



Soon to be finished, Kelso Mini-Putt is scheduled to open very soon. It will initially feature 10 holes but expand to 18 holes later. The mini golf course is located in the "east park centre" of Kelso Conservation Area and will include a small pro shop.



Checking the plans. Lisa Hageman, project supervisor and Stanley Luciw, a member of the construction team, examine the plans for an 18-hole mini-golf course, at Kelso Conservation Area. The project is expected to be completed within the next week.

## It's play golf at Kelso

By Linda Kirby  
With a little luck Kelso's first mini-golf course will be ready for play within the week.

The 18-hole golf course, and small pro shop is located in the east "park centre" of Kelso Conservation Area, near the swimming pool area and boat rentals.

Although designed for 18 holes, Kelso "Mini-Putt" will initially open with 10 holes.

Lisa Hageman, a graduate of landscape architecture from the University of Guelph, has been responsible for the design concept and construction of the project.

"The main idea was to combine a miniature golf game with the picnicking area," she explained, adding the site is located in an area considered by the Halton

Region Conservation Authority as "under-used."

The newest park attraction fits into an overall master plan for Kelso, she said, and represents one of several planned new activities.

In keeping with the surroundings of the Conservation park, the golf course has been carefully designed to take advantage of nearby trees and shrubs.

"What it means is a careful allocation of space, and maximizing the use of space," she said.

To further enhance the appearance of the golf course, she has added a raised planter and rock garden to the design.

Choosing the required plants is not simple. "We had to deal with a high water table which means "wet-footed" plants," she explained.

"The rock garden has been kept as natural as possible so it would reflect the surrounding escarpment."

Miss Hageman who works with a team of six construction workers said the project has

proved a "fantastic" learning experience.

The project was funded through a federal Canada Community Development grant provided to the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

## Sheridan union sees strike over workload

By Carol Stewart-Kirkby

There will be a strike by Sheridan College's 400 teachers in September if its board of governors does not solve a workload problem soon, the president of the local teachers' union said Wednesday.

"If the problem can't be solved at a local level, we will be forced to take the matter to the provincial contract negotiations and if we don't get a satisfactory contract, we will take more militant action, meaning a strike," said Ron Martin, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 244.

In May, the administration committee of the board of governors announced that the number of class hours in some programs would

be decreased to cut costs. The teachers feel that while this means fewer hours in the classroom, it also means more students in each class, and a heavier workload for staff.

Mr. Martin, on behalf of the union, asked that the board declare the Sheridan administration at Sheridan incompetent and reduce its size through attrition.

The board turned the union down two weeks ago, so this week the union issued a further letter to W.L. Hawkins chairman of the administration committee Wednesday, to reiterate its position.

"There is too much management at Sheridan and far too much money spent on it. We feel that the board of governors should be

decreased to cut costs. The teachers feel that while this means fewer hours in the classroom, it also means more students in each class, and a heavier workload for staff.

Several other Ontario colleges are experiencing similar

problems and Martin, who is the chief negotiator for the teachers union in Ontario, said it will surely be brought up during contract talks.

The contract, for all Ontario community college teachers, is to be settled by Sept. 2. In the interim, the union is planning two seminars for its members on how to conduct a strike and is inviting representatives of the Ontario Federation of Students to ex-

press their opinions on the problem.

"We want the students to have some input. They are just as interested as we are in the quality of education at Ontario colleges. If we do not settle on a contract by Sept. 2, we will circulate our information to the students, get their support and make it a short, snappy strike," said Mr. Martin.

"We will be heard much quicker with the

voices of 100,000 students behind us," he added. Job security is the number one issue at the provincial negotiations, followed closely by workload and then money, said Mr. Martin.

If the union does vote to strike, 7,000 teachers across the province and 100,000 students will be affected.

Mr. Hawkins and college president Don Shields were unavailable for comment.

## New overdue tax penalty considered

Milton may be changing its method of charging interest on overdue taxes.

Financial Director Don Loughheed said the current system of charging is 15 per cent per annum or about 1 1/4 per cent per month.

But a new piece of legislation, Bill 121, is about to come to Queen's Park for approval and it could be adopted by the town if it clears the Legislature.

"Under Bill 121, the maximum penalty, interest rate or discount rate is 1 1/2 per cent above the prime rate of a chartered bank that has the highest prime rate on the day that the bylaw is passed.

"For example, if a chartered bank having the highest prime rate has a prime rate of 18 per cent on the day the bylaw is passed, the maximum penalty...would be 19 1/2 per cent," he said.

Mr. Loughheed said he is now reviewing the interest rates for the last

three years in order to determine the month in which the interest rate would be most equitable for both the ratepayers and the town.

"In the near future, I will be recommending to you the alteration of the said bylaws," he said.

## Steam-Era parade is approved

Milton councillors have approved the request of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association to hold a parade on Main St. Sept 5 at 11 a.m.

The parade is part of the annual Steam-Era extravaganza in Milton and it features steam-powered farm implements and commercial vehicles.

When asked, Public Works Director John Matthews said the new, curving nature of Main St. due to the semi-mall concept should not prove a hindrance.

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