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## Councillors give selves \$500 raise

Milton councillors set to the task Monday night of establishing their salaries and decided they were worth a \$500 raise effective at the start of next year, while approving a \$3,000 raise for Mayor Gordon Krantz.

The mayor's raise is retroactive from Jan. 1 and will bring his pay cheque from \$11,980 to \$15,000 annually. Councillors will be paid \$5,500 a year beginning in 1982. While councillors approved their raises, they disapproved of instituting a formula which would automatically increase salaries at a specific rate. Director of Finance Don Lougheed recommended council use a formula similar to that used in municipalities throughout Halton with the exception of Oakville.

Annual salary hikes of from 8 to 9 per cent are common practice in many municipalities which use a formula, but council was concerned about the long term effects of such a formula.

Councillor Don Knight cautioned a formula would create a mushroom effect, pushing salaries to as high as \$14,000 by 1990.

"At the worst we will be setting a benchmark which will be pretty hard to roll back," Councillor Knight commented.

He suggested council forget a formula and "stay natural." Councillor Knight said members should continue to "collectively decide" their wage.

Regional councillors Bill Johnson and Brad Clements were the only members who stated they did not want a raise in salary. They also supported the proposed formula.

"Administrative costs this year rose one mill with very few changes. Quite frankly, the town can't afford to pay any more than

one mill," said Councillor Clements. Councillor Johnson said, "we should have no increases in 1981 and start in 1982 when we have formulas."

"It seems to me council just gets elected and we want a raise."

"It looks bad politically and the best way is to create a formula and we will know the emuneration."

Councillor Rick Day said councillors' salaries shouldn't be too high, as it is a part time job.

"I don't see it as anything other than an honorarium."

"It is not a full time job and should not have any of the hallmarks of a full time job."

"We shouldn't get any fringe benefits," Councillor Day said.

Councillors will continue to pay their own fringe benefits, as will the mayor who went on record stating he will not use the benefit.

"The present status of fringe benefits is, we pay our own. We should continue doing this because we are part time people here," said Councillor Rose Harrison.

Councillors' \$500 raise next year represents the first raise in two years for members.

"We're the only people who can dictate our salaries," said Mayor Krantz. "It's a hard task."

The task was taken in hand by Councillor Harrison who was first to speak to the motion.

"Sure we should have a raise."

"We work quite hard, most of us. It's not going to break the municipality," she said.

Councillor Blanche Hinton said the annual wage works out to less than \$5 per hour and "personally, I think my time is worth it."

## Milton must pass Site F zoning — Bird

Milton should not hold up "due process of the law" and should re-zone 246 acres of land near Tremaine and Britannia Rds. as a dump site, according to Burlington Mayor Roly Bird.

Mr. Bird told The Champion even though he is opposed to the site as a garbage dump and is on the record to that effect, he still believes Milton should follow an Ontario Municipal Board ruling and re-zone the lands, also known as Site F.

In June 1979, the OMB ruled on the side of Halton that the lands should be zoned for the next regional landfill site. It was expected Milton would follow the legal order in time for an Environmental Assessment Board hearing which was supposed to have taken place Oct. 15, 1980.

But due to a court injunction won by the Town of Milton over the regulations under which the hearing would be held, and the subsequent provincial election, no hearing date has yet been announced.

While Milton has, according to Mayor Gord Krantz, "not taken any action on it so

far", there has been pressure for the re-zoning from Halton Region.

On Feb. 17 of this year, Regional solicitor Dennis Perlin urged approval of and received passage by regional council of a resolution calling for Milton to "be respectfully urged one last time to pass the official plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment with respect to Site F as ordered by the Ontario Municipal Board prior to the taking of proceedings as deemed necessary by legal counsel to the Region... and as previously authorized by the past regional council."

It is known Milton councillors have discussed the threat of legal action by the region during in-camera sessions, but the action the town plans to take is so far still secret.

Mr. Bird said he urged Milton move on the re-zoning during a meeting of Burlington's Solid Waste Management Committee on April 24.

He told The Champion he believes "no municipality has the right to flout the law."



## Arbor Day 1981

Children from Pineview School Gr. 2 class visited Halton Regional Museum at Kelso last week, to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a European Snowball in front of the museum's rustic log house. Digging in are

students Jason Shein, Betsy Merry, Michael Van Altema and Ian Marshall. The shrub was donated by Tuitman's Garden Centre, Acton and Mrs. Elly Tuitman gave the students a hand with the planting.

