## toned down

A toned down version of the "wild west" sales unit shot down by Council three weeks ago was given approval last week by councillors, subject to Meadows Homes Limited's compliance with certain conditions set by staff.

The off-site advertising unit is located at the corner of Martin St. and Chisholm Dr., temporarily until the end of June.

When Meadows Homes Limited President Campbell Thompson made a presentation to council three weeks ago, members called the scheme, which included western style facades and large signs, garish and tacky.

At last Monday night's meeting councillors saw a horse of a slightly different color in a less dramatic design, not as reminiscent of the days of cowboys and saloons.

The trailers will be used as advertising units for the sale of homes, not yet constructed in Bronte Meadows subdivision.

The off-site sales unit was given exemption from the trailer and sign by-laws as recommended by staff. Other staff conditions included that the trailer be removed by June 30, 1981, satisfactory landscaping be provided around trailers and that the sales unit have available information regarding the time of school construction in the subdivision and zoning maps of the area.

In the same meeting, Council requested staff prepare a draft amendment to the sign by-law, regulating off-site advertising and signs. This amendment would not prohibit such advertising but would allow council to examine each application for approval or rejection.

### Fires tripled

The number of fire calls dealt with by the Milton Fire Department has tripled in the past five years, according to the annual fire report submitted to council by Chief Jim Coulson.

In fact the number of fires has been growing steadily every year from 1976.

He reported: 141 fires in 1976; 248 fires in 1977;

244 fires in 1978; 311 fires in 1979; and 382 in 1980. In terms of fire loss, 1979 was the second worst in Milton history. In 1979 the total fire damage sas \$698,599 where one fire resulted in damages of \$380,000 alone. In 1980 the fire damage was \$514,461 with the largest single blaze doing \$175,000 worth of destruction.

The worst year for fire damage was 1977 with \$798,793 in losses reported.

Chief Coulson described 1980 as "the busiest year yet" and warned "if we are to continue to provide the same level of service in the future" a number of improvements will have to be made.

Some of the improvements include: a proposed substation for Derry Rd., a new pumper for the substation; an additional full-time firefighter; and moving the dispatch centre to the central fire station.

#### More details

Milton Councillors want more information on proposed industrial liquid waste treatment facility in Haldimand-Norfolk Region, following a letter to Mayor Gord Krantz from Ontario Environment Minister Dr. Harry Parrott.

Prior to the letter being discussed at council, Milton had endorsed a resolution from Haldimand-Norfolk calling for Premier Bill Davis to hold up any approval of the huge treatment plant pending an independent Environmental Assessment Board hearing under provision of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Councillor Rick Day noted the letter to Mr. Krantz carried a long explanation of why the plant is needed, but he said he wanted more information about the plant and what it could and could not do to destroy industrial waste for all of Ontario.

Councillor Bill Johnson, environmental expert on council, said industrial waste need not be transported to the waste site in South Cayuga Township, but could be treated on site.

Council has decided to seek more information from the Minister and has done so by official re-

#### More parking?

Councillor Rick Day says a recent conflict of interest case in Cobourg went "too far" and has asked staff to look into the case further.

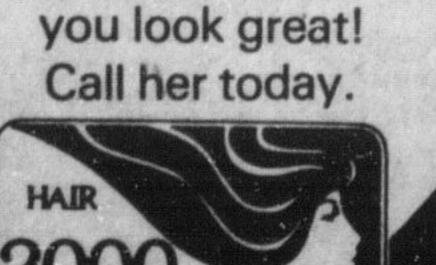
At last Monday night's council meeting, Councillor Day cited a case from the Municipal World magazine in which three members of the nine-person Cobourg Council were charged with having a conflict of interest in the proposal for the construction of a large shopping centre.

Those councillors allegedly owned or were associated with businesses located in a portion of the town designated as the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA).

Councillor Day said, "we should take steps in getting this law changed or repealed."

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Culture award 7th for Champion

seven awards in the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association's 1980

Thursday it was announced a story on Milton Players by News Editor Jim Robinson has won

the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation feature writing award, in the "arts" category. The award carries with it a

learned The Champion had won five first prizes and a second prize in the annual better newspapers competition.

### Milton firefighter heads bureau

Harold Penson, a fire prevention officer with the Milton Fire Department, was elected Chairman of Halton Region Fire Prevention Committee for 1981. He succeeds Capt. Art McGlynn of Burlington, who has held the chairmanship for the past year.

The Fire Prevention Committee comprises firefighters from all four Halton fire departments, who meet monthly to plan region-wide fire prevention programs. The Committee also acts as a central purchasing agency for fire prevention literature, display material films and slide series which are shared by the four member departments.

It operated on a budget of \$2,200 last year. The 1981 budget is \$2,300. The bulk of the money comes from Halton Regional Council, although each year a few donations are

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this year was Insp. Larry Brassard of Halton Hills Treasurer is Capt. Peter Campbell of Oakville, and secretary is Roy

Downs of Milton. In his annual report on the 1980 activities, retiring Chairman McGlynn reviewed a number of successful fire prevention activities. Highlight was the annual fire prevention poster contest for grade five students, won this year by Kristi Love of Milton and Jeffrey Schultz of Oakville.

"This program has proven to be very successful in creating an awareness of fire hazards in the minds of these young adults," he said.

The Committee panded its film library in 1980 by adding two films. It also purchased new display boards for literature, held monthly meetings to discuss fire safety, and expand its youth and public educa-Named vice-chairman tion campaigns, he said.

