

Boston junket

Raftis heckled but gets his own way

Halton Regional Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis drew boos from some fellow councillors after successfully reversing council's decision on a controversial vote Wednesday afternoon at the regional council meeting.

Council had earlier refused to support a request from the Public Works Committee asking that three people attend a convention in Boston, sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

Raftis introduced the matter at the beginning of a council meeting when only 14 of the 24 members were present and the majority of those present had supported the trip on the first vote.

The motion was introduced, voted upon and carried with no discussion. Only one of the seven Oakville members on the council was present for the vote. The Oakville delegates had opposed the convention earlier, partly on the basis that there had been no funds allocated for councillor conventions in the budget.

Raftis introduced the motion, moved by himself and seconded by committee vice chairman Pat McKenzie from Acton. The motion authorizes McKenzie and Raftis or their delegates to attend the convention. Cost of sending a councillor to the convention is estimated at about \$600 per person.

The vote drew criticism from Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill. "You sure know how to work things, Raftis. You're really unbelievable," he scoffed.

"Yes, he (Raftis) paid my gas to drive 100 miles so I could be here on time to vote," Burlington Councillor Pat McLaughlin quipped.

Oakville Councillors Carl Eriksen and Gord Reade both showed up for the meeting a few minutes late and both issued objections to what had gone on in their absence.

Eriksen facetiously congratulated the two men for being dedicated public officials. "The two men should be congratulated for volunteering to go to Boston at their own expense in order to become more informed and better councillors," he said.

Eriksen said he assumed the councillors would be paying their own way, because there is no money in the budget for councillor conventions.

Mayor Hill blasted Regional Chairman Ric Morrow for even accepting the motion in the first place. He argued that the motion could not be dealt with procedurally.

"Come on, act sensible. There is no money in the budget," he said.

Oakville Councillor Gord Reade said council's action tended to make a mockery out of the budget process.

He said that council had earlier decided to take the frills out of the budget and that's why conventions were cut in the first place. "Then the voice of illogical reason reared its head."

Reade told council that when the Ford Motor Company (where he is employed) ran into some problems with their sales, the first that went from the budget was the

conventions.

During the same meeting council authorized two members of the Community and Social Service Committee to attend the Ontario Association of Homes of the Aged convention in Ontario.

Acton Councillor Pat McKenzie said the committee members had said no-one was interested in going to that convention when it had been discussed.

Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller said McKenzie's information was wrong. "I said I was interested in the convention but there was no way I would go when there is

no money in the budget. There's no way I want any part of that Mickey Mouse outfit we had at the beginning of the meeting."

As it stands now, the region will pay the shot for two councillors at the Boston convention and two at the London convention Council has still not budgeted any funds for the trips. Funds will either be transferred or money used that was earmarked for staff seminars and in-service training—or the budget will be overspent and picked up next year.

Laurier centre opens

It was an evening of speeches, presentations and plenty of dancing as Milton celebrated the official opening of the Laurier Ave. sports centre arena on Saturday evening.

Described as "the greatest example of Wintario dollars at work" by the Hon. James Snow, MPP for Oakville and Minister of Transportation and Communications, the \$850,000 arena was built with a total of over \$600,000 in Wintario grants.

"It is one way of seeing the dollars come back to the town," stated Mr. Snow during the opening ceremony, as he congratulated the town on building the arena.

"We took a lot of hassles, but we did it your way—at no cost to the taxpayers," added Milton Mayor Don Gordon.

The Laurier Ave. arena drew considerable criticism from local residents who supported earlier plans to improve the condemned Brown St. Armstrong arena, which the Laurier arena replaced.

In his speech of congratulations, Dr. Frank Philbrook, Halton MP, noted that the opening of the arena coincided with the opening of Canada Week. Laurier Ave. is also named after one of Canada's prime ministers, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he added.

"It is always a pleasure to work with the town of Milton," he stated, adding he was also happy to see the new post office "well under way."

The evening included the presentation of plaques in honor of citizens and organizations which participated in the fund raising drive for the new arena.

Receiving the awards for their efforts were: Bill Rowney, co-chairman of the fund raising committee; Bruce Dolson, co-chairman; Dave

Brush, Lions Club; Gord Cartwright, Lions Club; Bob Farrell, Rotary Club; Jack McGeechie and Mike Ledwith, Rotary Club; Donna Rea, Bobbie Smith, Dorset Park Homeowners' Association; John Stewart, Rotary Club; Bob Lee and Vern Gooding, Milton Flyers; Rose Harrison, town councillor; Don Lougheed, treasurer, Town of Milton; Larry Arbic, director of parks and recreation; and Bill Kriesil, Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Service clubs receiving awards included the Milton Rotary Club, Milton Optimist Club, Milton Kinsmen Club, Milton Lions Club, Milton Minor Hockey Association, Milton Figure Skating Club, and Campbellville Lions Club.

The opening ceremonies were held in conjunction with the Rotary Club "Win a Million" draw, held at 11 p.m. at the dance.

Second prize went to J.F. Turner of Cambridge, with ticket No. 108. He won \$50 worth of groceries each week for a year.

First prize in the Rotarama draw went to Louise Farrell of 292 Woodward St., Milton.

