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Bringing the rock into the house are Dave Hannon (left) and Eugene Cipparone from Milton's junior curling team. The other members of the team are Scott Kerr and Steve Oldford. The team competes in the junior tankard soon at Chinguacousy. For all the curling action, turn to Craig Kerr and Curling Cues on page C6 in the Sports section. (Staff photo by Murray Rosin)

Milton at centre of Ontario plan for liquid waste

By STEVE ARNOLD
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A new study plan to find a site for liquid industrial waste disposal in Ontario puts Milton right in the centre of the study area.

The Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) announced last week a plan to study areas in the Golden Horseshoe in efforts to find a location for a plant to dispose of liquid wastes.

Stretching from Oshawa to Niagara Falls, the study plan has Milton marked as the Southern Ontario "Centroid" of Waste Generation.

Murray Creed, information officer for the OWMC, said the designation needn't strike fear into the hearts of local residents, it is simply a calculation of the centre of the area to be studied.

The industrial wastes which are at the centre of the study process, he said, are chemicals used in various industries. They include cyanides, inks, photo-finishing chemicals and others.

Before these substances can be disposed of, he said, a lengthy treatment process is required to make them as inert as possible.

It is a site for that treatment process which is being sought now.

The OWMC study identifies two soil types, classed zone one and two. Zone one soil, a strip located in the Niagara Peninsula, is the best type of land for the purposes.

Zone two areas, he said, could provide the best type of soil in some spots, but not over the entire area.

In finding a site for the wastes, Mr. Creed said the OWMC would be looking at both economic and environmental considerations, but environmental concerns would get much more critical examination.

It is Milton's position in the exact centre of the study area which has caused some concern among local officials who fear the economic ease of trucking the material an equal distance from either end of the Horseshoe puts the town at a distinct disadvantage.

"I don't think the economic concerns are so critical that a few miles either way will make that much difference," Mr. Creed said in response to those concerns.

"The first and foremost concern we will have in this study is to make the site environmentally safe. Everything else will be secondary," he said.

The site finally chosen by OWMC will house an incinerators, chemical treatment facility and landfill site for the wastes to be collected.

Meetings have been planned for this area in Toronto, Brampton and Hamilton. Further information is available by calling the OWMC at 1-800-268-1179.

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Johnson fears site

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Among the Halton sites where such a facility could be located, he said, at the National Sewer Pipe land in Burlington, where the owners are developing plans to establish a privately operated landfill site, and the site of the former Milton Brickworks where the soil would likely meet the requirements of OWMC.

"You're damn right there's cause for concern for Milton in this," he added.

Mr. Johnson said OWMC staff may honestly give heavier weight to environmental concerns

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Rape laws are little changed Crown contends

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

New legislation dealing with rape related offences has failed to result in any major improvements for the prosecution of offenders, according to Halton Crown Attorney James Treleven.

"I think the new legislation has actually depreciated rape," said Mr. Treleven.

Prior to the new rules, those found guilty were liable for a minimum of a one year jail sentence.

"Now there is a maximum of 10 years. They are not treating it as serious as breaking and entering a business which carries a maximum jail term of 14 years," explained Mr. Treleven.

"What the new legislation has done, has been to put it in the same class as stealing a car," Mr. Treleven added he is also seriously concerned that if the maximum is set at 10 years, convicted rapists may be sent to a reformatory institution as opposed to a penitentiary.

The legislation, which was originally introduced as Bill C-53 on Jan. 12, 1981, restructures the offences of rape, attempted rape and indecent assault, replacing them by sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault and sexual assault with a weapon or threats to a third party.

"Sexual assault can include something like pinching a woman's rear end," said Mr. Treleven.

Discharge possible

He said he also was concerned that an offender found guilty of a serious sex crime can now be eligible for an absolute discharge.

"Prior to the legislation, an offender could not get an absolute discharge. He can not get one now for breaking and entering," he added.

Mr. Treleven said he is concerned by the

fact that only the most serious rapes will result in jail sentences.

"To get life imprisonment, you would have to wound, maim or disfigure," he said.

"This has the effect of watering down the offence of rape."

