



CAREFULLY DOES IT as Chris Potter, instructor, helps a young swimmer from the water. Anita Van Oorschot also instructs while Wendy Stacey, Sean Hasselfeldt and Janet Colling wait their turn at Milton Pool.

# Swimming programs are offered at Kelso, Rotary

By Peter McCusker  
Red Cross swimming levels of achievement are being offered at Milton's community pool in Rotary Park and at Kelso Conservation Area park pools this summer.

In Milton, 300 children are registered in the first session of three which operate a duration of three weeks. All the first sessions in Milton are already booked and the second grouping is to start in two weeks.

Swimming lessons offered range from parent and tot levels through to bronze medallion programs and Water Safety Teacher Patrol, which qualifies one as an assistant lifeguard.

The cost for the Milton program is from \$13 for tadpoles, pre-beginners and beginners through to \$25 for the advanced courses.

There are 15 on staff at Rotary Park Pool, where Paul Stover is Director of

Aquatics. He is the only full-time person on staff. Pixie Wright is the head instructor of the programs and Lifeguard Director is Greg Rusk, to ensure safety for participants.

Stover told The Champion he hopes to have 900 children and adults complete courses this summer.

The bronze medal programs are offered in the afternoon beginning at 4.30 p.m. for 15-year-olds and older.

The children's programs begin at 9 a.m. and run 'til 1 p.m.

The staff at Rotary Pool all hold Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Certificates which they completed two weeks ago. The program was offered by the Hamilton and Mississauga Ambulance Services Ltd.

At Kelso the aquatics director, Chris Glenn of Oakville, heads a staff of four

with four other guards working at the beach area. Swimming lessons are also being offered at the pool with the first session of seven children being instructed by Rosemary Windmoller, Milton.

The first session lasts two weeks with 10 lessons per session. Each child receives 25 hours of instruction for the \$25 fee. Anyone can enrol but must provide their own transportation to and from the site.

Classes run at Kelso at 11 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. and the pool is also open for public swimming from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Adult lessons are not offered at Kelso.

The second of three sessions will run July 17 to 28 for beginners and juniors and

the third session July 31 to Aug. 11, for intermediate and senior levels.

Anne Stewart will be conducting lessons with Rosemary Windmoller in the second and third sessions.

The staff at Kelso will be taking their CPR course this week from the St. John Ambulance brigade of Milton district.

## Avoid confrontation with private landowners

Halton Region should not be encouraging public access to tablelands along the tops of the banks of major valleys unless those lands are publicly owned. That is a recommendation of the Halton Regional Planning Committee.

The staff had suggested that provision for public access to table lands be encouraged. While it didn't say so in that section, the proposed official plan did take into consideration the rights and considerations of landowners under another section.

Halton Hills Councillor Roy Booth said the policy would cause grave difficulties with private landowners.

"If you want to seek access to public lands, okay, but this smacks of the Bruce Trail situation all over again. I'm sorry to keep harping on this but from Tobermory to Niagara Falls we've had nothing but static," Booth said.

He sits on the Niagara Escarpment commission as

well as the regional Council. Staffers suggested conditioning the clause so the rights and concerns of the owners were expressed, but Booth urged that the committee should abandon the idea of pushing for public use of private lands in any form.

Booth was successful in having the committee delete the clause from the plan.

—Nelson Stadium in Burlington hosts a highland games day this Saturday, July 15, featuring bagpipe contests, dancing, massed bands and solo piping.

—Lock your bike up safely, prevent thefts. There have been a number of bikes stolen recently in town.

# Town treatment infuriates homeowner

By Bob Burt  
When the region took heavy equipment and crews of men to expand the pollution control plant across the road from his Sydney St. home, Rick Rowley didn't make any waves or file any complaints.

When the Halton Region Conservation Authority demolished a stand of trees that historically had blocked the full view of the sewage plant,

Rowley stayed silent. When the town wanted to buy a strip at the side of his property, bringing the road closer to his home, he was reluctant to sell but after reasoning that the reconstruction and acquisition of land was inevitable, he agreed to sell.

That is, he agreed to sell, subject to a number of conditions being met. But when

Rowley received calls at work taking him away from business about workmen digging post holes in his yard, Rowley's patience had been exhausted.

