

Snow Dome plan region approved

By STEVE ARNOLD
News Editor

Hoping for a triumph of logic over politics, Halton Regional Council gave its final stamp of approval last week to its entry in the domed stadium race.

Councillors approved a submission to the provincial commission looking for a site which would place the facility near the junction of the proposed highways 403 and 407 on the Oakville/Milton/Mississauga border.

The location is roughly at the junction of Burnhamthorpe Rd. and Ninth Line.

At a press conference following the special council meeting which approved Halton's submission, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the special committee which drafted the proposal, said there were many arguments in favor of moving the stadium away from Toronto.

"Logically there's no contest. This proposal has it hands down," he said. "We might have a problem with the political end, but when you're talking about access for half the population of Ontario, politics should take a back seat to practicality."

The central point of Halton's submission, he said, is the fact moving the stadium to the west of Toronto greatly increases the number of people who are within 60 minutes driving time of the facility.

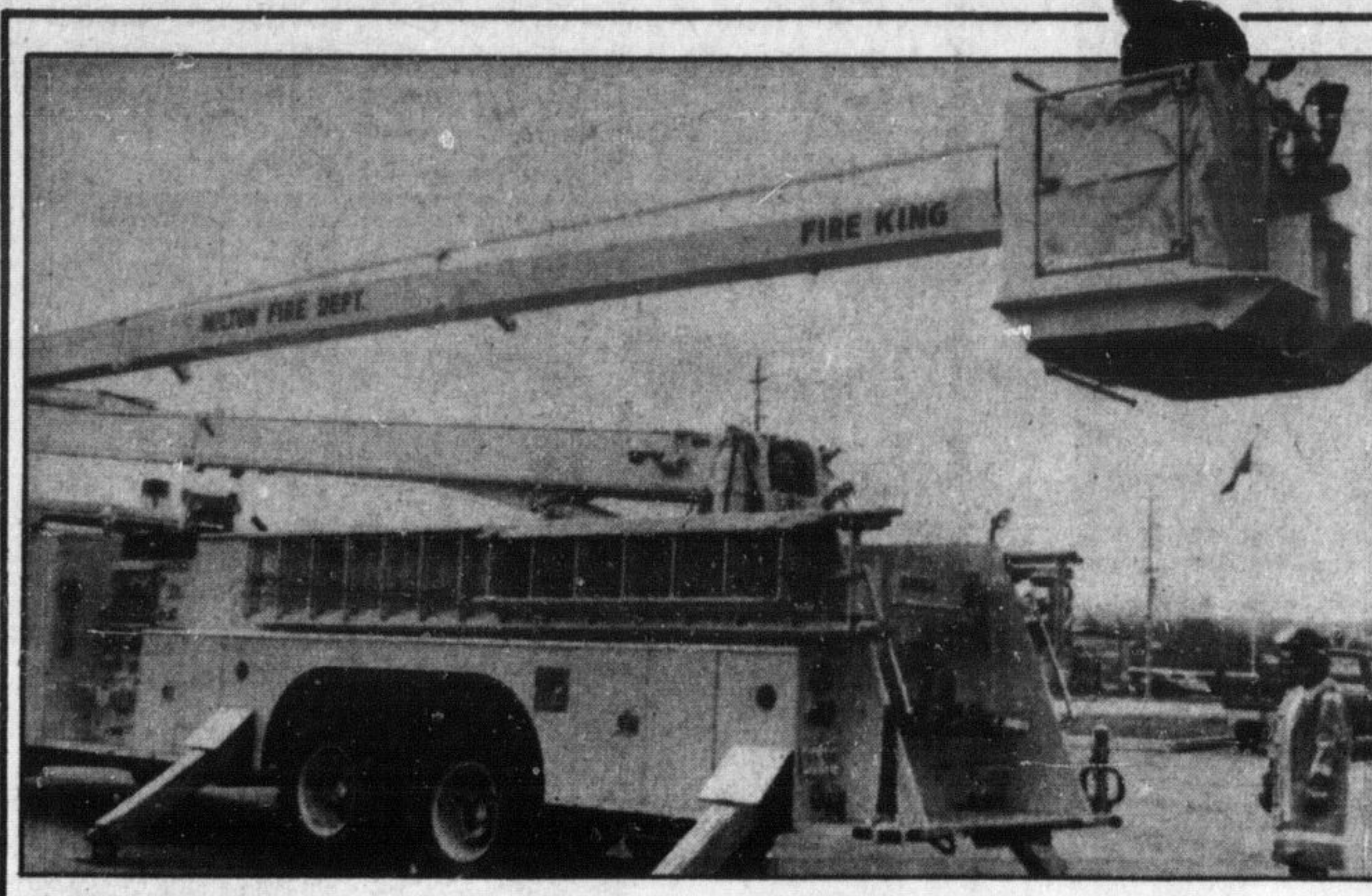
According to studies conducted for the region, five million Ontario residents would

