

Tender opening policy to change

Revisions in the town's tender opening policy were formulated by the administration committee of Milton Council Monday.

Designed to cut delays between the opening and the acceptance of a bid, the new policy would see tenders opened on a Wednesday, referred to the engineers for study, with a report to council by the following Monday.

Presently bids are opened at a regular council meeting, then forwarded to the engineers for study and checking but a report back to the council meeting is two weeks later.

Clerk Jack McGeachie pointed out too that engineers are present for the tender opening at some cost to the town. He suggested the opening, without engineers present, could result in some savings and the only thing accomplished at the tender opening was the recording of the bids.

Little protection
Under previous Milton

Policy the bids had been opened in the afternoon by staff in public. This council, however, felt without elected representatives present there was little protection for the staff.

"With the mayor full time, she would be available to attend tender openings and that should be protection enough," Councillor Brad Clements suggested.

Councillor Don Gordon maintained the bids should be opened at a public meeting. He suggested the engineers didn't have to be present. "I feel tenders should be opened in the public at a public meeting."

Councillor Jim Kerr suggested tenders be opened by the clerk, treasurer, mayor or designate, and the department head concerned at the municipal offices, open to the public, press and contractors, with the press to be notified of every tender opening. The committee endorsed the proposal for recommendation to the full council.

Look for classroom garage for St. John

The Milton Brigade of St. John Ambulance received praise and was promised co-operation when two representatives of the Brigade visited the Community Services Committee of town council Monday.

John King and Dr. R. Edwards requested that space for classroom instruction be provided for two nights a week now and three or four nights a week later. They also requested some accommodation for the Brigade's van.

Try schools
Mr. King explained the vehicle was being left in open spaces now. Several suggestions were made. A motion by

Mayor Anne MacArthur instructed Recreation Director Bob Small to see what sort of classroom accommodation could be made within one of the schools in the community. At the same time St. John representatives were to see if a solution might be worked out with the Agricultural Society and the Boy Scouts for use of facilities there.

Mr. King noted he hoped there was some place where the Brigade could store materials.

—Every day five Canadians become blind. If everyone helps take better care of their own vision, this alarming statistic can be reduced.

Christmas record . . .

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picture the choir wearing their new mint green dresses in front of the beautiful fireplace at Halton County Museum.

Choir director Judy Hunter described the making of a record as a "broadening of the musical education of both the director and the choir, the challenge to strive to the best of one's ability and finally the opportunity of producing a lasting memento of the choir's work."

Kinsmen Korner

Provide blood for needy

Blood Donor Clinic—In an active week the M.A.D. Kinsmen sponsored and promoted a very successful Red Cross Clinic which produced 344 donors. A pre-clinic campaign on TV, radio and through the newspaper media organized by the Kinsmen considerably aided in promoting the clinic. The Red Cross challenge trophy was well supported with 15 different organizations competing and representing 132 donated pints. The trophy was won by the combined forces of the Legion and Legion Auxiliary which donated 35 pints, closely followed by the Dorset Park Homeowners' Association with 31 pints. The M.A.D. Kinsmen lucky donor draw prizes were won by Stuart King, Mrs. P. Morgan, and Bob Bryan.

Pineview Movies—On Saturday January 25, the Kinsmen Club presented at the Pineview school the first of its monthly movie program for children from the Trafalgar Road, Hornby area. Almost 300 children and adults watched the afternoon showing of Walt Disney's "20,000 Leagues Beneath the Sea". The intent of the program is to provide entertainment for this rural area

as well as to raise funds for community service projects.

NHL Old Timers—All preparations for the NHL Old Timers vs. Milton Oldtimers hockey game at the Milton Memorial Arena on Feb. 9 have been completed. The game is to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis research, the chronic disease that effects one in every 1,000 Canadian babies born. Pre-game entertainment will include a figure skating demonstration and during periods the M.A.D. Kinsmen will play Milton town council and staff at broomball.

