

Council

Capital levies boost coffers

Money is flowing into Milton's coffers from the collection of levies and capital contributions in the Timberlea and Bronte Meadows subdivisions.

Deputy-Treasurer Mrs. Audrey Brush told councillors there are 1,329 building units in Timberlea, of which levies in the amount of \$4,102,883 had been collected, including four prepaid levies.

The remaining 214 lots are in phases where applications have not yet been made.

"The levies will be collected when the permits are applied for," Mrs. Brush said.

In Bronte Meadows there are 559 building units, on which levies for 407 units totalling \$1,830,193 have been collected. That leaves 152 units which will be providing levies "prepaid in the near future."

Trailer rejected

Councillors have rejected an application by B. T. Knott to put a mobile trailer on his 11-acre horse farm to house additional farm help.

Milton Planner Bob Zsadyani said that while his staff has tried to be lenient about mobile homes on lands in agricultural production to house additional help, he said "the problem arises when staff begin to consider the size of the operation and the need for additional full-time help."

"In this regard and in the opinion of staff, Mr. Knott's operation does not warrant the location of an additional dwelling on the property."

In essence, the purpose of locating the mobile home on the farm is to provide a dwelling unit for Mr. Knott's retired parents.

"Staff do not question that these people will assist in running the broodmare farm; however, are concerned about the genuine need for the additional dwelling unit for an operation of this size."

Councillors agreed with their planner and rejected the application, without comment.

With town rents

Scouts seek help

By Steve Arnold

Milton's financially pressed Boy Scout organization could be given a rental break on some town-owned facilities if a committee recommendation passes council on Monday.

Members of the general committee recommended last week that the Scouts be given whatever spare time is available in a number of town facilities such as the Lions Hall and Laurier Sports Centre community room.

Jim Strain, president of the Milton District scouting organization, told committee members that another group has recently been added to the organization and space problems are becoming critical.

"We have nine groups now and we are desperate for facilities, to keep these groups active," he said. "We can't find any more facilities in town that we can afford."

Mr. Strain added that one of the major problems facing the organization was finding a spot where groups could hold their annual father and son banquets.

In a letter to the committee he said the Lions Hall would suit the purpose, "but we are finding the cost prohibitive."

Larry Arbic, the town's recreation

director, said he felt the scouts were "certainly a worthwhile organization" but worried that any rent breaks granted by council would affect his budget projections for the year.

He said Thursday nights at the Lions Hall are usually free and added that for the twice a year fund raising dances held by the Scouts, he would be reluctant to waive the

Hotel plan still irks councillors

Town councillors have been presented with a new plan for a commercial building on the vacant hotel site at the corner of Main and Brown streets, but some still aren't happy.

Councillors were told recently that several changes have been made to the proposed structure and "the new proposal complies with all the applicable bylaws of the municipality..."

According to information presented to councillors by chief building inspector Ray Weido, the new plan eliminates the basement area entirely; occupies 6,678 of the 15,440 square feet available and provides 20 parking spaces.

"This just doesn't fit in with the other buildings on Main St.," commented



Tipping back a couple of steins

A litre of beer keeps Ralph Oswald contented while Peter Teichmuller hoists a five litre stein. Anke Stamm served the frothy brew during Oktoberfest at the Bayrischer-Hof Friday night. An um-pah-pah band, German food and imported German beer helped contribute to the spirit of Oktoberfest.

Local merchant investigating exemption from Blue Law

Local bureaucrats will help a Milton merchant run a gauntlet of provincial bureaucracy. Councillors recently authorized staff to help Sider's Produce Inc. manager Joe Oppedisano through the maze required to be exempted from the provincial law

requiring retail outlets to close on Sunday.

In a letter to council Mr. Oppedisano complained that he has twice been charged with violating the law, although both charges were dismissed.

Roy Main, town clerk, told councillors Mr.

Oppedisano was charged with violating the terms of the provincial Small Retail Businesses Act.

That act allows retailers to open on Sunday, but only to provide 2,400 square feet of shopping space.

"There is really nothing that the town can do to help Mr. Oppedisano because it was not a local bylaw that was violated," Mr. Main said.

He recommended that the matter be sent on to the provincial Attorney-General for consideration.

"If that dance is run properly they can easily make two or three times the rental fee," he said.

"Saturday night is a peak time for us there," Mr. Strain added that roof repairs to the Scout Hall have helped some of the space pressures, but not enough to cancel last week's request.

"Now that the roof is fixed we can use the hall more. It's easier to use

provided by Mr. Oppedisano "certainly facilitate a lot of families in town whose only opportunity for shopping is on Sunday."

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Cost of signals stuns councillor

Crossing signals and gates should be placed at three railway crossings in Milton, council's general committee members decided Monday night.

The committee approved as a recommendation to council, a staff report urging that signals and gates be installed at the points where the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks cross the 5th, 6th and 8th lines.

Public Works Director John Matthews, in a report to the committee, said the estimated cost of the installations would be approximately \$109,000 each.

Of the total, the town would pay 12.5 per cent (about \$38,500) and half of the annual maintenance costs (another

\$3,000 to \$4,500 a year).

"Flashing lights themselves are not acceptable when you have a dual line situation," Mr. Matthews said, explaining that all of the intersections are crossed by double tracks.

Train traffic through those intersections will increase when GO transit service through the town is improved, he added.

Some councillors were surprised at the total cost to the town, even with the subsidies provided by the federal government and the railroad.

"The figures are astronomical," commented Councillor Brad Clements. "I think we could do it at half the cost if we contracted it out to somebody."

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