Mrs. Farrell, who said she shared the prize with her mother, Mrs. Jean Villeneuve of Cambridge, was pretty excited with their win.

She had her choice of 600 provincial Lottery tickets, worth \$3,000 or \$2,500 in cash—but opted for the cash prize.

Mayor Don Gordon drew the winning ticket, No. 5396. Mrs. Farrell said she had only bought one book of six tickets on the draw, but had been active selling the tickets from the start of the draw.

Her husband Bob is a Rotarian and also a member of the arena fund-raising committee.



THE RIBBON was finally cut, marking the official opening of the Laurier Ave. arena Saturday evening. The gala occasion included an evening of speeches, presentations and plenty of dancing, as Milton celebrated the opening of the

often controversial arena. Doing the cutting honors was Milton Mayor Don Gordon. He is surrounded by recipients of plaques donated to individuals and organizations who served to get the arena built.

\$4,000 damage

A two-car accident at Derry Rd. and Trafalgar Rd. Saturday afternoon resulted in an estimated \$4,000 damage for two out-of-town drivers.

Vencelau Smodis, 25, of 2360 Dundas St. Toronto, was southbound on Trafalgar Rd., when he attempted to make a left turn into Derry Rd., according to Halton Regional Police.

Mr. Smodis was struck from behind by a second vehicle driven by Daniele Cole, of Hamilton St. Waterdown, said police.

There were no injuries to either driver or their passengers, stated police. Damage is estimated at \$3,000 for Mr. Smodis' 1978 Chevrolet and \$1,000 for Mr. Cole's 1976 Dodge.



LOUISE FARRELL of Woodward Ave., Milton, won the first prize in Milton Rotary Club's Rotarama "Win a Million" draw at the Rotarama dance Saturday night. She is congratulated by draw chairman Chuck Beeton, left, and Rotary president John Stewart. Mrs. Farrell had a choice of 500 Provincial Lottery tickets or \$2,500 in cash, and opted for the cash prize.

Open sewage plants Sept.

Official openings for water pollution control plant expansions in Milton and Georgetown are due for Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively. The plants are being ex-

panded to accommodate planned growth for both communities. Plant expansions have recently been completed in Acton and Burlington and the south west

plant is in the process of being expanded in Oakville. The four expansions for sewage plants will cost in excess of \$30,000,000 when the work is completed.



Optimist Annual Bathtub Race

WHERE: Scenic Mill Pond
WHEN: Saturday, July 1st
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
WHO: "Open to the Public"

Includes: Community Organizations
 Local Service Clubs
 Neighbourhood Groups

- RULES FOR ENTRY**
1. NO motors ALLOWED
 2. Minimum age of participants 18 years and over
 3. Government APPROVED LIFEJACKETS mandatory for each participant entered in race
 4. Head protection gear RECOMMENDED
 5. No horseplay
 6. Shore Safety Patrol and Water Patrol on DUTY AT ALL TIMES DURING RACES

Entry Form
 Optimist Annual Bathtub Race - Milton Community Day

(Please Print)
 NAME OF ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____
 NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NO. & AGE OF PARTICIPANTS:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Swimming Ability: NONE () SOME () GOOD ()
 (Please check)

I hereby understand and agree to comply with all safety rules set down by the 1978 Community Day Committee for the Optimist Annual Bathtub Races-Milton.

(Signature of Represented Entry)

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH 1978

Interested participants MUST PRE-REGISTER in order to be eligible for the Bathtub Races.
 Please MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: OPTIMIST CLUB OF MILTON
 P.O. BOX 62
 MILTON, ONTARIO

ENTRY FORM REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE RACES.
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Extra Fancy Golden Delicious APPLES 79¢ lb.	Red or White NEW POTATOES 29¢ lb.
Florida ORANGES 99¢ doz.	Valencia ORANGES 75¢ doz.
CUCUMBERS 39¢ each	BROCCOLI 89¢ bunch
STRAWBERRIES 79¢ lb.	Romaine LETTUCE 39¢ each
Seedless CUCUMBERS 99¢ each	Home Pride BREAD 3/\$1.15

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Regional chairman piloted crash plane

Air Canada officials have confirmed that Air Canada captain and Georgetown resident Ric Morrow had piloted the ill-fated DC-9 on a flight from Ottawa to Toronto, one hour prior to the crash of the plane Monday in Toronto.

Mr. Morrow is Halton's Regional Chairman.

The crash, killing two people, originated in Ottawa and was on its way from Toronto to Winnipeg and Vancouver. It never left the ground, but skidded past the end of the 10,500-foot Runway 23 Left and down a 60 foot embankment.

The plane was estimated to be travelling between 160 and 170 miles an hour when it went out of control, airport officials said. Mechanical failure is suspected.

Aboard the crash plane was Richard Begin, a Milton resident and Air Canada steward. Mr. Begin escaped from the crash with only a sprained ankle.

Both Mr. Morrow and Mr. Begin were unable to comment on the crash, on the request of investigating officials.

Also on the crash flight from the Halton area were W. Mang from Oakville, G. Watt

from Burlington and A. Tulloch from Oakville.

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