

THE RESPONSE to a display of the proposed CPR underpass on Ontario St. was positive, according to the consulting design firm. The display was open to Milton residents last Tuesday and

Saturday. From left: Milton Public Works Director Joe Pituska and Mayor Don Gordon with Dan Havercroft of McCormick and Rankin, the consulting firm.

Underpass response said positive by the public

Officials are encouraged with the public response to plans for the Ontario St. underpass which will be built at the present CPR grade separation.

A public meeting was held Tuesday and Saturday at town hall with visual displays erected to

Shop centre opposed

Halt Region has informed the Ontario Ministry of Housing it wants an application for a shopping centre in Georgetown denied. Councillor Dave LaCombe said the region was opposed for a number of reasons.

show where the underpass, detours, and construction work will be done.

Dan Havercroft, of the consulting firm of McCormick and Rankin, said "We have only had two people objecting so far" even though 30 people came to the display on Tuesday evening and a similar number was on hand Saturday.

Mr. Havercroft said most people are primarily interested in the location of the underpass, particularly as it will effect plans for the eventual Milton GO station.

The GO station is to be built between Wilson Dr. and Thompson Rd. in time for planned implementation of the GO

train service in 1981. "I'd say that most of the people are in favor of the plan because of what it means.

"There's a safety-convenience factor built in... and they seem to like that," Mr. Havercroft said.

The only questions, he said, are coming from people living north of the current grade separation who are concerned about increasing vehicular traffic. "That really won't change much over now. The increase will be the natural increase which would be occurring anyhow," Mr. Havercroft said.

He told The Champion he does not anticipate an objection to the Ontario

Municipal Board based on the reaction of residents over the two days the display was on public view.

The underpass is expected to cost \$3.75 million and be completed sometime in 1982.

Equalization is confirmed

Regional council has confirmed it will go ahead with equalized water and sewer rates but only after a concerted effort by some councillors to have the whole issue sent back for further study.

Burlington's members on regional council and some from Oakville, oppose the plan on the "fairness" involved in given residential users a 15 per cent discount on their sewer rates.

In a lengthy debate Michael Loudon, an expert in sewer and water rate structuring, was called to task on a report he prepared for the region on the effect of imposition of the rate schedule as approved by regional council on Oct. 3, 1979.

Mr. Loudon said all things considered, the 15 per cent discount, which takes into effect some water is not automatically returned to the sewer system, would be more fair than a 20 per cent discount Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkewich feels should be imposed.

Basically, the sewer rate will be assessed on the amount of water coming into a residence or industry. This amount is tabulated by the water meter.

Mr. Loudon said industry returns almost 100 per cent of its water back into the sewer system. Residents, however, fill swimming pools, water lawns, and wash cars. This water rarely gets back into the sewers.

Due to the fact a functioning sewer meter has not yet been built—or may never be built—which can accurately measure effluent, Mr. Loudon proposed the 15 per cent discount to cover that portion of the water which is not returned.

Sewer meters are feasible for homes, but in industry this can result in manufacturing by-products gumming up or destroying the mechanism which would mean constant recalibration.

Burlington Councillor Joan Allingham said Mr. Loudon's point fit right into her argument for a higher residential discount.

She said industrial-commercial sewer effluent contains heavy metals and chemicals which cost the most to remove at water treatment plants. This cost of treatment is passed on to all users, therefore the residents should get bigger discount with industry picking up the slack in the entire cost.



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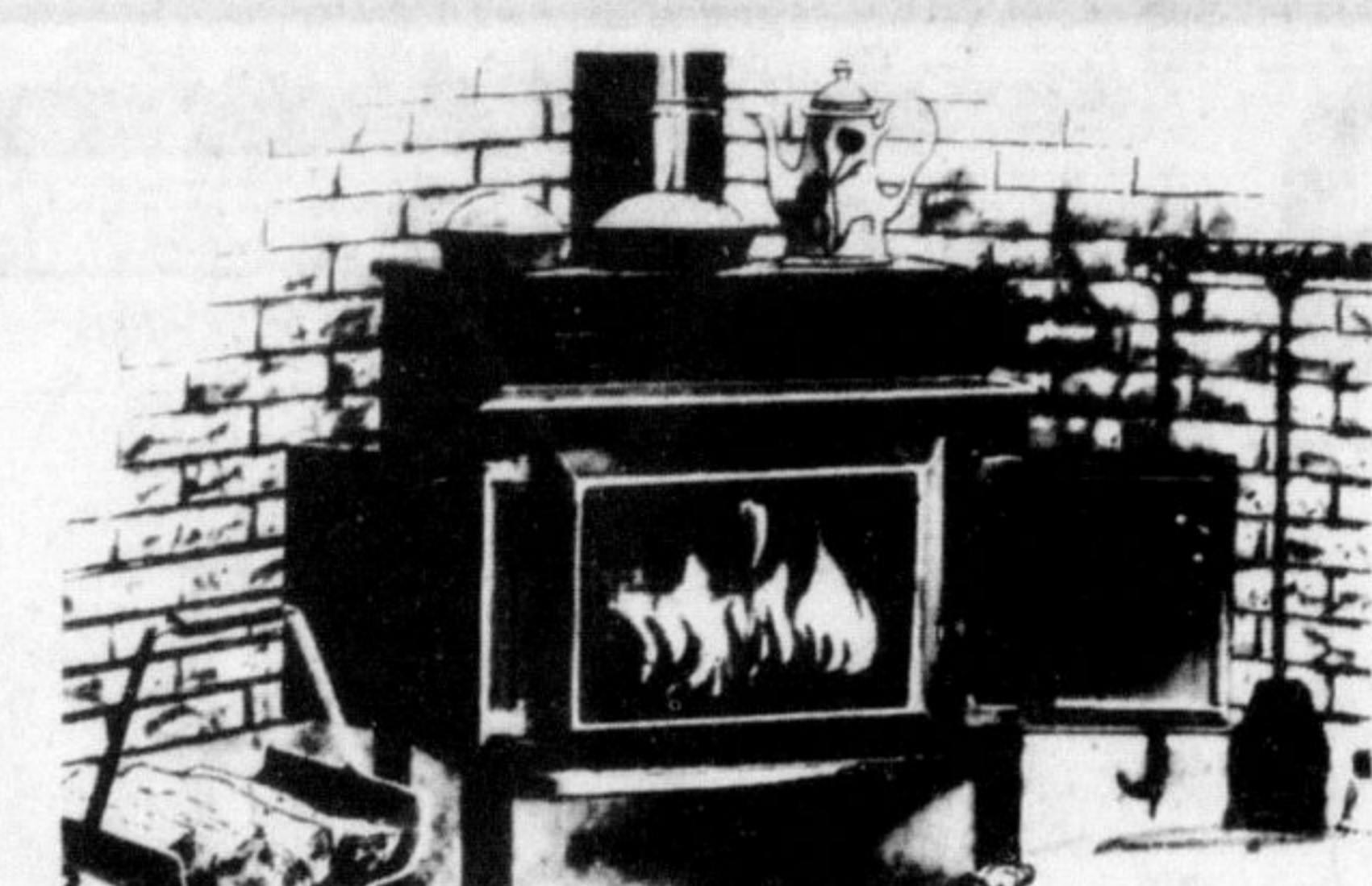


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