



### Command Post At Station

The Milton Fire Department has taken delivery of its new mobile command post. The \$30,000 vehicle is at the centre and operate in almost any kind of emergency. In photo top, fire chief Jim Coulson, shows some of the equipment used; while in photo left, Harold Penson shows the inside of the vehicle. The equipment is about half the value of the vehicle.

Photos by Jon Bergstrom

## 'Enforcer' added to town's bylaws

The addition of a bylaw, enforcement officer has been included in the Town of Milton's operating budget estimates for 1986.

Long a battle between town staff, who have said for many years they needed one, and town council, which has fought against one, councillors agreed during the last provincial election of the need for one.

The budget estimates, which were examined in two budget committee

meetings recently, call for the town to spend \$9.7 million this year, up 4.2 per cent from \$9.3 million budgeted for 1985. However, the town had an operating surplus of \$839,000.

Included in the total is \$9 million (up 3.6 per cent) for the Town's expenses; \$58,640 for the Downtown Business Improvement Area (up 58.8 per cent); and \$654,949 for Milton Library (up 13.5 per cent). All expenses are subject to the scrutiny of Town Council which will make revisions at its next meeting March 25.

The total proposed tax increase is 5.8 per cent, after revenues are discounted from expenses. Council had issued a request to staff to make a budget conform with a 5 per cent guideline so cuts are likely.

Assessment has remained reasonably constant. Overall business and residential assessment for Milton is expected to rise 1.4 per cent to \$76.4 million.

## Don's greetings prove premature

Although Milton councillor Bill Johnson was congratulated in a letter by Halton/Burlington MPP Don Knight on an appointment to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the plaudits were premature.

When Mr. Johnson called to inquire about the time for the next meeting, he was told by the NEC chairman that the appointment had actually gone to Burlington regional councillor John Little.

Mr. Johnson said Mrs. Little is "an excellent councillor, one of the best,"

but not someone acquainted with environmental problems on the escarpment and surrounding areas.

The appointment of Mrs. Little means no one from North Halton will be on the commission to look after northern interests, said Mr. Johnson.

The letter from Mr. Knight was not unexpected, Mr. Johnson said, since he was aware Halton Region had recommended him along with Halton Hills councillor Pam Sheldon and NEC member Anne MacArthur.

But the appointment of Mrs. Little

surprised many people. "She's a good Liberal," he said. His connections to the New Democratic Party are no secret.

In spite of the political overtones, Mr. Johnson said he was ready to tackle problems on the escarpment since he recently retired from his job at Inland Waterways in Burlington to devote more time to municipal work.

He said Mrs. Little was picked for the NEC because Premier David Peterson wants more women on commissions.

## False alarm setters face charges

The Milton Fire Department and Halton Regional Police have decided to take action towards anyone who sets off a fire alarm maliciously.

The fire department says it has responded to an increasing number of false alarms over the past few months. They were called to E.C. Drury High School twice last week because of pranksters who triggered false alarms.

The department's main concern is that the time and manpower they spend on false alarms could be required in a real emergency situation.

Last week police charged a young offender with false fire alarm in connection with one incident at E.C. Drury. The culprit could face up to two years in jail under Section 394 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

## Crossing plea is answered

A crossing guard to help students cross Ontario Street at Woodward Avenue has been approved.

The crossing guard results from a request from Robert Baldwin Benefactors Association and a survey Town Council commissioned. The association noted that about 200 students cross the busy intersection each day.

The survey noted that a crossing guard serving Holy Rosary School handled just 12 students per day. Town clerk Bill Roberts recommended the guard be moved to the Woodward-Ontario intersection. The move took place Monday.

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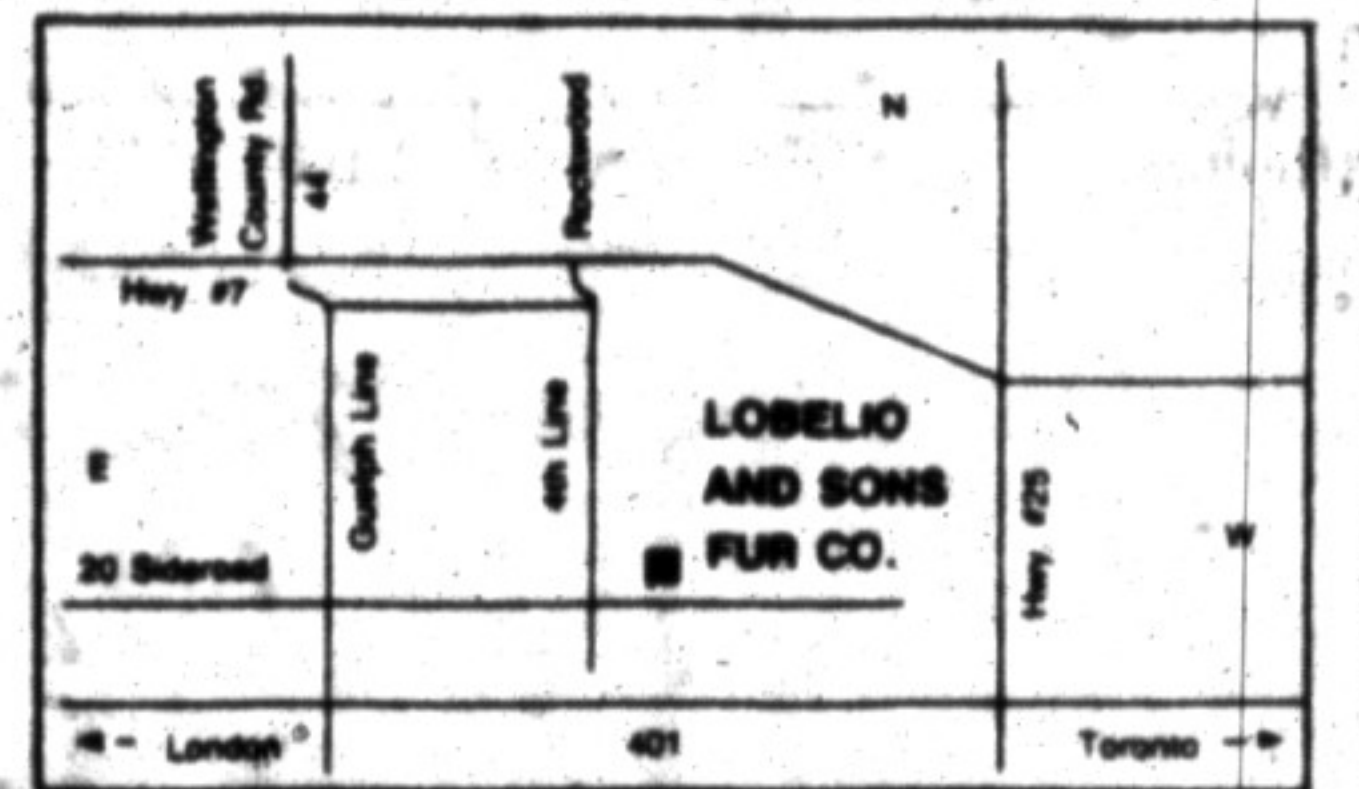
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