The Champion was Lindy Oughtred's entries first in the front page, won first prize in the editorial page and news and features classes in its circulation competition (8,000 to 20,000) and

In a competition open to every newspaper in Ontario, The Champion won the first prize for best broadsheet front page and News Editor Robinson won first in the Ministry of the Environment competition for the environmenta

first in that category. Inland Publishing Co. Limited's 13 community newspapers claimed total of 27 awards in this year's contest. Of the 13, The Champion earned the most, with seven

story. It was the second

Also announced last week were two more first prizes for Inland papers in the Culture-Recreation Brampton Guardian staff writer

citizenship class and the sports and recreation

Pancake day feast for Bessie's 96th

In honor of Miss Bessie Smith's 96th birthday, the members of the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group are planning year in a row he had won another pancake day and bake sale Saturday, Feb.

Miss Smith's farm home is threatened to be surrounded by a regional landfill site, known as Site F in rural Milton and she is one of the leaders in the local fight to stop

The pancake feast gets underway at 8 a.m. Feb. 21 at St. Paul's United Church, and lasts until 3

p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 and available from Ross and Myrtle Lawrence at 878-2648.

Fletcher's story was

judged first in the Air

Canada feature writing

The awards will be

presented at the OWNA

The pancakes will be made, from scratch, and mented by all the fixings, plus clowns and treats for the children and fresh bread, pies and cakes for sale at the bake tables. All proceeds go to the Site opponents to help finance their long and costly fight to preserve farmland and homes. Last year about 1,000 attended and helped the group raise over

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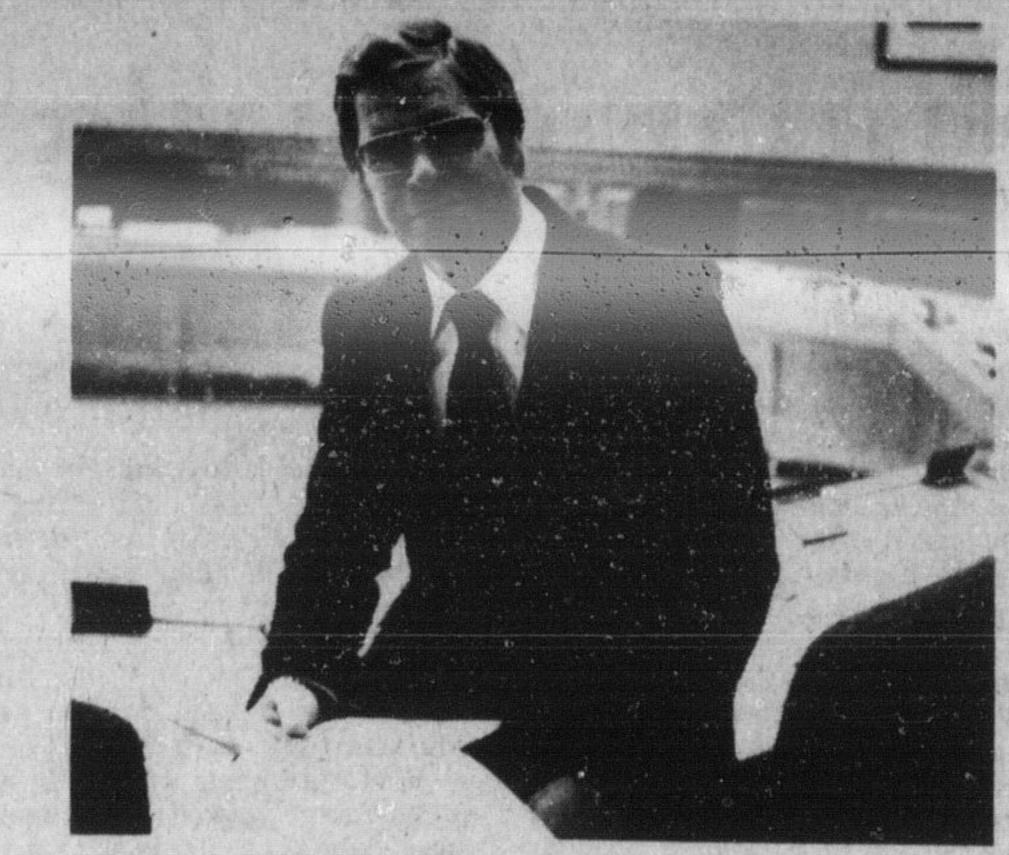
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In addition to his position with the Board of Education, Lorne is also Executive Director of the Northern Ontario Public and Secondary School Trustee's Association.

Lorne Findlay is a Certified General Accountant (C.G.A.).

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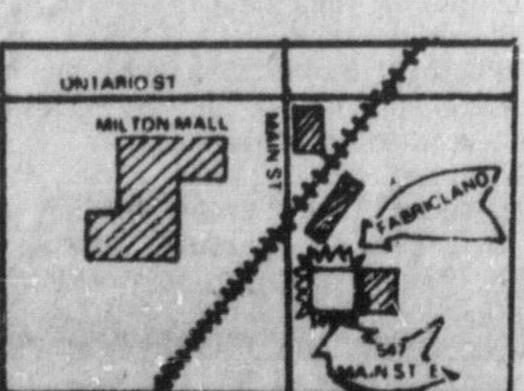
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