

DBIA needs \$42,000 more Budget decided tonight



Milton Centre. Wider sidewalks highlighted with decorative brick, ornamental lighting, and timber planters could be in the offing for the Main St. core in Milton. The Downtown Business Improvement Association is seeking additional funds for the proposed Milton Centre project from the town. The centre is designed to reflect the turn of the century theme, since many of the buildings on Main St. were constructed during this period.

By Jane Muller
Council heard a revised proposal for Milton Centre from the Downtown Business Improvement Association (D.B.I.A.) last week.

The D.B.I.A. appealed to council for an additional \$42,000 over the loan of \$100,000 it has received from the Provincial Government for the project which is aimed at beautifying Milton's downtown core.

The original plan for Milton Centre was estimated to cost \$100,000, but a more recent plan showed figures nearly double the original price.

In a meeting last week, the D.B.I.A. deleted some parts of the plan, and came up with a projected sum of \$142,000 for the implementation of Milton Centre.

With this new figure still well above the D.B.I.A.'s budget, Mayor Don Gordon said, "I would strongly recommend this committee write a letter to council" during last week's meeting.

Included in the amount requested of the town would be the cost of new curbs, concrete paving, 20 per cent of the cost for ornamental lighting, and half the cost of timber planters.

Milton Centre has been designed to reflect the theme of the turn of the century, as many of the downtown buildings were constructed in that period.

The plan will see the widening of sidewalks on Main St., the addition of decorative brick, ornamental lighting, period style benches, and wooden planters. The existing street will be made to meander

with the addition of gentle curves, the result of small rest areas for shoppers. Provisions for 33 trees at a cost of over \$4,000 were taken out of the plan with hopes that local businesses and service clubs could be asked to donate trees.

A Budget Committee meeting tonight will decide the fate of the current Milton Centre plan.

If council agrees to assist in financing the project, Milton's downtown will get a facelift this summer.

Inmate charged in beating

A 17-year-old Maplehurst inmate has been charged with assault causing bodily harm following an investigation by Halton Regional Police into the savage beating of an inmate at the correctional institution two weeks ago.

Barry Magwe, 27, was rushed to Milton District Hospital after collapsing in Maple-

hurst from a ruptured spleen suffered in a beating in the kitchen at Maplehurst.

Dale MacDuff, serving a sentence for trafficking of narcotics, has been charged with the offence and transferred to Toronto West Detention Centre.

According to police the beating was a result of a "personal beef."

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Roofing material . . . Falling asbestos closes school shops

by Jane Muller
Three of nine vocational workshops at E.C. Drury School for hearing handicapped were closed last Tuesday because of fears that asbestos may be falling from the ceilings. Roy Wollaston, Superintendent of E.C. Drury School said roof repairs being made over the shops caused flaking in the ceilings. Officials from the Industrial Health and Safety Association were called by Mr. Wollaston last week. Samples of the material were taken by the officials for analysis. The results of the tests have not been reached, but Mr. Wollaston is pushing for a speedy analysis.

If the substance is found to be the feared asbestos, the first step will be to spray the affected areas with a latex material. The spraying is only the initial step however, later, the ceilings will be boxed in if suspicions as to the nature of the flaking substance are true. No amount of asbestos in the air is considered safe, so the shops have been closed until test results are available. Minute asbestos fibres are known to cause lung cancer and mesothelioma, a rare malignant and inoperable cancer which attacks the lining of the chest cavity.

Ontario Ministry of Labour laboratories reports show at least 150 of 4,500 provincial schools and colleges are believed to have asbestos fire proofing material that is crumbling and spreading the dust in the air and urgent repairs have been ordered.

Last week Harbord Collegiate Institute at Toronto was closed as fears that asbestos-coated fire dampers propose a serious health hazard. The Ontario Building Code requires the use of asbestos-coated fire dampers, but Education Minister Bette Stephenson said last week this section would probably be removed from the code.

