

Council Councillors get a raise

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz now earns \$14,960 per year for the next two years, following enactment of a bylaw to up his salary by \$3,000. Councillors have also had a wage hike from \$5,000 per year in 1981 to \$5,500 per year as of 1982. Mayor Krantz also gets \$1,500 for all miles driven each year while councillors will receive 22.5 cents per mile for all miles driven on town business.

Escarpment garage held

Ontario Housing Minister Claude Bennett has directed the Niagara Escarpment Commission not to deal further with an application by a truck firm to build a vehicle storage lot on escarpment lands. Barlin Carriers Incorporated had appealed a refusal by the NEC to allow the trucking firm to construct a building to be used for an office and a garage where tractor trailers would be repaired, and to establish a parking area for the heavy trucks. Milton councillors have been informed by Mr. Bennett he has referred to the NEC action and the Barlin appeal to the chief hearing officers of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Council told plan held up

Milton has been informed its approval of the Campbellville Secondary Plan has been held up of Halton Region. The region decided to halt the approval process until after a full hydrogeological study of the area can be held to determine if projected housing in the area will have an adverse effect on the water supply. In the meantime the region will allow development to proceed, as long as it does not mean water will be used.

Committee for channelization

Halton Regional Conservation Authority will keep a special citizen committee in Milton informed of all work on the channelization of the lower Sixteen Mile Creek. The HRCA hosted a special meeting April 30 to explain the work and what it will mean to residents in the neighborhood of the creek work. Ten Milton residents were at the meeting at which M.A. MacKrell and Ken DePodesta outlined what will happen on behalf of the HRCA. As a result Paul Lonergan, of 354 Kingsway Place and Mrs. Freda Strain of 435 Campbell Ave. has been appointed by the HRCA as contact residents. The HRCA has provided both with a set of the property requirements and design drawings. Mr. Strain and Mr. Lonergan will be informed when the work is to start and will work with the HRCA and residents to resolve any problems which crop up.

Business head thanks Mayor

Halton's new Director of Business Development has written to Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, thanking him for attending a meeting of regional member mayors on May 11. The meeting was held to let the business development officer become better acquainted with the needs of Milton, Halton Hills, Burlington, and Oakville. Milton, now that local approval has been reached on the development of an 1,100 acre industrial park, will become the major focal point for new industry and the business officer's mandate to bring it to Halton.