have access to a Halton stadium without the province having to spend great amounts improving transit systems to the site.

Another major selling point for the Halton plan, he said, is the possibility of constructing a plant nearby to burn garbage to provide energy for the heating and cooling systems.

"The technology for a plant like that is certainly available," Mr. Barrett said. "They've been doing it in Europe since the war."

A proposal is also being submitted by the city of Mississauga in conjunction with developer Harold Shipp—a situation Mr. Barrett warned may prove costly for Peel.



Milton's snorkel truck will give three public demonstrations at Milton Mall.

Snorkel truck shows its stuff at Milton Mall

Members of the Milton Fire Department will give a public demonstration of the snorkel truck next Friday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. at the Milton Mall, weather permitting.

It will be one of the rare public showings of this piece of equipment which can be telescoped up on a cherry-picker type arm to fight fires in high places like apartments.

The demonstration of part of Fire Prevention Week in Milton.

The fire station on Steeles Ave. will also be open to the public Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and everyone is welcome to come out and take a tour.

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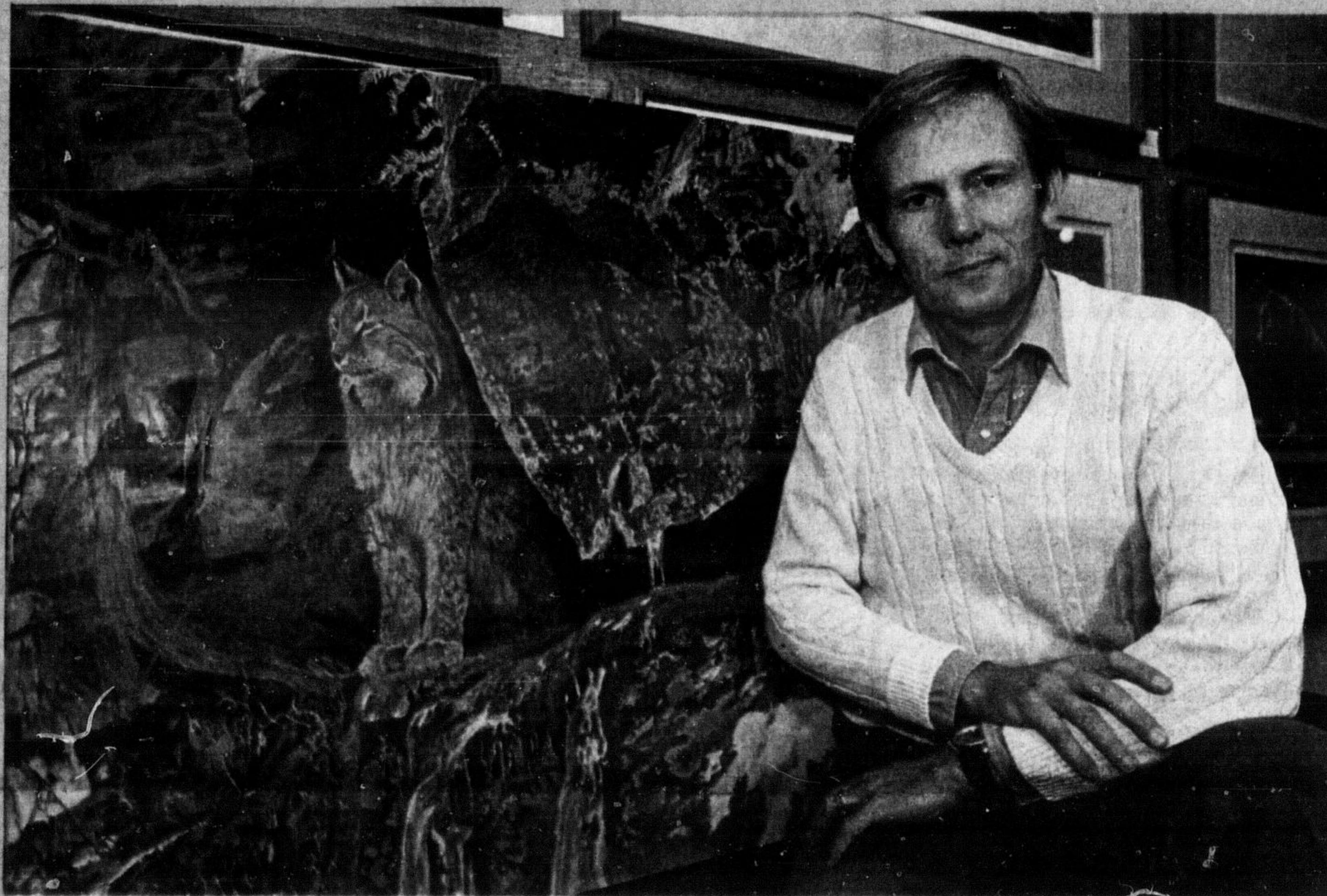
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Internationally known wildlife artist Robert Bateman is this year's United Way of Milton honorary chairman.



