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That is so cool

Four-year-old Christine Smrcek (above) has the time of her life while cooling off with mom Helen in the Rotary Park pool Wednesday afternoon. At left, life-guard Jenn Power, 17, takes a cool dip under water. With the scorching heat and humidity, the pool was one of the best places to be. See another swimming fun photo on page 3.

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Town says bylaw banning smoking not discriminatory

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**
The Champion

A challenge of Milton's smoking bylaw should be dismissed, as the bylaw is neither discriminatory nor beyond municipal authority as claimed by a local bar owner, says the Town.

"Milton is entitled to make different classes of or parts of public places subject to different regulations and controls. This does not constitute discrimination," the statement prepared by Town solicitor Harold Watson says, defending exemptions to the bylaw.

"The Municipal Act authorizes a municipality to make a distinction between classes of public places, with regard to the operation of a bylaw regulating smoking in

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public places and workplaces."

Those comments are contained within a Statement of Defense dated July 5 and recently delivered to Douglas Quirt, solicitor for Hardball Cafe owner Carlo Giangrande, who initiated a challenge of the bylaw June 7.

The bylaw in question came into effect May 31, banning smoking from all public places, with exemptions granted to Mohawk Slots (half of both the gaming area and bleachers) and Bingo Country — which has until 2004 to construct a designated smoking room.

But there's "no general reasonableness" • see NO on page 17

Lawn watering is banned

In light of the dry weather, Halton Region imposed a temporary ban on lawn watering Tuesday.

People looking to water their flower and vegetable gardens are still allowed to do so, but are asked to use a watering can. Recently sodded or seeded areas are also exempt from the ban.

The unseasonably dry weather, combined with heavy water use, have caused a strain on the Region's reservoirs and the restrictions are needed to ensure fire protection and essential household needs can be met, said Patrick Murphy, Halton's commissioner of planning and public works.

"These restrictions have become necessary as the dry weather continues. We hope that residents will acknowledge them need for these temporary measures and comply with them."

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