

Council No GO people bridge

Go Transit sees "no justification" for a pedestrian overpass at the new Go route nor does it see the need for a minibus to take Miltonians to the station.

A letter asking the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority (TATOA) to look into the idea was sent Feb. 23 after the idea was proposed by Councillor Rose Harrison.

W.W. Clelland, TATOA Director of Engineering and Maintenance, said the request was tabled at a GO meeting and it was stated the number of passengers at the Milton GO Station "will be relatively low, being in the range of 100 to 150 persons for the first few years of service."

"These 150 persons, of course, would access the station from a multitude of directions and with this in mind, there would be no economical justification to provide a pedestrian underpass or overhead bridge from the station to the north side to residents wishing to access the station from the wrong side of the tracks."

"In the same sense there would be no sound rationale for GO Transit to introduce a free minibus service as you have suggested running from the local subdivisions to the GO Station."

Mr. Clelland added the responsibility for any local bus service would "rest with the municipality and require capital and operating costs to be borne by the municipality also."

Town giving Manor printer

For \$1, Milton will be helping disseminate information for and about seniors at Halton Centennial Manor.

The Manor craft co-ordinator had approached the town to find out if Milton would assist in printing bulletins, news items, craft items, and upcoming events for the Manor.

Finance Director Don Loughheed has been able to do better by recommending the town sell a Gestafax printing machine which has been surplus at the town since 1973.

This was approved by the council.

Plasma gun not for Milton

Bill Johnson's pet project to destroy waste, the "plasma gun", is a long way from reality and probably never will be able to handle large amounts of waste.

Former Environment Minister, Dr. Harry Parrott in a letter to Milton Council said the plasma gun, which uses extreme heat to vaporize toxic wastes is under development at the Royal Military College.

It is still very early in the research stage and when completed it could only handle small volumes of waste, particularly PCBs, but not he implied, tons of regional solid waste and sludge.

Dr. Parrott concluded, "that even if the plasma gun were available today, I do not think we shall ever be able to consider it an alternative to landfilling."

"That device is a potential means of destroying relatively small amounts of toxic organic chemicals, and it is difficult to see how its use could be justified for the disposal of some of the more innocuous solid and liquid wastes generated annually."

Two tax bills

Councillor Rick Day has again called for ratepayers to be sent a separate taxation bill by the Halton Board of Education.

In a four-paragraph note to Milton Council, Board Business Superintendent Bruce Lindley state the Milton portion of the 1981 \$115,792,551 budget would be \$5,549,390.

That was broken down into \$2,848,908 for elementary schools and \$2,700,482 for secondary schools and schools for the trainable mentally handicapped.

Mr. Day said the board spends more than any other governmental agency in Halton but the brunt of this impact is not visible on the taxation levy when it is sent out to home.

Calling it a "travesty", Mr. Day said the Halton Board of Education is oversized and unwieldy.



Room for more

Don't let this accumulation of items to be sold at a Flea Market Good Friday fool you. Donations of household items, toys and gifts are still needed for the flea market organized to raise funds for The Centre on Main St. Lorraine Howard (left) and Donna Coulter of North End Datsun display some of the donations which are being accepted at The Champion and North End Datsun. Thursday, items may be taken directly to the Lions' Hall, Thompson Rd. Arena where the sale will be held Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Large appliances, furnishings or items of clothing will not be accepted.

Sludge quality low

The Milton Sewage Treatment Plant is not producing sludge which can be used on all crops to promote growth.

The Halton Federation of Agriculture has been told the Milton plant is producing sludge for farm field fertilization which is high in phosphorus and therefore only good on crops like alfalfa which need the chemical for growth.

The Milton Sewage Treatment Plant uses the old aerobic system to separate

sludge and this form of letting it settle means that ammonia can be lost.

In other Halton Region sludge plants an aerobic-digester system is used which retains a healthy portion of fertilizers needed for crops.

The problem is whether or not the Milton plant should get a new digester, or stick with the aerobic system and use it just for grain crops.

Halton Region is currently looking into what the next step should be.

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