

Council's procedural by-law squeezes thru'

It suffered a few last minute changes, and it narrowly survived a motion designed to scrap it, but Milton Council's new procedural by-law was given final passage at Monday's council meeting.

The by-law has been a thorny issue since it was first discussed a few months ago. Staff's first draft was pared to the bone and as late as Monday, when council was preparing to give it final approval, the by-law was still being changed in several areas. But it survived, and becomes the official document covering council procedure in future.

Councillor Gord Krantz, who has opposed it from the

start, tried to have the whole by-law voted down at Monday's meeting. But on a 5-4 vote, it stayed alive.

Lengthy discussion surrounded the mayor's right to vote on issues, the rights of non-members of a council committee to have a vote at those committee meetings (they won't) and the wording that covers what matters can be discussed at closed "in camera" meetings.

Councillors omitted part of one section, which rules a councillor must avoid personalities and not use "unseemly language" in council debates.

Councillor Krantz warned the by-law would slow down council's business and "we're going to get into this once a

week and spend half an hour on it and still not get anywhere."

Councillor Brian Penman also opposed it, claiming the by-law has been so neutralized, it does not cover all the eventualities. "It is better to have none, than one which fails to recognize the complexity of the situation," he warned.

One of those favoring the rules of order was Councillor Emmerson McCready, who felt it was needed, even though "it has been boiled down to the motherhood items."

The by-law in its final draft covers two and a half pages. An original draft ran to seven pages but council threw out more than half of it.



PETER FARISKNEY of Georgetown was killed in a three vehicle collision that occurred on Steeles Ave. Monday evening. Milton Firefighters were called to the scene of the accident to remove Mr. Fariskney from his car.

Explains Bell's rural service improvements

"A major improvement in rural service" is how William Barnes, area manager for Bell Canada, explained the company's plans to upgrade its rural service in the Milton and Campbellville areas, when he appeared at Milton Council's Monday meeting.

By Dec. 7 of this year, rural customers with eight or 10 parties on a line will enjoy four-party line service, he said. The Non-Urban Service Improvement (NUSI)

program will cost \$495,000 in this area and is part of a province-wide plan to upgrade rural services, he said.

A rate adjustment will accompany the change, he pointed out, as rural customers will pay 40 cents a month more for this service. On individual or two-party lines, the mileage rate goes up 50 per cent, or from 70 cents per quarter mile to \$1.05. But Mr. Barnes pointed

out rural mileage charges have remained the same for about 20 years.

More good news: subscribers in the Brookville area will soon be able to use improved phone service too, he said.

Councillor Gordon Krantz complained that Milton phone subscribers do not automatically receive a directory listing the new 335 exchange area in North Burlington. Mr. Barnes said anyone can call the Bell business office and have one sent to their home, and he will advertise this when the new directories come out.

The Burlington area is three miles from Milton, but not in the local directory, while Shelburne—which is 60 miles away—is in the Halton-Peel book, Krantz said.

Too close to road?

Although some councillors claim it follows a site plan approved earlier by the council, some Milton Councillors think a new store and apartment project at Main and Court Sts. is too close to the Main St. sidewalk.

Councillor Jim Kerr asked for an investigation at Monday's council meeting.

"It was supposed to sit back 20 feet from the sidewalk," he claimed. He said it made for a dangerous corner as motorists on Court St. can't see around it. If the building proceeds the town will have to install a traffic light, he warned.

Staff will investigate and report back to council.

New town hall hours

New business hours at Milton Town Hall are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Milton Council agreed to adopt the business hours Monday, as proposed a few weeks ago. The town office used to be open 8:30 to 4:30 during the summer and 9 to 5 in winter months.

Department heads have

agreed, unanimously, that a proposal to stagger the hours will not work, Clerk Campbell Thompson told council Monday. He cited "administrative difficulties."

The 8:30-4:30 hours are consistent with the municipal offices through Halton Region, Thompson said. Milton front

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Cheque for trees

Milton and District Horticultural Society turned over the proceeds of its 1977 fund-raising activities to Milton Council and the town's parks and recreation department this week — \$400 to be used to plant trees in town parks.

said the MDHS' executive would consider it.

Society president Len McNeil told councillors it was up to parks superintendent Dick Henriksen to select the type of trees needed and plant them where they will do the most good, when he presented the cheque to Parks and Recreation Director Larry Arbic at Monday's council meeting.

He reviewed the Society's activities this year and said the money came from plant sales at meetings and from a plant auction. Society officers George Clements and Charlie Clarke accompanied him.

