

No toll-free dialing, but there is hope

A petition by Milton-area residents prompted by Halton MP Otto Jelinek has brought a glimmer of hope to those people who want toll-free telephone service to Toronto.

But the service will not be free, even if it is ever put into operation.

In a report going to Milton Council this week, Deputy Clerk Bill Roberts said Bell Canada is experimenting with a service called an Optional Calling Plan

(OCP) which will be tested in another part of Ontario this October.

According to Mr. Roberts, Bell District Manager Vern White said OCP allows for discounts on long distance rates under certain conditions, but these conditions have yet to be approved by the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC).

"This would allow discounted long distance calling between Milton and Toronto, but would again have to

be approved by the CRTC," Mr. Roberts said in his report.

He added that "Mr. White stated that he did not have an idea what the discounted long distance rates would be at this time, but would make them available when they are known."

Mr. Roberts confirmed that in his meeting with Mr. White, Bell maintained Milton does not qualify for

toll-free long distance service, otherwise known as Extended Area Service.

"At the present time the Town of Milton does not qualify for Extended Area Service to Toronto due to the fact that it does not meet one of the criteria for extended areas service that the two calling areas must have a common border," Mr. Roberts said.

According to Mr. Roberts, if the current petition

results in a change of CRTC's stand on long distance regulations, it could wind up being a very costly solution to Milton Bell subscribers.

"If the criteria were changed by the CRTC due to Mr. Jelinek's petition and Milton were allowed toll-free calling to Toronto, I was told by Mr. White that the basic monthly rate for a phone in Milton would be at least double," Mr. Roberts said.

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Gravel need 'reasonable' says Premier

Premier Bill Davis says he is "satisfied" licensing wayside gravel pits—despite Milton Council's opposition—is "reasonable."

Council officially complained to Mr. Davis and the two Ontario Ministries which have been licensing wayside pits for extraction to complete highway projects to the east, particularly Highway 403 through Mississauga, after a licence was issued to Armbr Construction of Brampton, Mr. Davis' riding.

Councillors were incensed that they were ignored by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Transportation and Communication when the town called for at least a chance to discuss what heavy gravel trucks might do to secondary roads in Milton.

After consideration of the monetary savings to the province, Mr. Davis said, "the strategic location of the material and the mineral disruption to local residents and the environment, I am satisfied that the decision to issue this permit was reasonable."

Mr. Davis added that both Ministries have made "a commitment to you to maintain the condition of the haul route and ensure that its final condition is at least as good or better than its present condition."

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But, he added, "you will appreciate that its not economically possible to justify the upgrading of a section of road solely in its short-term use as a haul route from a wayside pit."

Just last week Milton Clerk Roy Main submitted a report on his conclusions of what to expect from the aggregate industry and the Ministry of Natural Resources with regard to road building materials situated in Milton.

Drug class in schools

by Alex Matheson

A drug education program will be included in the health curriculum of every school in the region this fall.

However, it won't be until the fall of 1982 that all of the health teachers will be trained in drug education, said Jack Richardson, co-ordinator of physical and health education for the Halton Board of Education.

The program will focus on lifestyle decision-making, rather than pharmacology, he said.

In order to influence the decisions, students will be presented with evidence on the effects of the three drugs (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana) being focussed on.

Peer pressure and media influence to use these drugs will be studied, he added.

Students will be shown the advertising techniques used by the sellers of the materials.

The program will be offered to Grades 4 through 12, he said.

A drug education program for Grades 4 to 10 was fieldtested in nine schools this year, including three each of junior elementary, senior elementary and secondary, Richardson said. This trial will bring a revision in the program, he added.

To teach the experimental program, five three-hour seminars were given to the teachers by Dick O'Brien of the Halton Centre of the Addiction Research Foundation.

Another eight half-day or four full-day programs will be given to 15 teachers by the Addiction Research Foundation, Richardson said.

These teachers will in turn train the other 275 health teachers over the next two years, he added.

The impetus to start drug education followed an ARF survey of drug use at Oakville-Trafalgar High School. This report was made public last fall.

It indicated that 82 per cent of secondary school students had used alcohol within the past year, while 46 per cent indulged in marijuana and 39 per cent in tobacco in the same time frame, said Marlene Swarbrick, a community consultant with ARF.

About one quarter of the people in each group are regular users, she added.

Regular users and sellers are the prime targets of the educational programs, she said.

The need for education down at least to the Grade four level is indicated by the presence of one known nine-year-old marijuana pusher in Halton, Swarbrick added.



Happy Birthday' Champion

The Canadian Champion, the "grand old lady of Milton" celebrated her 120th anniversary Wednesday. In honor of the occasion, Champion staffers served free birthday cake to visitors at the Main St. office. A history of the paper was published last week. Publisher Herb Crowther (left), Of-

fice Manager Marion Hill, Advertising Manager Mike Hall and Editor Roy Downs are pictured with the birthday cakes, suitable decorated for this auspicious occasion.

