

**Council Briefs**

**Start budget soon**

During a meeting Monday, Milton Council:

—Learned Mayor Don Gordon hopes to start 1977 budget deliberations "within a week".

—Agreed to proclaim February as National Heritage Month, the week of Feb. 19-27 as Heritage Week and Feb. 21 as National Heritage Day, for the Milton and District Kinsmen Club. As the proclamations submitted was longer than the usual town proclamations, councillors agreed to pay the standard \$15 toward insertion of the notice in The Champion, with the club responsible for the rest.

—Named Mayor Don Gordon, Treasurer Don Lougheed and Deputy Treasurer Audrey Brush as signing authorities for the town.

—Agreed to assume above-ground services in the area of Dorset Park developed by Victoria Wood a few years ago.

—Adopted Councillor Brian Penman's suggestion to devote part of a future meeting to discussions of local representation at regional council, a procedural by-law and in-camera council sessions.

—Want lights  
—Asked regional representatives to remind the region the town still wants flashing yellow and red lights at the corner of Tremaine Rd. and Steeles Ave. The lights were requested over a year ago.

—Approved a by-law amending the former Oakville Restricted Area Zoning By-Law, allowing Kurt Stoehr to build an auto body repair shop on Fifth Line.

—Learned the Ontario Municipal Board has granted an appeal by Marie Wood and Thomas Alexander Harrison, appealing a Halton Land Division Committee ruling. They plan to separate a 52 acre parcel on 25 Sideroad, from total holdings of 104 acres, and sell it to Nicholas Weir for a horse and nursery stock operation.

—15 per cent increase  
—Wondered if other municipalities also got a 15 per cent increase in 1977 road subsidy allocations, after learning the Ministry of Transportation and Communications is allowing \$496,000 for road construction and maintenance in Milton this year.

—Referred to the fire chief, a petition from the City of Woodstock asking that all officers of the fire department be excluded from firefighters' bargaining units and form a separate officers' unit "or bargaining. The motion also asked such associations be legally bound by a "no strike" clause.

—Authorized parks supervisor Dick Henriksen's attendance at a two-day Ontario Parks Association educational conference in February at Humber College.

—Agreed to renew memberships in the Organization of Small Urban Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Fee for the latter is \$535.

—New industry  
—Authorized signing a development agreement with G. S. Dunn and Company Ltd., which plans a mustard seed industrial operation on McGeachie Rd.

—Referred to budget deliberations, a proposed cooperative course in SCUBA diving between the parks and recreation department and the Canadian National Scuba Diving Association. Some councillors feared the program would replace some of the current public swimming sessions at E. C. Drury School, which are growing in popularity.

—Endorsed the Sheridan Craft Trailer program which offers craft courses in a mobile trailer. Last fall about 60 adults and 480 children took courses in a three month period and Sheridan College covers all the expenses. Program Supervisor Karen Uhrn asked council to spend \$300 on minor renovations at Rotary Park so programs may continue, and councillors approved the request.

—Declined running an advertisement in the national "Kin Magazine" concerning Heritage Day, but preferred donating the cost of the ad to the Milton Kinsmen Club for use locally.

—Approved the annual Scout-Guide Week church parade Sunday, Feb. 27 from the Legion Hall to Grace Anglican Church, and declared the week of Feb. 20-27 Scout-Guide Week.

—Gave Milton Rotary Club the use of Lions Hall April 2 for an Easter Seal Campaign dinner, at no cost.

—Appointed Hugh Brown to cut grass at Drumquin Park and Boyne Centre, at the same \$4,000 fee as last year.

—Referred to the street names committee, a request from Halton-Daylight Land Group to name a public road in the townhouse project at the Wilson-Woodward corner.

—Merryfest  
—Authorized use of Drumquin Park for the Percy Merry "Merryfest" this Saturday afternoon.

—Learned an assessment appeal by Marguerite Day for the property at 5460-5500 Steeles Ave. in Milton has been approved. The 1974 and 1975 assessments were reduced from \$38,242 to \$28,706.

—Received, for information, a library service questionnaire being circulated to Campbellville and area residents. Council congratulated the organizers Dirk Boomhouwer, Mrs. G. Goldstraw and Mrs. I. L. Jennings on the way the questionnaire was drafted.

