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Town councillors to get annual pay hike of 3 per cent

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**
The Champion

In an attempt to avoid large time-to-time remuneration hikes, town councillors approved a policy Monday that will see their pay increase in annual increments.

Pay raises will now be based on increases received by non-union Town staff members — a recommendation that came from the Citizens Committee on Council Remuneration's report to council in April, 2000.

"In considering compensation adjustments for non-union staff in Milton, staff does give consideration to the Ontario cost of living index and compensation adjustments in other communities," Director of Corporate Services Jim McQueen said in a report to council.

"By adopting a similar analysis and

adjustment for council compensation, their remuneration will tend to stay current and not be subject to major increases whenever the major citizen's review is done again."

Currently, councillors receive an annual remuneration of \$13,500, while the mayor (the only full-time member of council) receives \$40,180. Those salaries will see a 3 per cent increase next year based on the new policy.

But the raises don't mean new money for council members, Mayor Gord Krantz told *The Champion*. The raises keep their pay up-to-date, he said.

"There is no increase in pay, it just balances out the rate of inflation. If you don't at least include the rate of inflation, you go ahead backwards," Mr. Krantz continued.

"What happens with elected officials is a lot of them are afraid to deal with remuneration because it is a controversial issue. But they get so far behind when they do have to deal with it that it looks worse. In the name of fairness, I think it was appropriately dealt with by the Citizens' Committee recommendation."

Christmas donations coming in

The Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund is now underway, and local residents are once again being counted on to make the annual fundraiser a success.

To date, \$1,250 has been collected for the campaign — which assures all local families have a nice Christmas, complete with dinner and toys for the children.

A lot more help is needed over the next month if this year's goal of \$25,000 is to be reached. Last year, \$24,626 was raised.

Please send donations payable to the Christmas Bureau Fund, Box 248, Milton, Ont., L9T 4N9, or drop them off at our office, 191 Main St. E.

Food and toy donations are also greatly appreciated and can be given at The Champion office.

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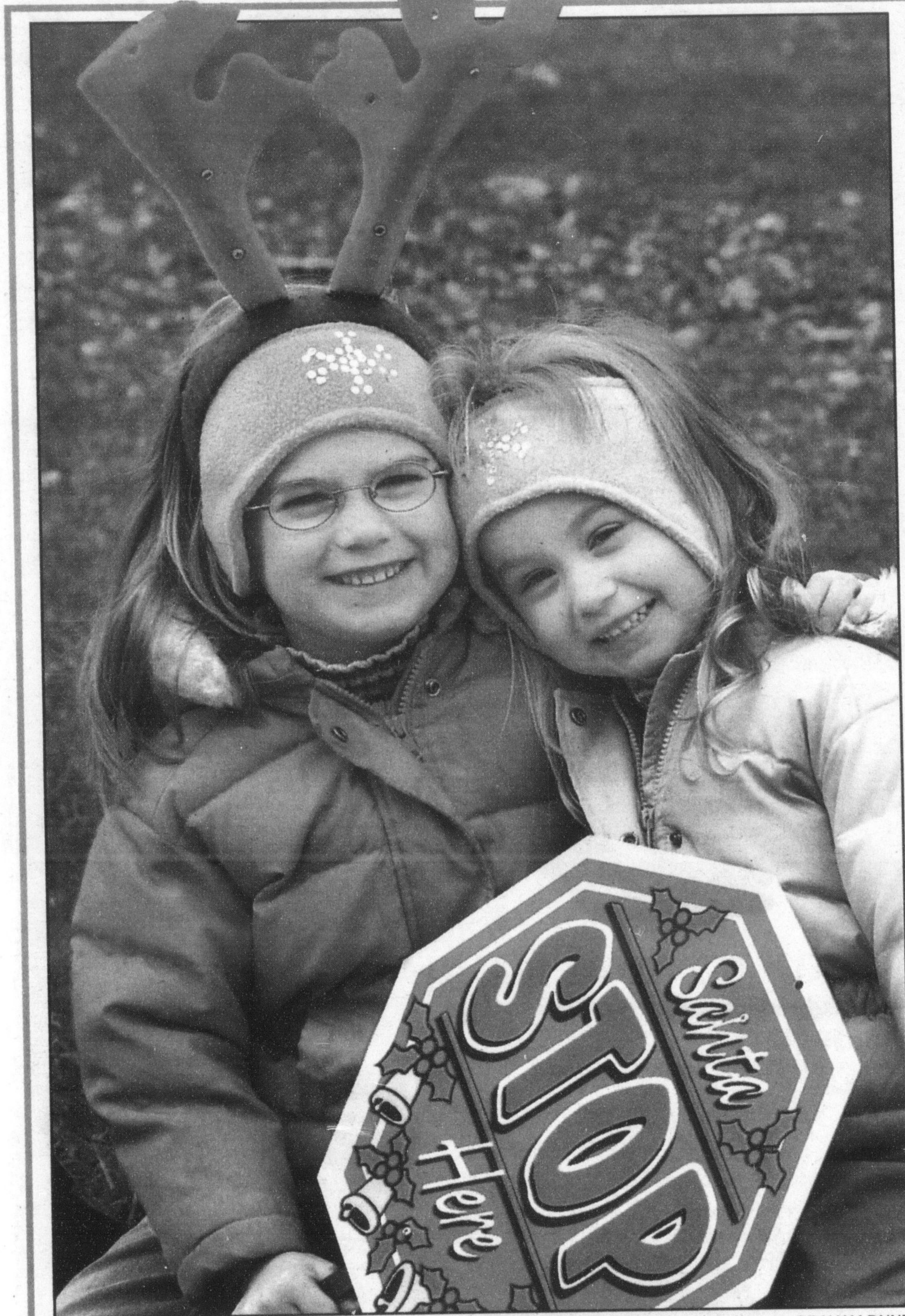


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How long until Sunday?

Taryn Mason, 5, and sister Lauren, 3, can't wait for Sunday's Milton Santa Claus Parade. The parade will leave the Milton Fair Grounds at 2 p.m. and travel west on King Street, north on Bronte Street, east on Main Street and south on Nipissing Road to Milton Mall.

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