Regional chairman's election remains in hands of councillors

A call by Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkeiwich to have Halton's next chairman elected at large along with the election of councillors strictly for regional representation, has been dropped.

The two-part recommendation by Mr. Mulkeiwich read:

"That the Regional Council petition the Province of Ontario to amend the Regional Municipality of Halton Act so that the Regional Chairman is elected by ballot by popular vote across the region:

"That the Regional Council petition the Province of Ontario to amend the Regional Municipality of Halton Act so that Regional Councillors are elected by ballot by popular vote to sit only on Regional Council (and not on the local councils as is the present case) and that the Regional Council representation be on a strictly proportioned population basis."

Mr. Mulkeiwich said his call for change is not a new one, and had first been suggested by him in 1973 to then Municipal Affairs Minister John White who signed the Halton regional legislation into being.

He told the Administration and Finance Committee last Wednesday he was repeating the call because of what he had seen in the past two years at Halton and because of an extrapolation of the Hicking-Johnson report on streamlining efficiency at the regional level.

He said the report is saying there must be a more "political accountability," from the region and that in "a democracy... accountability is directly to the people."

"This is the only level of government in Canada, that I am aware of, where the leader is not directly elected by the people."

He said directly electing the regional chairman has now been adopted in Hamilton-Wentworth and strictly regional members would be allowed to handle "strictly regional affairs."

He was directly challenged by Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy who said he wanted to "make it quite clear" that he preferred selecting a regional chairman by the elected representatives, not the electorate.

Strictly regional councillors, Mr. Pomeroy said, would also remove members "further away" from the people who elected them.

Mr. Mulkeiwich said he was "disappointed at the response", but added that "it was what I might have expected."

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said he wanted to know if Mr. Mulkeiwich was making his recommendations with political bias involved. Mr. Mulkeiwich had run and lost to Jack Rafits for the 1981-82 Halton chairmanship.

To that Mr. Mulkeiwich said he was not, but added he thought the "incumbent chairman has continued to do the job less than adequately."

That statement raised tempers but they soon subsided when it was decided to "receive and file" Mr. Mulkeiwich's two recommendations.

Recover fireworks stolen from plant

By Linda Kirby

Halton Regional Police breathed a sigh of relief following the recovery of deadly display fireworks stolen from Hand Chemical Thursday night.

They included three 102-millimetre cannon crackers, described as for use by licensed technicians only, and lethal if improperly handled; 10 50-millimetre crackers and approximately 200 packages of smaller fireworks.

Two of the large cannon crackers were recovered in a field near Hand Chemical on Nipissing Rd. by plant employees Saturday and smaller crackers were found in fields near Thompson Rd. and Steeles Ave.

Constable Bill Riddle said the recovery was made following an

anonymous phone call from a teenager who had seen the fireworks being carried into the fields.

Police received a second phone call that the third 102-millimetre cannon cracker had been set off.

Although police have interviewed a number of juveniles no arrests have been made, said Constable Riddle.

"Whoever stole them, apparently sold the little ones all over the town," he said.

More than 60 packages of small crackers were recovered by police. The total value of the stolen crackers was \$200.

Thieves took the fireworks after forcing a sliding door in the plant.

Inside today's Champion

Bike path may go

Milton's bicycle path along Derry Rd. may be torn out because permission to build it was never received from the region. Now Halton plans to widen Derry Rd. and it may mean the bicycle path has to go. Stories and picture Pg. 2.

Drury opens doors

Next Wednesday three schools, including the new high school, will be open to the public at the E.C. Drury Schools campus. The public is invited to see what this unique educational facility offers. Story and picture Pg. 3.

Court room drama

A "mock trial" held in Fairview Public School was all too real as parents were challenged to find out if they were "in tune" with their children who levied convictions and sentences against the "accused." Story and picture Pg. 8.

RALPH IS COMING TO TOWN

Ralph The Retriever says: "Recycle and Conserve" See Pg. D1.

A chicken is born

All the wonder of birth was registered in the eyes of school children as they watched a chick hatch. Story and picture Pg. 9.

On the way up

She's young, energetic, and has her sights set on the Olympics. Kim Muspratt is today's featured teenager. Pg. C8.

Newsprint breakthrough

Milton firm will be helping in a province-wide plan to recover old newspapers, remove the ink, and recycle the pulp into rolls of paper.

It is a massive project but the Milton firm president is confident it can be done. Stories and pictures Pg. D1.

Festival

Milton's best young musicians performed in the music festival last week. Complete results, Pgs. D6, D7.



Women are busy

Women's organizations in Milton are getting their preparations in order for the spring and summer. The news from Mountain Union, Hornby and Hillcrest is all on Pg. D3.

Senseless

Edith Sharpe's "Philosobit of the Week": Shouting at children to make them behave, is like using your horn to start your car.

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