## Deans analyzes election

# 'Complacency' caused loss

The New Democratic Party was defeated in the last provincial election because New Democrats themselves have become complacent, according to Hamilton-Mountain MP Ian Deans.

Mr. Deans, a 12-year MPP for Wentworth before entering federal politics told the annual meeting of the Halton-Burlington NDP Provincial Association Monday night in Milton that the very people who have profited from NDP social action platforms didn't "get off their backsides and walk to the polls and vote."

He said that since the election he has pondered the reason for the poor NDP showing and spent some time telling riding association members what must be done if the party is to make a comeback in four years.

"I've wondered about our party and I keep asking myself if we are selling people something they actually believe in," he said.

Mr. Deans said there is a far warmer reception to NDP philosophy in the western provinces, but in Ontario the message is somehow lost to other parties which seem to be doing a better job in attracting voters.

Pointing to the prodigious list of accomplishments listed on the wall of the Milton UAW Local 1067 Hall where Mr. Deans was speaking, he said such victories in union negotiations "are an example of what the NDP stands for."

"Read them! Read them! Those benefits

are the same things we have been legislating for as a party."

But Mr. Deans said the benefits were gained by hard-fought election campaigns against PC majority governments which would not allow such changes to happen. It was only after people started to realize they would never get them without a fight that the PCs suffered setbacks at the polls and resulting minority governments.

The minority government offered much to stay in power and thus people became lulled by what Mr. Deans called "the big lie."

As a result, people who would benefit most from an NDP win did not turn out on election day.

"If they had gone to the polls, if they had gotten off their backsides, we would have been the government today."

"The reason why we lost has to do with the tens of thousands... who should have walked to the polls and cast a ballot," he said.

He said he didn't know what the NDP had done to "offend" those who did not turn out.

Mr. Deans then recounted situations such as the first medicare fight with PC majority Premier John Roberts who called the system of social health "Machiaevellian".

"But you know that to this day I know people who had to go out and mortgage their homes to pay the hospital bills of family members."

"Maybe we thought those people all

remembered what we fought for."

"It looks like they did not," he said.

Mr. Deans said that when he bought a house in the 50's, he was making \$5,500 a year as a firefighter. His home cost him \$14,880 and the interest rate was 6.5 per cent over 25 years which meant a monthly payment of \$88 for principle and interest.

"But if my son Ian... went and got a job today on the fire department he would be making \$22,000 a year... and he wouldn't even qualify for a mortgage on that home."

"People shouldn't think they are better off today than 20 years ago."

"In fact they are infinitely worse off," he said.

## Inside today's Champion

### Ready, Aye, Ready

Members of all Milton Boy Scout troops were out Saturday to plant 8,000 more Trees for Canada. In five years the scouts have planted about 50,000 trees. Story and picture Pg. 3.

### Look out Bambi!

It appears there will be another Halton three-day, controlled deer hunt and the decision will be made today by regional council. Story Pg. 6.

### Flea market opens

A beautiful Sunday afternoon served up sunshine to help open the Lumberyard Flea Market in Campbellville. Owner Oriana Currie is pleased at the preliminary turnout and has some plans for the future. Story and pictures Pg. C1.

### Volunteers in jail

Maplehurst has an excellent program utilizing volunteers from the community. Feature on Pg. D1.

### No open holsters

Halton Police Chief Jim Harding is opposed to his officers using open gun holsters and night sticks because he feels it will add to confrontatory situations. Story Pg. D3.

### Off Broadway

The high school's annual cabaret was fun. Photos on Pg. D4.

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## In love with animals

When 7th Milton Brownies held a garage sale and games night at W. I. Dick School last week to raise money for a bus to camp, some of the Brownie members were their own best customers. Heather Krauss, 9, and Beth Parker, 7, fell in love with a variety of stuffed animals offered for sale at one table. Beth really had her eye on the big doll cradled in her arms, but she ended up winning the giant snake Heather's holding.

## Police Week display at Mall next week

Police Week in Halton Region is set for next week. Displays, films and special presentations will all be a part of the annual event.

In Milton, police officers will be present with exhibits and films at Milton Mall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

This year's theme centres on police officers in the community and multiculturalism.

