

# The old clock bell will chime no more when Carriage Square opens doors

Residents of the downtown won't have to listen to the gentle chimes of the old post office clock bell once the new Carriage Square development is open for business.

Carriage Square marketing manager Jordan Grant said the intention is for the clock to remain but for

the bell to be given or sold to the Town of Milton soon. He said the clanging of the bells every hour would be a nuisance to shoppers.

Larry Arbic, the town's director of leisure services, confirmed the Town will store the bell. He said he was considering placing the bell somewhere in Victoria Park Square (the new town hall site) but that discussions with council had not taken place. That would be required for the bell to be placed there.

The bell and clock date back to 1914. Mr. Grant said the bell mechanism was in excellent shape. However, since it requires a large amount of room in the building, he said it may be replaced with an electrical mechanism.

Mr. Grant was speaking to the Milton Historical Society Thursday night. He described the plans of Carriage Square and drew a large round of applause from society members for his efforts in preserving much of the original development and building a plaza in keeping with the decor of the downtown.

"The concept of a developer going into the downtown," he said, "and building a single development in keeping with the character of the other buildings in a small town is relatively new to Ontario."

He said the official opening is scheduled for Wednesday May 28. The square is about 75 per cent leased, he said.

Among the variety of shops planned

for the development are a major Shoppers Drug Mart. It's slated to be a special store, one of only 10 in Canada, which will incorporate a large convenience store in addition to its pharmaceutical products.

A restaurant, Movieola, is taking over the main floor of the old post office. It's slated to undergo a major refurbishing, both inside and outside, with a major window job on the north side. The restaurant isn't likely to be ready until later in the summer.

Movieola is a small chain with restaurants in Belleville, Kingston and Cornwall. Mr. Grant said it will be the "nicest restaurant in Milton."

Other small shops in the square will include probably, a winery, sandwich shop, ladies sportswear shop, children's wear, cosmetics shop, shoe store, photographic shop, paint and wallpaper store, card shop, sports shop, trust company, jewelry store and a bridal shop. Negotiations are still underway with some of the shops listed above.

In addition to store access from the front, a walkway through the small shops will be used to encourage browsing from store to store.

All shops are on the main level of the square. The second level will contain business offices.

## Town loses on the horses

The Town of Milton has lost about \$33,000 in tax revenue as a result of a judge's decision to reclassify the Ontario Jockey Club as non-profit and charitable.

The total tax loss, including the shares for Halton Region and Halton Board of Education, total \$144,000. As a result of the decision, the jockey club, which operates Mohawk, Fort Erie, Greenwood and Woodbine raceways, will pay realty taxes at the residential rate instead of business taxes. The saving is about 15 per cent.

Four municipalities - Milton, Fort Erie, the City of Toronto, and Etobicoke - battled independently against the jockey club. The Town's legal costs were in the neighbourhood of \$12,000.

Town treasurer Jim McQueen said council passed a resolution asking the provincial government to appeal this decision to a higher court.

## 'Minds will be open' Day promises

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Decision is needed by local councillors yet. That will come after the technical stage.

To which Mr. Day said with a smirk, "we all have completely open minds."

Councillor Brian Penman said he wondered about the benefits of presenting two sites before an EA hearing.

"What if approvals are given for tandem sites?" he asked Mr. Mohammed. "Will we see a regional melee ensue? Why not present a single site when that is what regional council said it wants."

Mr. Mohammed said, "we're putting forth two sites. We have not chosen between them. As far as we're concerned, they're equal and parallel although (regional) council has approved a single-site system."

"The reason for two sites is that the Walker report said it was close between the two sites."

"Back when the report was issued (naming Burlington as the top site), it seemed Burlington was in first place by quite a bit, said Mr. Day. "Now there seems to be some chipping away to a point where the sites are closer together."

## New farmland guidelines would kill Milton dump

Seven Halton residents were highly critical of establishing a garbage dump in Milton at the so-called Site D at Highway 25 and Britannia Rd.

The residents were speaking at an advertised public meeting on the Milton and Burlington sites. The meeting was called to allow the public to respond to a request from Halton Region to rezone both areas to handle waste.

About 30 people attended the special session of the planning and public works committee. The comments of the seven who spoke, plus those received from the public prior to March 14, will be considered by the dump search consultants in the final report on a site which goes to council in April.

The zoning amendments are

## Rotary Club wants letters of peace

The Rotary Club of Milton wants teenagers to write to world leaders about peace.

The Milton club is joining Rotary International in a competition aimed at students between the ages of 14 and 18 years. The letter must be written to a recognized world leader and range from 450-600 words.

All letters must be mailed to the Rotary Club of Milton, Box 82, Milton, L9T 2Y3 by March 7.

another part of Halton's preparations for a provincial environmental assessment hearing now expected to be held in September.

Peter Lambrick, of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, said his group supports the idea of energy-from-waste plants. He also noted the federation "wholeheartedly" supports landfilling in Burlington, "primarily because it's not on agricultural land."

He also pointed out the province is now circulating foodland preservation guidelines much stricter than those now enforced. He said these guidelines would probably disqualify the Milton site because it is in use and producing food. The Burlington site is vacant, has no use, and is producing nothing.

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Club spokesman Paul Lonergan said the local club will select the top three entries with prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50. The winning entry will advance with the Canadian winning letter mailed to the world leader.

Mr. Lonergan said the Rotary Club became involved because this is the United Nations-sponsored Year of Peace. That is among the principles of the club.

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