMAN Allan Masson and Clerk Garfield Brown admire the winning regional crest developed by Jim Faulds of Burlington. Prize money of \$300 goes with the honor. (Photo by B. Burt)



BOXES AND BOXES—1,320 in all—of Girl Guide cookies were sold in town by Milton Brownies and Guides, Saturday. One of the girls selling cookies was Brownie Tracy Swejda of the second Milton pack. (Photo by D. Pink)