It was bad enough that the town had not yet acquired the property, but neither the town nor the contractors had even requested permission to go on the property.

In April Milton Clerk Campbell Thompson advised Mr. Rowley in a letter that the town was reconstructing Commercial St. and would require a strip of property 95 feet long and 15 feet at one point, tapering to nothing at the other, 821 square feet in all, beside his home adjacent to Commercial St.

In his counter proposal, Rowley said he would accept \$3 per foot but he wanted a new fence instead of the old one being relocated.

He said that he had told the town he wanted the fence built, but only after the road construction was completed and in the meantime, he wanted a temporary fence (snow fence) erected for the duration of the construction period.

He drafted that proposal May 29 and took copies to Thompson, Mayor Don Gordon and Councillor Jim Kerr. "Kerr never acknowledged having received the letter," he said.

Rowley explained that after a series of meetings with Mr. Thompson they came to agreement on June 7 with the deal to close June 29. Rowley wanted the matter dealt with before going on his holidays.

On June 28 Rowley's lawyer Derek Presse called him to say that the town hadn't been able to prepare certain papers and the deal couldn't close for another two weeks.

On June 29 the deal lapsed and the town no longer had an agreement or even a tentative agreement.

At that point Mr. Rowley says he made it clear that he and his wife would be going on holidays in July and no further action would be taken on the sale until August and he didn't want anyone on the property until then.

On Thursday July 6 he got a phone call from town hall while he was in a business

meeting. He told a secretary who took him the message that he couldn't leave just then. Fifteen minutes later a second message came from the town hall, urging him to go home.

Within half an hour or 45 minutes he went home to find construction workers in his yard. Three post holes were already dug, one right in a flower bed through a rose bush.

By now Rowley was furious and ordered the workers off the property. One refused to go at first, insisting that his boss had told him to go there and his boss had a contract with the town.

Rowley then went to town hall to see Mr. Thompson but was advised Thompson wasn't in the office. He had words with Mayor Don Gordon and Deputy Clerk Roy Main and advised them that as of then, he had nothing to sell and wanted no further negotiations with town officials.

The three post holes were drilled for the permanent

fence which the town had agreed to build after the construction of the road was finished. Rowley had insisted on that, because he feared the fence could be damaged during the construction program.

In a telephone interview with The Champion July 7 Mayor Gordon acknowledged that the town's dealings with Mr. Rowley had been bungled and that the town put workers on the property when it had no legal right to even go on the property.

"Yes, he has a legitimate complaint," Gordon said. He explained the deal had lapsed because something in the lawyer's hands didn't get done.

Gordon said the residents in that area had been subjected to a lot of aggravation during the last two years and he claimed to be in sympathy with them.

Gordon said workers were sent in to put the permanent fence up because town staffers felt it was so far back it wouldn't get damaged in

## 'Jim Snow Parkway' name for new road

Milton's newest road will be named the Jim Snow Parkway, after local MPP and Minister of Transportation and Communications Jim Snow of Hornby, Milton Councillors decided Monday.

The road until now has been known as Dorval Way or Dorval Dr., and will be built as a local link to Highway 401 in the area between Milton's Fourth and Fifth Lines. An interchange is to be built there, soon, and Milton Council is making plans to build a bypass route that would take northbound Highway 25 traffic easterly via Derry Rd. to join up with 401 at the new interchange.

Staff pointed out in a recommendation that the new road should have a different name than a road in Oakville by the same name. Mr. Snow was born and raised on a farm which is to be traversed by Dorval Dr. and the Snow family owned a number of farms in the immediate vicinity of the road alignment, it was pointed out.

Besides, as Minister Mr. Snow has given the town his full support in getting the much needed interchange approved at Queen's Park, the staff suggested.

"What is the urgency of naming a road that is not there, and may never be built?" wondered Councillor Jim Watson. He felt the idea should be turned over to the town's street naming committee for a decision, but fellow councillors told him that committee had been disbanded some years ago.

Councillor Rick Day said if the road bears Snow's name, there is less chance that it will ever connect with the Oakville end of Dorval Dr., and that is good for the town. He gave the staff credit for the name idea.

"There is also less chance a four-lane expressway will ever go through all that prime farmland," he added.

—The farmers are praying for more rain, to help the crops.

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