

# Homeowners facing \$245 tax hike

By STEVE ARNOLD  
Champion News Editor

Milton homeowners could be facing a total tax increase of up to \$245 this year if the budgets of the Town of Milton and Halton Region are approved intact.

To date, Regional councillors are reviewing a budget which would mean a tax increase of \$18 on the average assessment in Halton.

Town councillors are examining a budget that would result in an increase of \$136 for that same

average assessment.

The Halton Board of Education has already given its final approval to a budget allowing a tax hike of \$91.

For a total of \$131.9 million dollars, the Halton Board of Education provides school services to 45,000 students, including those at the elementary and secondary levels and a number of trainable mentally retarded children.

Halton Region is responsible for water and sanit-

ary sewer services, garbage disposal, health and social services and planning on a region-wide basis.

At the level, councillors have been dealing with a budget that expresses only the money to be raised through local taxes, rather than the total number of dollars to be spent.

To date, a total of \$29,956,000 will be raised through local taxes. Most Regional programs are subsidized by the Provincial government at rates ranging between 50 and 100 per cent.

Milton councillors are looking at a total budget of \$14.5 million, of which \$4.2 million must be raised through property taxes if the package is passed without cuts.

Milton's various departments have asked for \$5.9 million more than they spent last year, with the biggest increase coming under the heading of transportation services, chiefly the public works department.

Town planning director Bob Zsadyani has asked

for \$16,842 more than last year; recreation director Larry Arbic wants \$239,018 more and fire chief Jim Coulson is requesting \$8,950 more than last year.

Under the heading of general government spending, covering the operation of the Town clerk's department and the expenses of Town councillors, an increase of \$1.9 million has been requested from 1981.

Milton's budget committee will hold its meeting Tuesday nights, at Town Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m.

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## Police chief warns

# Cutbacks will hinder service

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Increasing the budget of Halton Regional Police by more than 18 per cent in 1982 would still leave the Region facing serious deficiencies in police service.

That dire warning was delivered to a joint meeting of members of Halton's administration and finance and budget review committees on Monday.

Police chief James Harding and members of the police commission presented their 1982 budget submission, calling for a total spending package of \$15.9 million, of which \$11.7 million will be raised through local taxes.

The package submitted by the commission called for the hiring of 15 more policemen and four more civilians during the year to bring the total manpower of the force to 404 from the current 385.



JAMES HARDING

Chief Harding told committee members that Halton is currently 71 policemen below the standard set by the Provincial government for a region this size and his budget request is part of a program to correct that deficiency by the year 1986.

"This budget is built on identified community needs," he told committee members. "We have to realize that I can't deliver an efficient police service to this region in 1986 with 1982's manpower."

He also explained that preparation of the police budget started with recommendations from field commanders "because they are the people with the real hands-on experience of the needs of the community."

Those recommendations called for a 28 per cent increase in the total police spending and the hiring of 44 more officers.

Eventually that request was reduced to the 18.9 per cent increase presented to the committees.

The budget would allow for four more policemen to be assigned to street patrol in each of the region's three districts as well as staff additions in the communications and clerical areas.

More civilians will be added to the police payroll, he said "because they are cost-efficient."

"Unfortunately, they do not patrol in patrol cars... and the sad fact is we have only 282 people who do that," he said. "Civilians do not respond to the needs of the community. Policemen do that."

Chief Harding explained that civilians were being trained to function as complaint takers in the communications department as well as being used in several clerical and escort functions formally handled by police officers.

Oakville Coun. Ann Mulvale said the justification for hiring the 15 was clear "and I'd have some real reservations about cutting back on people who are earmarked for the streets."

She also noted the results of a 1978 survey she conducted indicating that the vast majority of the people in her ward supported hiring more policemen even if it meant an increase in property tax levels.

the super hero of an "Alpha Flight" crew he created for his short stories.

Although he loves reading, he does prefer illustrating, he says.

Heath says he gets many of his ideas from other comics and a lot from his own imagination.

His collection of comic books began just over two years ago, and today he has amassed more than 300 books—60 of which are considered valuable.

One of his favorite haunts to locate old comic books is a shop on Queen St. in Toronto.

Whenever possible, he accompanies his mother for a visit downtown and stops in at the shop.

Although he has yet to decide on a career, Heath plans to continue with his comic book creations for some time, and will introduce a new character in the near future.



Comic book creator Heath Walton is an 11-year-old student at J. M. Denyes Public School, who has turned "doodling" into a profitable hobby.

## Heath Walton

# A confessed doodler draws in school, but he's no fool

By LINDA KIRBY  
Champion Reporter

Eleven-year-old Heath Walton of Milton is a confessed "doodler".