Here Mr. Bateman is shown autographing his book for one of those attending the campaign kick-off dinner last Wednesday.

Bateman starts UW

The 1983 United Way campaign in Milton was kicked-off last Wednesday evening by this year's honorary chairman, Robert Bateman.

Mr. Bateman, internationally known for his wildlife art in print, books, and calendars, was signing copies of his book and calendar at the kickoff held in the Harrop Restaurant.

United Way's second year of operation started with Mr. Bateman relating many interesting anecdotes of his life as an artist and he accompanied this with a slide presentation.

For the kick-off, the upper portion of the Harrop Restaurant had been reserved and it was filled by the time Mr. Bateman began speaking.

Main St . . .

. . . is first

Kid's curfew now in effect for October

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

In an attempt to crack down on vandalism in Milton's business community, Halton Regional Police officers have designated the Main St. area from Bronte St. to Thompson Rd. as a "target" area for stepped up patrols, during October.

The extra effort is intended not only to decrease vandalism, but also to decrease any other crimes committed by juvenile offenders explained police.

Police also intend, under a selective process to enforce the Child Welfare Act, dealing with children under the age of 16 who are not accompanied by an adult or guardian and are found loitering in a public place.

Officers are looking at a 10 p.m. curfew for children under the age of 16, though they explained they will not be picking up every underage child.

Police feel parents will welcome the new program as a means of getting kids home at a decent hour, but for parents who don't act to keep underaged children in after the curfew, there are penalties.

The police said they don't want to lay charges under this law, but there is a maximum fine of \$1,000 for repeat offenders.

The decision to implement a curfew for underage children is the direct result of a study conducted this summer on the topic of vandalism.

The report compiled by two students as part of the Federal Solicitor General's work experience program, revealed that 65 per cent of all damages reported to police, occurred at approximately 10 p.m. and was caused by persons between the ages of 12 and 16 years.

The study was based on police statistics for the north Halton area (Milton, Georgetown and Acton).

According to those statistics, more than \$47,000 damage was caused by underage vandals in the first half of 1983.

Holiday deadlines

The Thanksgiving Holiday weekend will mean early deadlines for the Oct. 12 edition of The Canadian Champion.