E.C. Drury school will remain open as only a small area of the school is under suspicion as a health hazard due to asbestos.

The Federation of Provincial Society Authorized Teachers have sent a telegram to the Ministry of Education regarding the closing of the E.C. Drury school.

Chief Coulson said the department has also been called out to 13 grass, brush and rubbish fires, "unusual" for this time of the year. He is asking residents not to burn rubbish or brush due to the dry conditions. Stoves must be cleaned at least once a year he said, adding air-tight stoves should be checked once a month. Brochures are available to the general public on the care of stoves and prevention of fires. Economy product. Stoves must be cleaned at least once a year he said, adding air-tight stoves should be checked once a month. Brochures are available to the general public on the care of stoves and prevention of fires.

Surprise: Chairman says we'll have two dumps

A surprise announcement—Halton will probably have two new landfill sites in operation to handle garbage—has been made by Regional Chairman Jack Raftis. Mr. Raftis was at a public meeting in the Burlington area Thursday when he told those present he had heard the hydrogeological tests for Site A (National Sewer Pipe lands in Burlington) were expected to be positive enough to let the 200-acre parcel be used as a dump without fear of groundwater contamination.

Milton Councillor Bill Johnson who was at the meeting said Mr. Raftis said he "didn't want to let any cats out of the bag" but Site F would go ahead to service North Halton and east Oakville while Site A would handle the rest of the Region. "I heard him say he had been in consultation with Kelly New (owner of National Sewer Pipe) and other people and the tests looked good. "But I wonder how he knows there will be two landfill sites when the tests aren't completed and the results haven't been brought to council," he said.

Children in Halton schools are not being exposed to hazardous levels of asbestos, according to a Board of Education official. In response to a question last week from Burlington trustee Elaine Riehm, Harley Lishman said simply "there are no hazardous conditions in the schools to my knowledge."

Lishman, the Area Superintendent for Operations, said that when concerns were first raised about asbestos levels in schools his staff checked all the buildings "and where there was asbestos the area was covered up or the material was removed."

He added the only concern at the moment is in heating ducts serving the schools which are insulated with asbestos. "There is some asbestos in the pipe coverings," he said, "but we are keeping a close watch on that."

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Meanwhile James Robertson hit an impasse. Twelve years ago the Brazilian government passed a law which excluded foreign nationals from working on government projects such as the entire Petro-Bras (the Brazilian equivalent of Petro-Can) pipeline throughout that country. It was suggested he could start his own Brazilian firm and still be allowed to work. The founding of a company of convenience suited Mr. Robertson and the government which needed his services. Things went smoothly and the couple managed to tuck away a substantial sum in the Bank of London

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Even Easter Bunny for sale

Bargains were plentiful, and so were the crowds, when the staff of North End Datsun and McDonald's Restaurants joined to sponsor a flea market on Good Friday, with all proceeds—about \$900—to Ronald McDonald House, Toronto. A horde of buyers scooped up the bargains. Tickets were sold on the colorful Easter bunny, donated to the cause by North End. Donna Coulter of North End, Darlene Ross and Susan Nilsson of McDonald's are pictured laying out donated items for the successful sale.

No money, doctor can't find job

by Jim Robinson
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Inside Today

Region men on strike

More than 120 members of the Halton Regional outside workers' union walked off the job Thursday. Tensions mounted as the union listed a number of harassment tactics they claim regional officials are using against them to force a settlement unfavorable to the workers. See Pg. 3.

Special hockey section

A special section in today's Champion salutes the champions of Milton Minor Hockey and the rep teams which have carried Milton's colors this year.

Tuning up for spring

Milton Chansonettes and Milton Choristers are preparing for their annual spring musicale. . . C1

Pair of hockey champs

Two Milton hockey teams claimed Ontario championships on the weekend. The Trafalgar T-Birds copped the major pee wee crown while the Optimists grabbed the minor pee wee laurels. See sports section. B1

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