

# \$100 million in housing planned for coming year

Milton residents will be witnesses to a continued mushroom of housing growth in the town in 1979, as Timberlea and Alliance Ex-Urban developers proceed with plans for their respective subdivisions.

Recent Ontario Municipal Board approval of the Alliance Ex-Urban project has paved the way for the start of the 532-unit plan.

Ray Weido, town zoning administrator and building inspector, said 180 houses are slated for construction in the coming year at the Derry Rd. and Bronte St. site.

A further 600 detached and semi-detached houses are expected to be completed within the next 12 months, as Timberlea moves into the second phase of construction, he said.

At this time nearly 300 houses in the complex bounded by Derry Rd., Thompson Rd., and Ontario St. S. are finished.

The total Timberlea village will accommodate 1,400 homes.

"Completion of the Alliance and Timberlea projects will complete all the residential development that can go in the town," said Mr. Weido.

Building statistics show 1978 to be a slow construction year, he said, despite brisk housing construction starts.

A total building permit value of \$22,971,512 was registered for 1978, marginally higher than figures for 1977, but \$6 million less than 1976 statistics.

The permit value should be increasing between five and 10 per cent per annum, he said.

A combination of high interest rates and current economic conditions have caused a lag in building,

said Mr. Weido.

"People purchasing homes are looking at them at lot more carefully," he said, adding that despite salary increases, wages have not kept pace with the price of housing.

He estimated housing prices have tripled in the last five or six years in Milton.

Making a home in Milton however, continues to be the popular choice for many families.

"It is still the most affordable housing west of Metro," said Mr. Weido. He cited GO Bus services and Highway 401 as the chief drawing points of the community.

Sales are going well in the developing area, he said, adding that developers are "surprised" with business.

In addition to the two major housing developments, construction plans

for the coming year include 20 houses to be built by Kingsway Plastering on Commercial St.

Campbellville residents can also look forward to 10 new units as the result of plans at the McLaren Subdivision. The company intends to build a total of 20 new units.

Five new houses are also planned by Brookville Estates in Brookville.

In the former township of Esquesing, Southold Estates has seven of 14 planned houses slated for construction in 1979.

Mr. Weido predicts the total value of residential permits for the coming year will be in excess of \$100 million.

There are two internal school sites located in the Timberlea development and a third school site in the Alliance Ex-Urban project, but it will be at least another year before

any moves are made to begin construction on the schools, said Mr. Weido.

Commercial development is also expected to grow within the next year, in keeping with the housing growth. Nadalin Commercial Development is expected to begin construction on a shopping plaza on Ontario St. near Derry Rd.

The shopping and office plaza expected for last fall is now slated for construction this year.

Mr. Weido said the \$3 million complex, to be built by Ricenberg Developments Ltd., Toronto "could start any time."

Approximately 24,000 square feet of office space will be allocated for medical, real estate and financial offices with a further 46,000 square feet allotted for a variety of stores and a restaurant.

Among other major construction projects for

the next 12 months is a new \$1 million high school to be built at Ernest C. Drury School. The school is expected to be finished in 1980.

Work on a 107-unit apartment complex on Millside Dr. is expected to be completed within the next month, said Mr. Weido and he expects Mafor Properties will be advertising for rental in the near future.

A second apartment complex is slated for construction beside the new apartment building, but he said the project is unlikely to get underway before the first building has rented all its units.

Although the building department has received few applications for industrial construction, Mr. Weido stated he expects there will be a "spin-off" of small industrial

development as a result of major industries moving into the area, such as Consumers Glass.

Plans for the new \$20,000,000 glass plant call for construction to begin this spring.

With Milton's newest motel Herigate Inn completed and open, steps are now underway to proceed with further development of the entertainment complex at Highway 401 and Highway 25.

According to Milton developer Russ Powadiuk of PowBro Development plans for a twin theatre will go ahead as first announced.

"The theatre will be in the ground in spring," said Mr. Powadiuk. The theatre will double as a convention centre. In addition there are plans for a bar, restaurant and disco, plus offices.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS



Following the annual meetings of the two companies, it is announced that Douglas Graeme Bassett has been appointed President of Baton Broadcasting Incorporated and President of CFTO-TV Limited. J.J. Garwood, C.A., vice-president finance, of CFTO-TV Limited, and vice-president and treasurer of Baton Broadcasting Incorporated, has been appointed managing director of Baton. E.J. Delaney, vice-president and general manager of CFTO-TV Limited and vice-president and secretary of Baton Broadcasting Incorporated, has been appointed managing director of CFTO-TV Limited.

Mr. Bassett is President of Inland Publishing Co. Limited, a director of Eaton's of Canada Limited, Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, C.F. Houghton Limited, Dominion Maltting Limited, and a Trustee of the Hospital for Sick Children.

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### Protests snowmobiles

(Editor's Note: A copy of this letter to Mayor Donald Gordon was filed with The Champion for publication.)

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I wish to express my great concern with the snowmobiling problem in Milton.

In a recent issue of The Champion, there was a discussion of the interpretation of Milton's by-law regarding snowmobiles, and the article pointed out that you and the police understood the law to mean two completely different things. I feel it is imperative that this issue be resolved at once, and that snowmobiles be outlawed entirely from the urban and suburban areas, and strictly regulated in the countryside.

The subdivision where I live is predominantly composed of young families, and I have just watched a snowmobile operated by a juvenile, race into nearby Melanie Park, a children's playground, pulling another young friend on skis. Earlier in the day, I saw a snowmobile racing down the centre of my street, oblivious of traffic

laws, pulling a child on a sled; and another time there was one looping back and forth from the sidewalk to the road.

How can our children play safely outdoors under these conditions? Even when operated by adults, snowmobiles in this area consistently exceed the speed limit. Snowmobilers are abusing my rights to peace and quiet, and most importantly to safety. Who could honestly argue that the safety of our children is less important than any "cheap thrills" derived from these vehicles?

It is my fervent hope that you will resolve this problem with the by-law before it is too late for an innocent child in town.

Yours truly,  
(Mrs.) Michele Cameron  
868 Willow Ave., Milton

P.S.—To the editor, I hope that others who support my stand will also contact their representative or Mayor Gordon, and that snowmobiles will soon disappear from our streets.

With best wishes to you all for 1979.  
Sincerely,  
Solveig A. Austen,  
Convener,  
Campbellville District  
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About 1,000 of the stickers have been sold this far. Peter Blinco of Clement's store, the local agent for stickers, said that was a little more than at the same time last year, but if you take Milton's increased population into account, there doesn't seem to be any difference over previous years.

Deadline is Feb. 28.

### Campaign tops \$1,000

Dear Sir:

To workers and contributors in the Campbellville area:

Mr. D. R. Ferguson, District Administrator for the Halton-Peel Region of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, has asked me to express his sincere thanks to all those who helped and contributed to the recent appeal for funds in our area. The amount realized was \$1,001.90 which exceeded any

previous campaign.

We are indeed most appreciative to you all—workers and contributors—for your magnificent response.

With best wishes to you all for 1979.  
Sincerely,  
Solveig A. Austen,  
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