He likes to spend many hours, including school time, drawing comic book characters.

But this above average J.M. Denyes student is not wasting his time nor his talents. Using his favorite space age characters, he has created his own comic strip, titled "Alpha Star."

The youngster, who admits he is an avid reader and comic book collector, plans to sell his own creations at the next school bake sale.

At 10 cents an issue, they are an affordable price for fellow students and he intends to turn the money over to the school.

"Alpha Star", Heath explains, is



Tom Burley, Champion Photo

## Daffodils provide hope

Kimberly McClintock, left, and Carol Kerr, campaign chairman of this year's Cancer Society fundraising drive, display some of the daffodils that will be used to raise money in the Milton area. The campaign officially kicks off tomorrow and Mrs. Kerr urges everyone to buy daffodils in support of cancer research.

## Looking for old residents

Milton's 125th Anniversary committee is trying to contact all former residents of town in an effort to get them back for the July 1, 1982 celebration.

Committee chairman Dave Brush is asking all residents of Milton, who have addresses of relatives or neighbors who have moved away, to submit them to the committee.

The committee will then mail information to them detailing activities surrounding Milton's 125th anniversary.

Names and addresses should be mailed to Dave Brush, chairman, 125th Anniversary Master Committee, Town of Milton, Post Office Box 1005, Milton, Ont. L9T 4B6.

Mr. Brush requires the information immediately because of the time factor involved.

Roy Main, Town clerk, asks that all merchants or individuals planning to sell or distribute souvenirs as part of Milton's 125th Anniversary celebrations must submit all details in writing to Mr. Brush by Tuesday April 6, 1982 (next Tuesday).

If approved, the souvenir will be designated as an official souvenir of the celebration.

Mr. Main adds that approval must be obtained in writing for the use of any crest, logo or expression adopted by the 125th Anniversary Committee.

These requests should also be made in writing to Mr. Brush.

The committee will hold a public meeting tonight, beginning at 7.30 p.m. at Town Hall council chambers, to discuss ideas for the upcoming celebrations as well as finalize crest designs etc.

Mr. Brush invites all Miltonians to participate this evening as interested spectators, but particularly as residents who are interested in helping the committee put together this one-time-only celebration.

Community groups, service clubs and individuals are urgently needed to support this committee in its endeavors.

## Champion joins press council

In an effort to better serve its readers, The Canadian Champion has joined the Ontario Press Council—a body that evaluates complaints from the public about the conduct of the press in the gathering and publication of news, opinion and advertising.

John Challinor, Editor of The Canadian Champion, called the move "a positive step in reinforcing our commitment to fairness, accuracy and responsibility in community journalism."

Mr. Challinor added that joining the press council further demonstrates how seriously The Canadian Champion considers its established role in Milton as "the voice of record and an accurate reflection of the community it serves."

Under its constitution, the press council may deal with a complaint against a newspaper only if an individual has given the newspaper an opportunity to satisfy the problem.

Fraser MacDougall, executive secretary of the press council, says many individuals don't know about that requirement so the press council provides that service for them, sending their correspondence with the press council to the newspaper involved.

If whatever action it takes doesn't satisfy the individual, the press council then arranges to hear the complaint. In writing to the press council, individuals should define complaints precisely and provide pertinent evidence such as newspaper clippings or tear sheets and evidence of an approach to the newspaper—if one has been made.

Every individual—and the newspaper involved—gets a chance to present oral evidence and their argument to a press council committee.

The Canadian Champion was one of 19 community newspapers, comprising the entire Metroland Printing & Publishing

Ltd. newspaper chain, to join the press council.

The Metroland chain has a total circulation of 698,300 and increased the number of member newspapers in the press council to 48 - a 65.5 per cent increase. The move increases the aggregate circulation of member newspapers in the press council to 2,009,683 - a 52.6 per cent hike.

The Metroland circulation total of 698,300 is made up of 396,000 for six newspapers that publish twice a week and 302,300 for 13 that publish weekly.

Metroland newspapers are published in suburban areas along Lake Ontario between Burlington and Oshawa and north to Newmarket, Brampton and Georgetown. Metroland is owned by Torstar Corp., which also owns the Toronto Star—the largest daily newspaper participating in the press council.

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A Halton regional

committee will save more than \$30,000 a year by spending \$3,700. See page 8.

### Tower unwanted

At least one Milton resident prepares a \$1,000 yearly tax bill to a 200-ft. cable television tower. This came out during an OMB hearing concerning an application for a tower in Speyside. See page 3.

### Edge vs. Burns

The Racer's Edge earned a spot in the Milton Industrial Hockey League final series against John Burns Stable by beating Lou's Place 7-3 in the third and deciding game Sunday. See Sports C1.

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