

Objections dropped

Ward changes proceed

Charging political collusion, Milton Council last week prevailed on a Derry Rd. resident to drop his opposition to a proposed ward boundary change so the change could be effected in time for this year's election.

Although the objection submitted by Howard Carney was made in time, his objection would have made it impossible for the change to go through all the required legal processes this year. The town's delay in advertising the proposed boundary change resulted in the timing problem.

A by-law passed by Milton Council last September calls for a shift in the boundaries of wards 1 and 3. The former Burlington section of Ward 3 between Steeles Ave. and Derry Rd. would become part of Ward 1 (formerly north Oakville) Councillors said the effect of the by-law change would provide wards which are more equitable in terms of population, area and total assessment.

In his objection Mr. Carney said he was satisfied with the status quo. He said existing ward set-ups were geographically continuous. He added Ward 3 had developed a sense of community and representation by population could be achieved by other means.

But councillors saw it as political game-playing and hinted at a collusion between Carney and Mayor Don Gordon. Mayor Gordon had opposed the by-law last fall.

Learning that Carney had contacted Gordon before submitting his objection, Councillor Jim Watson said Gordon should have tried to dissuade Carney from submitting his objection. "You're selling the rural people down the drain," he accused.

Gordon said Carney had asked him only whether there had been any objections put forth. "I didn't know what he would do when he hung up the phone."

Carney, who ran for council

in the 1976 campaign, denied any political motivation. If the new boundaries are implemented Carney will be in ward one instead of ward three.

Councillor Russ Powadiuk was another who exerted considerable pressure on Carney to withdraw his objection. "You're the guy on the button," he told Carney.

Powadiuk said Nassagaweya has been and will continue to be a rapid growth area whereas population growth in the former North Oakville and North Burlington areas has been slow. He said the by-law was approved by council in anticipation of retaining the balance between the urban and rural representation.

Councillor Brian Penman said if the "delicate" urban-rural balance was altered one iota, the people in the rural area surrounding Milton would be in the same boat as Milton is at the region. He urged Carney to look around the room at the number of people supporting him.

(There were no other members of the public in attendance.)

Councillor Rose Harrison commented she heard a lot of arguments last week she hadn't heard before. "They were implied, I guess."

Carney told councillors he would reconsider his objection "...not because anybody made a rational argument, but because of implications this would be an election issue."

A short time later Mayor Gordon read a note from Carney announcing he would withdraw.

Later, Carney told The Champion he felt his objection was prejudged before he arrived. He said he was offended by suggestions his opposition was a political platform. But he added he was satisfied he had an opportunity to express his feelings and to hear the feelings of council.

"I definitely felt they were trying to intimidate me," Carney commented. "But I wasn't drawn into a return of intimidation."



ACTING AS MILTON'S official guide, Mayor Don Gordon accompanied 50 employees of Reliance Products Ltd., on a tour through Milton and area. Reliance Products Ltd. is hoping to move many of its employees to the new Milton plant later this year from the present Scarborough plant.

Reliance employees tour Milton Sunday

Employees of Reliance Plastics Ltd., Scarborough, planning to move to the company's new Bronte St. plant in Milton had an opportunity to view Milton Sunday morning.

were secondary family earners and would remain in Scarborough since their husbands held jobs there and would not wish to make the move to Milton.

Acting as Milton's official tour guide, Mayor Don Gordon accompanied approximately 50 employees and their families on a one-hour bus tour through Milton, arranged by the company.

"From the beginning we have felt most of our employees would come from Milton, but we felt it would only be right to at least show them Milton," said Mr. Brunton.

The new Milton plant was originally scheduled to be completed by early May, but weather conditions have delayed the building, according to company official Len Brunton. The present plant will be closed as soon as facilities are in operation at the new plant.

For one company employee, Milton was definitely going to be his new home.

"I like the quiet atmosphere and the setting here," he said, adding he was impressed with the housing facilities. He said he was confident he would be moving.

The hour-long trip started from Milton town hall, travelled through the older section of town, past J. M. Denyes School and surrounding housing complexes, Dorset Park, to Steeles Ave. and through to Kelso Park and Rattlesnake Point Park.

Employees were taken to the Bayrischer-Hof Restaurant on Steeles Ave., for lunch before returning home.

While employees were impressed with the housing and recreational facilities in Milton, many admitted they would not be making the move here.

"There is a very, very small percentage who will actually come," confirmed Mr. Brunton, adding that the majority of the employees

Council briefs

DST begins April 30

At its regular weekly meeting held Tuesday night of last week Milton Council:

— Agreed to request that Halton Regional Police include a clause concerning emergency situations such as snow storms in future tender agreements for towing services and holding charges.

— Received and filed the 1978 requisition from the Halton Board of Education.

— Agreed to send a member of staff and a member of council to the 25th annual conference of the Association of Small Urban Municipalities to be held in Stratford in May.