—Learned R. D. Kunica of Hornby has been refused provincial approval on exempting his farm from the Parkway Belt land use regulations. The regulations would allow a severance to create two 100 acre parcels.

however, if both remain in agricultural uses.

—Appeal to OMB  
—Received notice of an OMB hearing Feb. 28 in Burlington, when Halton Board of Education and Focus Developments Ltd. will appeal a Halton Land Division Committee by decision. The Board is attempting to sell Focus a 323 by 115 foot parcel on Commercial St. but HLDC denied the request.

—Learned another appeal will be held Feb. 1 on Donald F. Clements' request to sell 2.3 acres near Rattlesnake Point Park.

—Received a report from Clerk Campbell Thompson noting that Wilson's Auctioneers, Market Dr., expect to have adequate parking on adjacent lands by this spring for auction sale patrons. Council had earlier complained vehicles were parking on Market Dr. and Highway 25 in contravention with an agreement the firm had signed earlier.

—Wintario dollars  
—Noted a Wintario grant of \$31,383.66 for Campbellville Lions Hall has been given final approval. Treasurer Lougheed pointed out the net cost to the town for this building was just \$2,068.14.

—Ruled a development agreement with Ken Syer for a retail building on Steeles Ave. should have a two year time limit. The applicant wanted an extension to cover five years, in case due to mortgage rates he could not build within two years. Councillors felt the two year limit should be retained and the applicant can ask for an extension at the end of that period.

**Obituary**

**Mrs. Barbara Fraser**

Barbara Sutherland Fraser of 171 Court St. N. in Milton, wife of the late William Fraser, died at Milton District Hospital on Jan. 17, 1977. Originally from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, she had lived in Milton for 65 years.

Her hobby was gardening and she always had lovely flower beds around her home. Mrs. Fraser was active in Knox Presbyterian Church, was a life member of Knox W.M.S., a member of the Coronation Group Ladies Aid at Knox and also the Evening Star Rebekah Lodge No. 79.

Surviving are a daughter Adeline (Mrs. Robert Mackay) of Milton and a son George Fraser of Nipissing, also a brother David Sutherland of Kennay, Scotland and a sister Mary (Mrs. Fred Christie) of Lornaveen-Torphins Scotland. There are also five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Rebekah Lodge held a service on Jan. 18 and the funeral service was held Jan. 19 at McKersie Funeral Chapel. Rev. Trevor Lewis of Knox Church officiated and interment was in the family

**Board, teachers pick arbitrators**

Halton Board of Education has named an experienced lawyer, D.K. Laidlaw, as its representative on the arbitration board which will hear the board's grievance against the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

The board has filed a grievance over the OSSTF embargo against members applying for chairmanship positions with the board.

Halton high school teachers are opposed to board plans to abolish the old department head system at nine high schools, including the ones in Georgetown and Milton, next September and start the chairmanship system. The teachers' federation

teachers don't believe the re-organization is educationally sound and would like the present voluntary switch over continued. Six high schools in Halton, including Acton High School, have voluntarily done away with department heads and replaced them with chairmen.

In an effort to halt board plans, the OSSTF issued a pink letter embargo against the board prohibiting its members from applying for chairmanship positions with the board. In response the board filed a grievance believing the embargo is a violation of its management system.

has also announced their nominee for the arbitration hearing board as Elliot Posen, a Toronto solicitor with board labor law experience, who has represented Ontario teachers on a number of other occasions.

Superintendent of Instruction John Boich said Laidlaw was recommended to the board because he is "no stranger to arbitration." He is with the law firm of McCarthy and McCarthy in Toronto.

He said the pair will now sit down and decide which one of them will be chairman. If they can't come to an agreement, the Education Relations Commission will name a third person to the arbitration hearing board who will serve as chairman.

The whole situation is likely to take several months to resolve. Meanwhile the OSSTF embargo against the board appears to be working.

Earlier this month the board advertised internally for 125 chairmen and

received applications for 10 positions from two people.

Since then both of the people have withdrawn their application.

Boich said it appears one of the applicants had a change of heart while the other was on a sabbatical and wasn't aware of the embargo when he applied. He has withdrawn his application and is respecting the embargo.