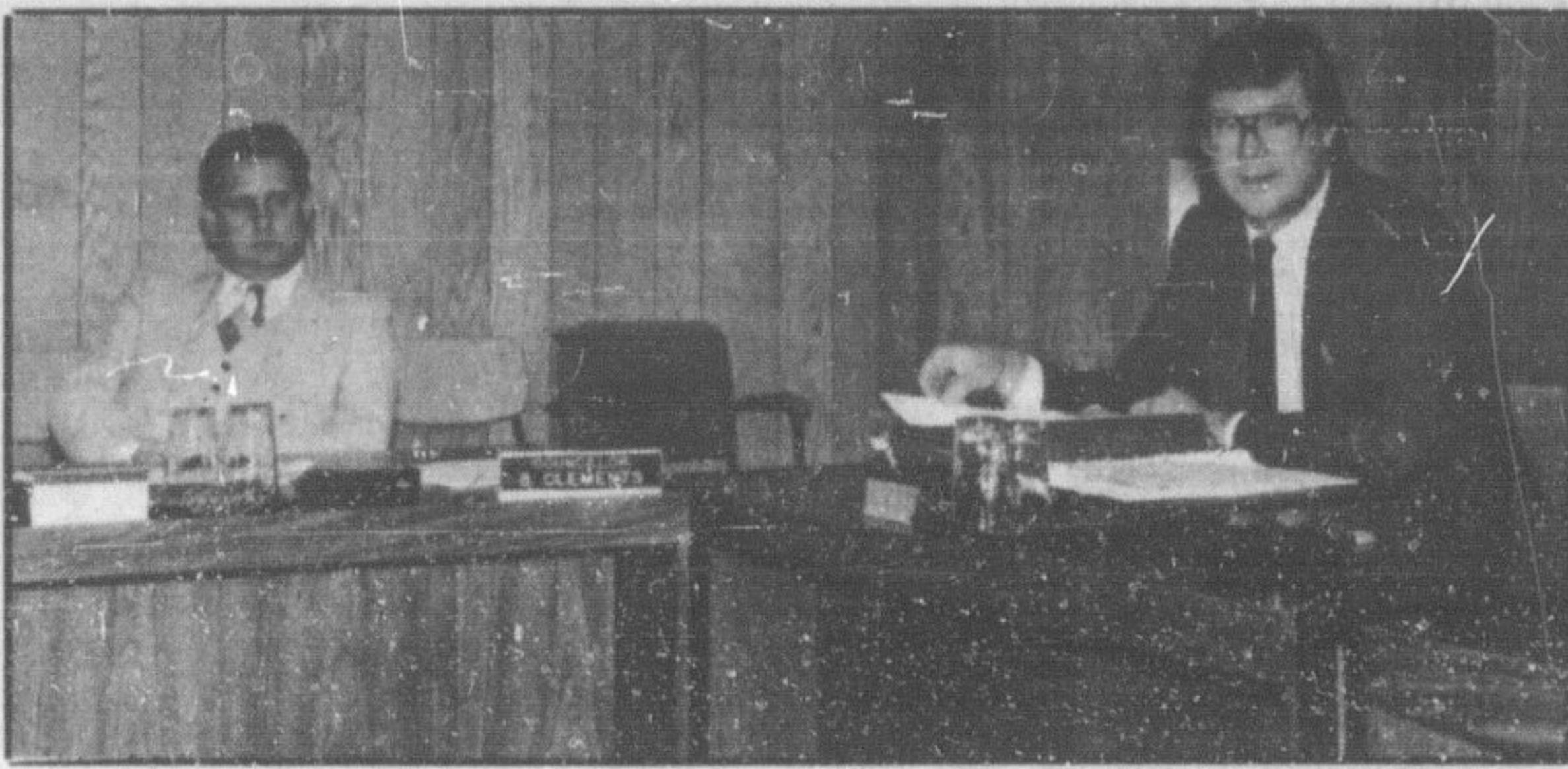
Even GO doesn't know

Even GO Transit doesn't know how many passengers to expect from Milton when the new GO line goes into operation later this year. Milton Council had requested a copy of a ridership survey done by GO Transit which stated there would be about 125 Miltonians using the service daily. But Engineering Director H.W. Clelland has informed Milton Council that "no survey was undertaken." Apparently the figure of 125 riders per day from Milton was taken from an Ontario Ministry of Transportation Communications formula which bases demand on models. "Our existing GO Bus ridership to downtown Toronto from Milton averages 125 per day, which will be influenced by improved GO Bus service to north metro and the TTC subway. "Estimates derived by Halton Region suggest that only 100 passengers would use the service by the year 2001," Mr. Clelland said.

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Milton will fight. Mayor Gord Krantz, left, looks on as councilor Fred Leitch stated Friday the town's intention to contest a contempt of court action brought against 11 current and three former Milton councillors.

Milton to fight...

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On Friday Mayor Krantz with some council members issued a statement through Site F counsel Fred Leitch—who had been successful last year when Milton sought and got a court injunction against an Oct. 15 Environmental Assessment Board hearing on Site F. Mr. Leitch said Milton will go to Osgoode Hall this Friday and is prepared to fight on a number of grounds. He said Milton "will take the position that it is precluded from passing the amending bylaw and amending the official plan by reason of the provisions of Section 6 of the Environmental Assessment Act."

"It will take the position that the time when the bylaws should be passed is upon the Minister of the Environment giving approval to proceed with the undertaking known as Site F. "It will take the position that no harm can be caused to the Regional Municipality of Halton in the meantime because the Regional Municipality of Halton cannot proceed with the undertaking until its assessment is complete and the Minister has given his approval."

Mr. Leitch told The Champion that official receipt of the OMB ruling to rezone the lands arrived at Milton Town Hall March 5, 1980 at which time councillors and staff "began considerations and deliberations respecting the passage of the ordered amendments and usual procedures being followed." On June 3, 1980 amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act came into action. With the new amendments, Mr. Leitch said the town sought counsel on what the changed rulings would mean to Milton in light of the Site F hearings expected in the fall. Milton was told a hearing on Site F would probably have to be held under the new rules and regulations of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) as opposed to the rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) under which Halton had been preparing its submission. While this was going on, Halton made application to get a certificate of approval for Site F under the EPA. That resulted in the announcement of an Environmental Assessment Board hearing to be held Oct. 15, 1980 in Milton. That action prompted

Milton to seek a court injunction against the hearing because Milton felt the new amendments of the EAA would apply. Mr. Justice Robert Southey of the Ontario Supreme Court heard both Milton and Halton and decided any hearing would have to be based on a decision by then Ontario Environment Minister Dr. Harry Parrot on which act would apply. The court appearance was Sept. 30 and Dr. Parrot took no action until Feb. 9, 1981 when he announced a hearing would have to be held under the EAA and, therefore, according to Mr. Leitch, all rules and regulations would have to apply. Mr. Leitch said the EAA "provides generally that no undertaking to which the act applies shall proceed until an environmental assessment has been accepted by the Minister of the Environment and the

Minister has given his approval to proceed with the undertaking. "From and after June 3, 1980, Milton was thus under the compulsion of the OMB order and the compulsion of Section 6 of the EAA. "Compliance with Section 6 indicated that no step be taken to forward the Site F project and compliance with the OMB orders indicated that steps be taken to forward the site F project."

Mayor Krantz and Mr. Leitch said that from receipt of the OMB order June 3 until the new amendments of the EAA came into effect was only three months, far too short a time to amend the official plan to include Site F.

Mr. Day, who is considering slander suits, said "it took us something like six years to get Amendment 7 through, so three months is clearly not enough time for something as big as F."