Display advertisements, large classified ads and editorial deadlines will be Friday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m.

Classified word ads will be taken Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 8.30 a.m. until noon.

Council dashes big dish

Bending the rules to aid a new business venture in Milton did not win any points with town councillors, the owners of the business recently learned.

Site Test Satellite Systems will not be permitted to keep a 10-foot demonstrator dish antenna system on the front lawn of the 785 Main St. business location.

The antenna, considered a structure by the town, is not allowed in the setback area of the property. It is positioned approximately 15 feet from the road.

According to Andrew Shaw, one of two partners in the new venture, the removal of the facility will mean the loss of one of their prime advertising tools.

Mr. Shaw, who appeared before a general committee meeting last week, told councillors customers like to see the facility at work and the front lawn is the only place they can watch it from inside of the shop.

It was suggested the company consider mounting the \$4,000 instrument on the roof, but according to Mr. Shaw, there would be too much microwave interference and it would then be necessary to purchase costly filtering material.

Councillors also approved a recommendation to direct Banvil Fans Ltd. to also remove dishes in the setback area of its Main St. property.

It's "becoming inevitable" . . .

. . . says administrative chief

911 system gaining support

By STEVE ARNOLD
News Editor

A three digit emergency telephone number for Halton may yet become a reality.

The region's administration and finance committee agreed last week to the design of such a system following receipt of a report from area emergency services.

Dennis Perlin, regional chief administrative officer, headed the review team and said a 911 emergency system "is becoming inevitable" for Halton.

The 911 system allows residents to dial those three digits to connect with a central emergency answering bureau. The call is

then automatically switched to the dispatch centre of the regional police or the appropriate ambulance service or fire department.

Regional council most recently rejected the 911 scheme for Halton in 1979 because of its cost.

Mr. Perlin warned time is only going to add to the cost of the service.

"The costs are not going to get any cheaper in the long run," he said, adding "this is certainly a growing system across the province."

If the service is approved for Halton, the region will be faced with initial installation costs of \$19,000 plus monthly operating fees of \$16,400 in addition to the \$500,000 already being spent on telephone service.

Bell Canada, Mr. Perlin said, will pay the costs of designing the system, but if the region decides to opt out at any time after that work has started, the company will expect to be repaid some or all of its \$835,000 investment.

Halton's system, he argued, would be best located at the regional police headquarters because they already get 80 per cent of the emergency calls.

"As far as technical requirements are concerned we're in the best situation we'll ever be," he said. "Outside of Bell the costs are very minimal."

Mr. Perlin said the only question to be decided politically was whether or not the cost of the system would be a good investment.

"You have to make a major decision

about the value of the system and the dollars related to it," he said. "We think it is a very important service."

In addition to Mr. Perlin, the special review committee was composed of the police chief, the chief of each of the four area fire departments, Bell Canada staff and a director of the District of Halton-Mississauga Ambulance Service.

"We truly believe this system is inevitable. There's never a good time to spend more money," Mr. Perlin added, "but we're dealing with a life and death system

and improvements to that system are well worth the cost."

Once the region commits itself to installing the system, Bell Canada will need 18-24 months to design it. The inauguration would be tied to the release of new telephone directories in late 1985 or early 1986.

One of the problems which committee members questioned was the way in which residents in fringe areas will be served—areas such as the portions of Milton which are in the Guelph or Flamborough areas.

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Adequate—For Now

Milton's fire department is equal to the needs of a small bedroom community, according to Chief Jim Coulson, but as industrial development occurs changes are going to have to be made in the structure of the department. See page A3 for the details.

Love Of Dolls

Elisabeth Mizrahi loves to make dolls and then just give them away. She has been making them in all shapes and sizes

for many years now. A profile of a woman in love with dolls is on page C1.

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Landmark passes away

A long-time Milton landmark, the municipal washroom, passed into history last week.

The washroom, donated to the town by the late P. L. Robertson, who legend has it bequeathed the washrooms to the town so people would have a place to go, to go was demolished last week.

It had been closed for many months after it was severely vandalized and council decided it would be too costly to have it renovated.