Boich said he wouldn't know until the end of this month how well the board did in its bid to get chairmanship applications from across the province. He said principals will be submitting applications received at their schools to the administration on January 31.

He said he has received "quite a few" calls from teachers across Ontario who wanted information about the chairmanship positions and admitted he has been frank with all callers letting them know just what the situation is in Halton with the embargo.

**PD Day**

**Teachers at work while students play**

While local public school students enjoy a mid-winter holiday from school next Monday, their teachers will be brushing up on their skills and learning about new and improved educational programs.

Teachers organizing professional development day Jan. 31 have lined up a full and interesting program and several key sessions will be held in Milton.

At Robert Baldwin School resource teachers are meeting, a special speaker John Bates will talk on mathematics and a math workshop will be convened by Tom Travis.

Learn to camp  
Martin St. School is hosting an afternoon workshop on organizing camping excursions, with Tom Travis in charge. At W. I. Dick School, Mrs. M. Coules supervising a kindergarten program and Mrs. C. Filman heading up an exchange of ideas in language

arts. Outdoor education programs are also planned for teachers planning to take their charges to Halton Region Museum, Ontario Agricultural Museum, Mountsberg Wildlife Centre and Bronte Creek Provincial Park. At last report the Bronte Creek session was booked solid and the other workshops were filling fast, organizers report.

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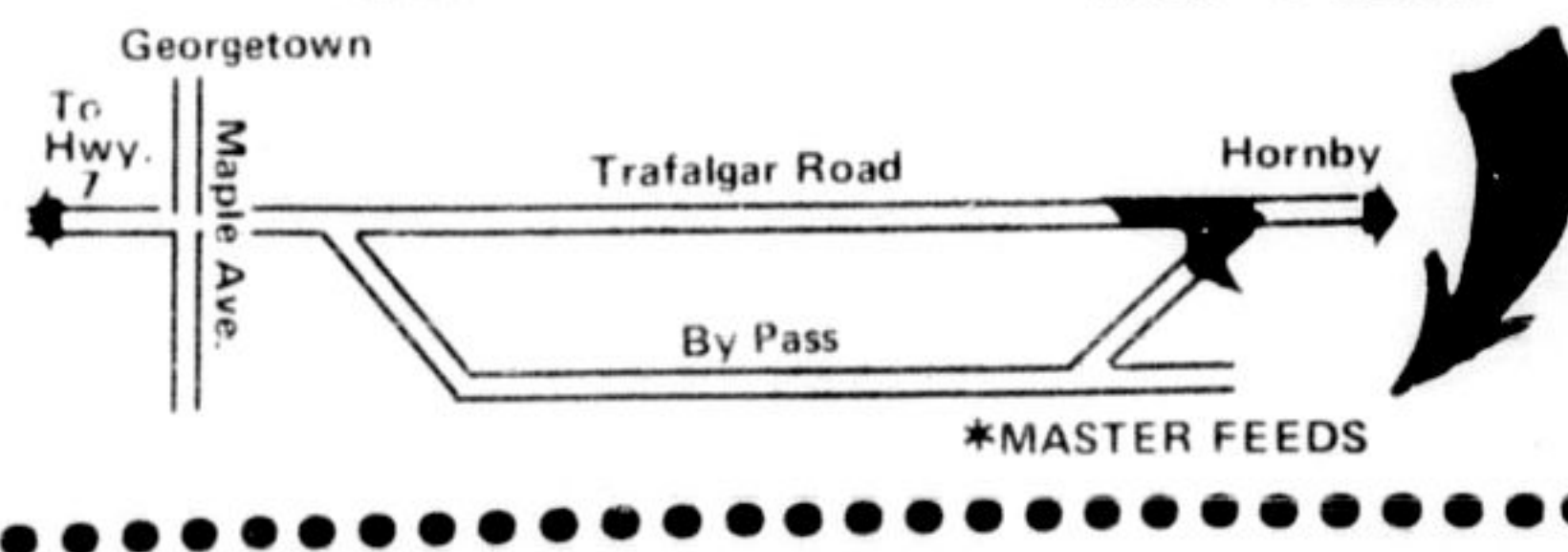
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