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Day threatens with slander suits

Councillor Rick Day intends to sue regional councillors individually for slander and libel following a contempt of court suit filed against him last week by the region.

Mr. Day is one of the 11 present and three former Milton council members served with motions by the Halton Sheriff at a May 19 council meeting in Milton stating the council had not acted on an Ontario Municipal Board ruling that 246 acres of land in Milton be rezoned as a garbage dump.

Following a press conference Friday at which

the Town of Milton made its stand known on conflicts between the OMB ruling and regulations of the Environmental Assessment Act, Mr. Day—himself a lawyer—said he would be retaining separate legal counsel.

As a lawyer, Mr. Day said the Law Society of Upper Canada may "already not be too pleased" with a serious charge being levied against him. Mr. Day said he feels confident that Milton councillors will not be held in contempt of the OMB ruling and that he and others will be acquitted.

If and when that happens, Mr. Day indicated his position and livelihood depend on his qualifications as a lawyer and these may have been called into question by a charge being laid against him.

Should he be exonerated, Mr. Day said he would then launch an action against the regional councillors individually. He said he expects he will be able to win in a suit of slander.

Speaking to contents of the contempt motion, Mr. Day said "in my case they very well could be libelous."

"If the statements are libelous, I'll have to look to see who is making these statements."

If he finds the statements have been made by the regional councillors then he indicated the writs would be going out.

Two days previously at regional council, Oakville councillor Terry Mannel questioned Hal-

ton Chief Administrator Dennis Perlin as to whether regional councillors could be countersued.

At that time, Mr. Perlin said any countersuit would come against the region as a corporation, not individual members.

The Halton contempt action is laid against the town as a corporation and the individual members of council.

Considered quitting; Johnson goes along

Local and regional councillor Bill Johnson had considered various actions—from engaging his own solicitor to resigning from council—after a contempt of court charge was laid against him and other town councillors last week.

But Tuesday morning, Councillor Johnson announced he will go along with the rest of council, and let Fred Leitch represent him at the Supreme Court hearing scheduled for this Friday morning.

"My situation is different from the others," Mr. Johnson said in a prepared statement Tuesday. "I said I would not comply with the (OMB) order to rezone lands for the Site F dump on a matter of principle."

For the past 16 years, he said, all his spare time has been spent fighting long-term landfilling of garbage. He has advised groups, lectured to "anyone who would listen" and served as land use director of the Ontario Garbage Coalition, a division of Pollution Probe.

"When I was elected I stated I had no intention of becoming a rubber stamp for the region, the province or anyone else. "I considered resign-

taken by the town.

"They wished me to continue representing them. It would not be fair to the people in Ward Three, who I also represent, to forfeit my seat on local and regional council on a matter of principle," he concluded.

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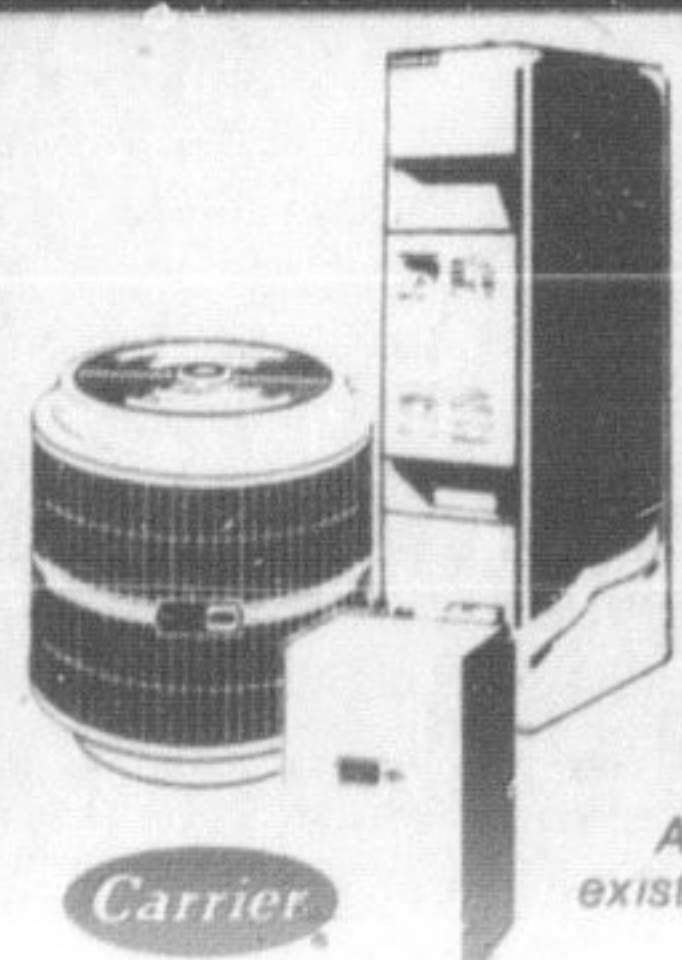
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