— Granted permission, subject to regional approval, for the Association of Kinsmen Clubs to hold a Soap Box Derby on Main Street July 1.

— Decided to advise the township of Flamborough that Milton was not in a position to provide funding in 1978 for upgrading and reconstruction of Townline Rd. level crossing.

— Approved a program of proposed expenditures and a supplementary program of

road improvements for 1978 to the tune of \$1,525,546. Road projects include work on Thomas, Commercial, and Ontario Streets and Ninth Line.

— Received notification that the Ministry of Natural Resources has granted Springbank Sand and Gravel Limited, of 7204 Walker's Line, a licence to open, establish or operate a gravel pit.

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Proclaimed the week of April 9 through 15 as Dental Health Week.

— Proclaimed Daylight Saving Time to begin Sunday, April 30 and end Oct. 29.

— Agreed to "lend" the Nassagaweya Tennis Club \$2,000 to refurbish the surface of the courts. The club, which will repay Milton the money, plans to apply for Recreation and Culture grants and a Wintario grant totalling \$3,000. The club is contributing \$2,500 from cash on hand as well.

— April 29 is tree-planting day for Milton Scouts. The boys are currently collecting pledges toward the project.

Councillors accuse mayor of mishandling complaint

Milton Mayor Don Gordon was raked over the coals by two angry councillors for encouraging a Milton resident to write a CBC-TV consumer program concerning his complaints about a local store. The incident occurred at last week's council meeting.

town to go to Marketplace (the TV program) instead of the Board of Health? You don't think," Councillor Jim Kerr, a member of the Board of Health, angrily told the mayor. "I feel you used poor judgement. This isn't the first time it's happened. You'd better smarten up."

chastised the mayor for using poor judgement in not talking to the manager of the store. She said the matter, if aired on television, would give Milton a poor image at a time when Milton was trying to encourage townhouse sales in this area.

man's letter to all the necessary people, including the chairman of the Board of Health.

The furor concerned a complaint of mouse droppings allegedly found in a package of food bought at Loblaw's. The complainant charged the health unit was not doing its job.

Will pay \$58,300 for village house

Milton Council plans to spend \$58,300 (plus \$710 in legal fees and appraisal costs) to purchase the E. A. Fenwick home in Campbellville.

But it threatens to present a nuisance to the Fenwicks as the road will pass a few feet from their home. Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick asked the town to buy them out, and council agreed a few weeks ago.

\$58,300 was made at an in-camera meeting following the March 28 council meeting, then ratified by the full council later that evening.

The home, about a century old, is located on Guelph Line at the north end of the village and sits right beside a new quarry truck haulage route the council, Springbank quarry and Ministry of Transportation and Communications are planning to build this year.

In the new industrial park area north of Highway 401, council will make developers buy out any private homeowners whose lifestyle is affected by the influx of industry, at a fair market value plus 10 per cent. Councillors agreed the same formula would have to be applied in the Fenwicks' case. Neither the Ministry nor Springbank

respective purchasers will be cautioned about the new road and the existence of the road will be registered on the title. The sale is to be finalized April 29 and an open listing is to be given all local real estate brokers interested in reselling the house.

GO passengers save pennies

Milton passengers taking the GO Bus routes between Milton and York Mills will receive a bonus, as a result of a new fare zone along Highway 401.

ring to the subway at Yorkdale instead of York Mills, according to GO officials.

Passengers travelling between Milton and York Mills, and between Georgetown and York Mills can save money by transferring to the subway at Yorkdale instead of York Mills, according to GO officials.

A new service offered beginning Jan. 28, to carry passengers on GO buses between Yorkdale, York Mills and Scarborough Town Centre makes the fare reduction possible.

Ontario

THE PLANNING ACT AND THE PARKWAY BELT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

TOWN OF MILTON

Take notice that application for amendment to Treasurer's Parkway Belt Land Use Regulation filed as Ontario Regulation No. 481/73 in the Town of Milton has been received. The application is:

(1) Applicant: Howard Stevens
File No.: 13(148)
Location: Lot 10, Conc. III, NS, in the southwest corner of Hwy 25 & Derry Rd.
Proposal: A recreation complex on a 96.5 acre site, including 3 tennis indoor courts, 2 squash courts, indoor swimming pool, pro shop, dining area, 18 hole golf course, driving range and miniature golf course, a parking area and a single-family dwelling for use of the manager.

All submissions received in the Office of The Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, 801 Bay Street, 7th Floor, Toronto, on or before the 19th day of April, 1978 in respect of the foregoing requested amendment will be fully considered before a final decision is made thereon.

Under Section 32(9) of the Act, any interested person may request a hearing by the Municipal Board on an application for amendment to a restricted area order.

W. Darcy McKeough,
Treasurer of Ontario,
Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs

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