Auction Night—The Jan. 22 general meeting of the M.A.D. club was auction night. Members donated and auctioned a variety of items ranging from a box of turnips to dinner for six to raise funds for club administration from town members only. The grand sum raised from the fun evening was \$262.

Letters—Received by the club included a \$25 donation from Mayor Anne MacArthur recognizing the Kinsmen activities in Milton during 1974 and a letter of thanks from the Manor senior citizens for the provision of the Martin St. bus shelter.

Guests and prospective kinsmen—At recent Kinsmen

meeting have been, Mike Ponner, Scott Atcheson, Lestland and Malcolm Haynes.

Founders' Night—At which the founding of the Kinsmen Association by Hal Rogers will be celebrated by the M.A.D. club on Feb. 22 at the Wyldewood Golf and Country Club. All members of the original Milton Kinsmen club will be invited to make the celebration an "Old and New" occasion.

The Next General Meeting—will be held at The Charles on Feb. 5 and will be public speaking night. Members in Kinsmen of less than three years experience will be competing for the George Curry Trophy. The club winner will represent Milton and District in the zone competition at the zone D spring conference in Streetsville on March 1.

An Apology—In last week's issue of The Champion, the article "Blood—our basic natural resource" stated that the clinic refreshments will be provided by the Kinsmen club. This was incorrect, as in many previous years all donors were prepared and served by the Ladies of the Legion.

Fees irk Kin

Equal treatment for rental

The generosity of Milton Council's Community Service Committee has come back to haunt the members. Only two weeks ago the committee agreed to waive rental fees of \$200 and \$75 to Milton Minor Hockey Helpers and the Rotary Club respectively in favor of a \$15 fee to cover clean-up of the community room at Milton Memorial Arena.

That action precipitated a letter from Paul Loneragan of the Kinsmen Club. Loneragan said he had signed a contract for the room on behalf of the Kinsmen and had agreed to pay the \$200 fee.

When he read the fees were being reduced for other clubs he wrote town hall and asked the same action be taken in his case. All three groups are holding fund-raising activities but the money will be put back into the community.

Facilities Manager, Larry Arbic, said he had about 17 other similar requests. He noted each had agreed to the higher fee but wanted to be treated in the same fashion as the two groups handled last week.

Council can pay
Arbic pointed out it cost the town money to let the hall out for anything less than \$75. He asked the committee to authorize him to charge the \$75 and \$200 fees and if council

wanted to reduce those fees it could pay the difference out of a public relations fund.

Arbic explained it would be impossible for him to anticipate a budget unless the figures were firm.

After a lot of discussion the committee agreed the two rates should be upheld, with exceptions made only in the rarest cases.

Hospital . . .

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for these services at the public hospital, they'll go to a privately-run clinic.

At the clinics, the cost is covered by OHIP so the government ends up paying the whole cost (or more) through the government-funded health plan. There is no limit to the staff at privately owned clinics, they noted.

Efficient now
Ironically, about this time last year the hospital was forced to put extra staff into its physiotherapy and lab after a number of complaints from physicians and patients about the long wait for services there. Today the departments are efficiently handling the workload but each of these departments' staffs will likely be cut by one-half person. "And our physiotherapy department is 34 percent more efficient than the average in the province," said vice-chairman Foster. "It's obvious that a hospital which is operating as effi-

ciently as this cannot reduce staff as easily as some others and certainly not without reducing its level of service to patients," summed up a press release from the board. "We feel it grossly unfair that as ours must reduce its staff levels in the same proportion as an inefficiently run hospital."

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Burlington plans carry

Burlington organizers are preparing for what is billed as "the largest winter carnival yet" to be staged at Lowville Park Feb. 13 to 16, one weekend after Milton's Winterfest.

The Burlington program, designed "to combat mid-winter blues" includes a men's basketball tournament, public school basketball tournament, snow queen contest and a variety of winter games.

Milton Council briefs

During a regular meeting of Milton Council in Brookville Hall Monday night, council:

—Received a letter from Craig Greenwood supporting recreational hunting.