He noted the new legislation differentiates between threatening a victim and a third party. It is now a more serious offence to rape and threaten a third person than to rape and threaten the victim.

The new law modifies certain rules of evidence employed in sexual assault trials; for example, corroboration is no longer required for a conviction of sexual assault and the rules regarding recent complaint are repealed and replaced by the ordinary rules of evidence which apply to all criminal offences.

Conduct important

"Before, it was very important to prove the consistency of conduct of the victim," explained Mr. Treleven.

"We are now no longer able to call that evidence."

"I fear jurors may now infer that the victim may not have complained as soon as possible. They won't know when the complaint was made," he said.

"It is very rare that the victim does not complain at the first available opportunity, but it is an important point in the evidence," he said.

The new provisions, which were developed in consultation with concerned groups and individuals across the country, including major women's groups, apply equally to men and women, both as assailants and victims, thus eliminating the sexual discrimination that previously existed.

A man may now charge a woman with rape and members of the same sex may charge each other with rape.

"I feel something has to be done," said Mrs. Tonner.

"Maybe the region should be looking at improved police protection. I know they can't be everywhere at once, but the number of police officers is not growing at the same rate as the population."

Staff Sergeant Dave Eadie, of 12 Division Halton Regional Police, admitted he is very concerned about the growing number of reported break-in, enter and thefts.

"We are attempting to deal with it," he said. Halton Regional Police have been successful in

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Halton deer hunt dates should be agreed first

Another deer hunt in Halton should not be allowed without the "common courtesy" of provincial officials consulting with regional staff before setting the date, according to Bill Johnson.

The Milton councillor told members of the planning and public works committee last week they should demand that consultation before the dates are announced for the next hunt.

Mr. Johnson's comments came during a committee debate on a letter from two Halton Hills residents to regional planning staff, arguing again that Halton Hills has become too "built up" to be a safe place for hunting.

Regional staff had sent the letter on the Ministry of Natural Resources, which is responsible for the annual hunt.

Ministry staff had written back simply to say they weren't planning to do anything about the correspondence.

"I think these people have shown more responsibility than their elected representatives," Mr. Johnson said.

Taxman takes a bite

The Goldo Restaurant and its main shareholder Richard Chan of Milton were fined a total of \$23,300 recently after being convicted in Milton provincial court on charges of tax evasion.

The charges came as a result of an investigation by the Department of National Revenue, Taxation for a four year period between Sept. 23, 1976 and Sept. 30, 1980.

The court was told the well-known Chinese restaurant had maintained two sets of daily cash sales summaries and had failed to report an in-

come total of \$63,738.68 in weekend take-out sales, and evaded federal income taxes totalling \$7,798.07.

Federal investigators also stated that Richard Chan of 840 Cedarbrae Ave., Milton, president of the restaurant corporation, did not report income for the same sales and evaded payment of federal income taxes amounting to \$15,595.05.

Mr. Chan, who plead guilty on both counts, has been ordered to pay the fine within the next nine months.

Inside today's Champion

The Big Move

For Milton Hydro engineers, the days when they had to interview clients in an old kitchen, amidst crumbling cupboards and peeling wallpaper may soon be at an end. Next Monday the local utility is to move into a brand new office-service facility at the corner of Main St. and Thompson Rd. See Page A10

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REAL ESTATE guide

Store owner incensed

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

There was nothing of significant value stolen, some Canadian Tire money, but for Becky Tonner of Tonner Signs, 85 Steeles Ave., Milton, the effect was just as devastating as though a sizeable theft had occurred.

"I feel very violated, very angry with whoever did this," said Mrs. Tonner.

It is the second time petty thieves have broken into the business office operated by Mrs. Tonner and her husband Barry.

On the most recent occasion, Jan. 12, thieves kicked in a panel on a rear double bay door and ransacked the office area.

"They even went through private files, including my father's estate papers," said Mrs. Tonner.

"I wish I had been here when the little bastard had come in and he wouldn't have been able to walk out," she said.

The break-in last week was one of six reported incidents in the Steeles Ave. and Morobel Dr. areas. Thieves got away with less than \$20 cash, but caused an estimated \$850 damage to the various businesses.

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