Councillor Brad Clements, noting the Society recognized outstanding homes in the community this year, wondered if it might be possible for the town and Horticultural Society to co-operate on a contest in the future which would also recognize good landscaping and house-keeping at commercial and industrial firms. Mr. McNeil

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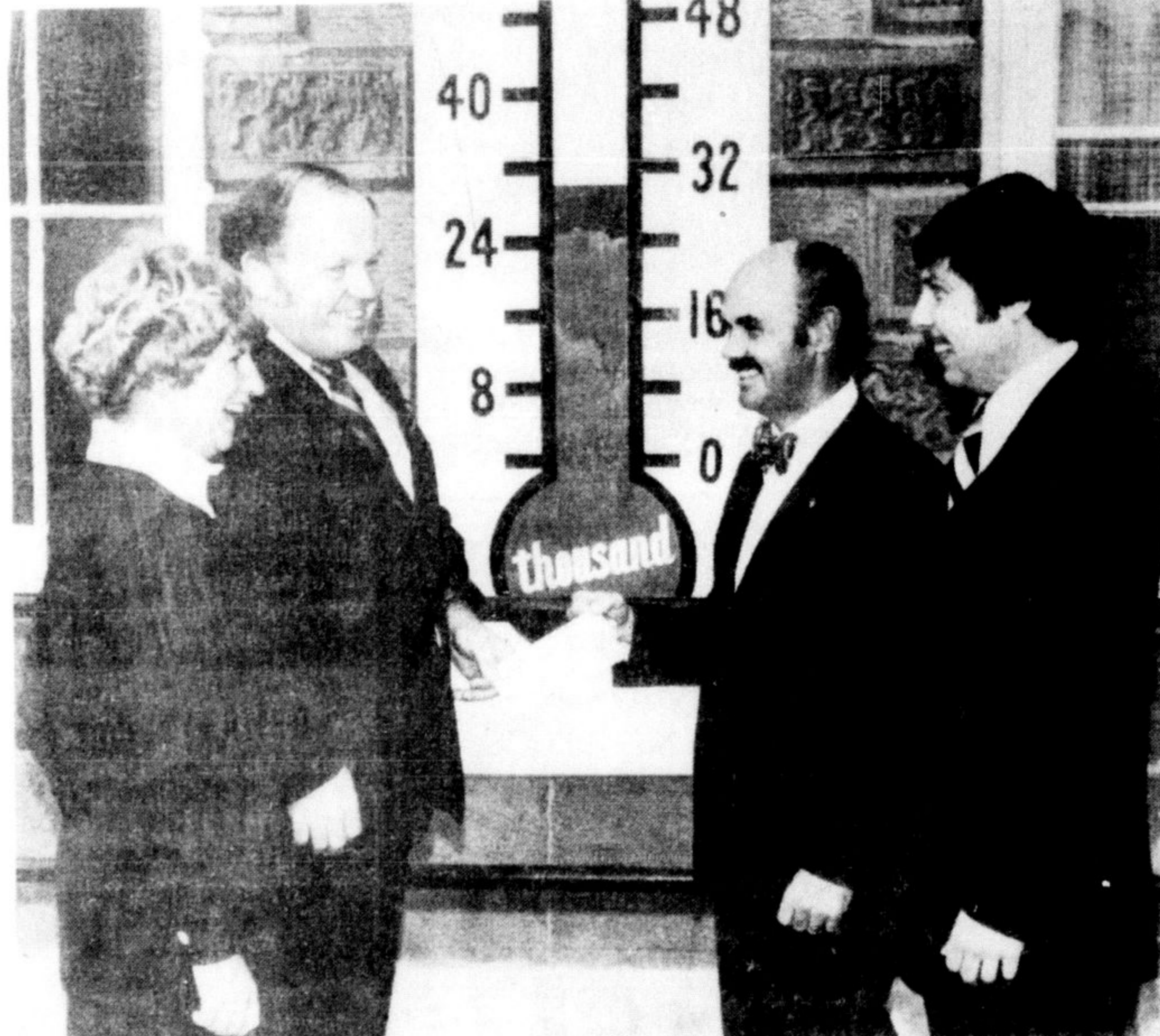
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Wants policy on plaques

Councillor Jim Watson wants Milton Council to set a policy on plaques for public buildings and convinced councillors at Monday's meeting the staff should recommend such a policy.

He said he was "appalled" to discover the name of the fire chief, A. E. Clement, was not on a plaque marking the official opening of the Campbellville fire hall. The new fire hall in town and the two arenas should also have

plaques, he said. He suggested the names of the mayor, council and person opening the building should be on such plaques.

But it turned out the fire chief had designed the plaque

for the Campbellville fire station, so naturally he couldn't put his own name on it.

Councillors agreed to have staff recommend a policy for the future.

Bakery for sale

Want to buy a bakery? Milton Council has one for sale.

The town-owned property across the road from Milton Town Hall, which houses a bakery building will be sold. But a town parkette with fountain will remain the town's property, councillors agreed Monday.

Council also plans to sell the old fire hall on Main St. and members learned Monday two parties are interested in buying it, for commercial purposes.

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