—Agreed to ask the Ministry of Housing to explain the criteria for exemptions from the greenbelt.

—Filed a letter from MPP Jim Snow indicating some action is being taken with regard to the town's query about tax revenue from the crown land in the southern portion of town.

—Received a letter from the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations indicating the Ministry could not do anything about complaints levelled at Jumpin' Jack's store. June Sims of Anne Blvd. had complained about the store's practice of not allowing clothes to be tried on or returned.

—Was advised the Ontario Municipal Board had approved the debenturing of \$200,000 for sanitary sewers on Main St. East.

—Asked staff to write a letter to the police commission to see how many accidents had occurred at the curve on Derry Rd. East of Highway 25.

—Was advised 1,828 passengers had used Milton Bus Lines during the week of Dec. 9 to Dec. 14.

—Authorized payment of \$548 to continue membership in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

—Supported the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its stand concerning applications before the Ontario Energy Board. The Association is retaining the services of independent advisors to assure interests of Ontario

citizens are protected concerning changes in natural gas rates.

—Agreed to charge Halton Region Conservation Authority \$25 per meeting for use of Milton Council Chambers.

—Accepted a challenge to compete against Milton Kinsmen in a broomball game to be held in conjunction with Milton's Winterfest '75.

—Referred a letter from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications outlining the town's subsidy allocation for 1975. The ministry will allow subsidy of \$434,000. Council is currently working on a capital budget.

—Agreed the speed limit on Ontario St. in the southern part of town should be increased from 30 miles per hour to 40. It was pointed out it had been recently changed from 60 to 30 but it was considered too slow. If the change is approved the 40 M.P.H. limit will start south of the old town line.

—Agreed a clock should be purchased for the new arena at a cost of about \$27.

—Filed a letter from city of Sudbury suggesting firefighters should be retired at age 60.

—Recommended staff be authorized to engage an architect or engineer to prepare the design drawings for an addition to the fire hall. Deputy Clerk Campbell Thompson noted the town was still acquiring land for the addition but hoped to have the project out to tender by July or August.

—Recommended white lines be painted at the Steeles Ave. and Ontario St. intersection to indicate motorists on Steeles should stop before turning right onto Ontario St.

—Agreed warrants for traffic signals should be taken at

Derry Rd. and Bronte St. intersection, Main St. and Bronte St. intersection, Chisholm Dr. and Martin St.

—Recommended no action be taken on signalization improvements at Main and Martin. The work was estimated to cost over \$1,000 and members didn't feel the need was there.

—Agreed to ask the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to reconsider a request to have a speed limit reduced to 40 miles per hour on Highway 25 from Highway 401 to 1,500 feet north of Five Sideroad.

—Agreed the speed limit on Ontario St. in the southern part of town should be increased from 30 miles per hour to 40. It was pointed out it had been recently changed from 60 to 30 but it was considered too slow. If the change is approved the 40 M.P.H. limit will start south of the old town line.

—Asked staff to advise Imperial Oil and Mrs. Donna Coulter that the town would accept a structural plate arch pipe instead of a concrete box culvert to facilitate drainage on properties to be developed by the two parties.

—Instructed staff to investigate complaints from L. T. Hand of Fay Court concerning poor lighting and hazardous wiring at street lights. It was indicated the cables were probably for cable television.

—In a brief meeting the same night of the Administrative Committee of Milton Council, members:

—Called for the drafting of a by-law to regulate driving schools.

—Agreed to review the bicycle licensing by-laws that are in effect and develop a

single by-law for the whole municipality.

—Endorsed pre-budget purchases for the works, building and recreation department.

—Confirmed the policies on capital levies that do not require payment of a levy if a home has been demolished and a new one constructed on the same site.

—Called for a report on the size and use of 26 agricultural barns constructed during last year. The building inspector reported no permit fee is charged to build a barn over \$50,000 value but a \$10 fee is charged to demolish one.

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