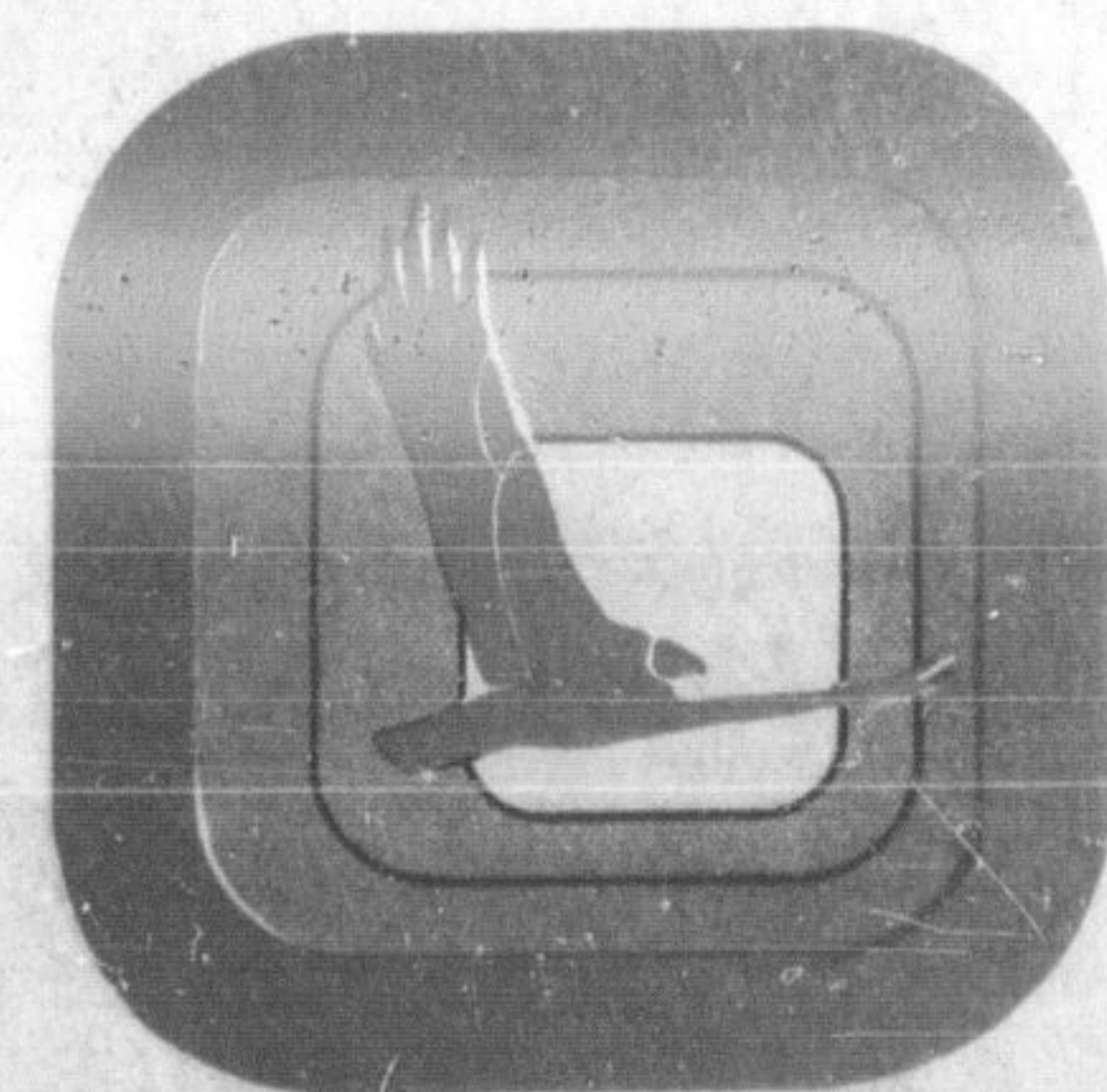
An official opening is planned for the new police station in Georgetown Thursday and the facilities will be open to the public later that afternoon.

On Tuesday evening, a Milton woman will be honored for her role in assisting with an accident victim last year, at the annual Halton Region Police Awards evening at Burlington City Hall.

Carol Morrison of 766 Frobisher Blvd. is a registered nurse and provided first aid to a badly injured accident victim.

As part of police week, Halton Region Police Headquarters in Oakville will also be open to the public.

Halton Region Police safety officers are also planning some special activities for students in area schools.



Fish derby. Halton Region Conservation Authority sponsors a big fishing derby at Kelso this weekend. Story on Pg. B1.