

Showcase is back in 1987! Richardson heads it

By JIM ROBINSON
Champion Reporter

There will be a Showcase '87 exhibition next year and it is probable that Tom Richardson will once again head it up.

Mr. Richardson told the regular meeting of the Milton Chamber of Commerce last week the Showcase committee has recommended there be a Showcase '87. This comes after a heated debate during the Showcase held May 22-24 about whether or not to have the show run every year or every two years.

He said the idea of the first Showcase (held in May, 1985) came about after he spoke with then Chamber of Commerce president Ron Clarke that a made-in-Milton consumer show was needed.

The Chamber luncheon was told that 1985 proved a success beyond anyone's expectations. But this year's show was even bigger with a 60-per-cent increase in attendance over 1985.

Mr. Richardson said he greatest proof of the success of Showcase '86 was that some people told him they had gone to the show twice. Mr. Richardson recited a number of instances where Showcase had resulted in enough business to keep some firms booked solidly for a year.

He said 978 people attended the Friday night chicken barbecue. The Canadian Champion-sponsored pancake breakfast was also a major attendance maker with about 1,000 people.

He said there had been problems with rain and drainage but everyone had "learned a lot" which he said would probably be used in Showcase '87.

But it wasn't until after Mr. Richardson finished his speech that Chamber president Carole Budworth announced Mr. Richardson had said he would let his name stand for show chairman again in 1987 if the Chamber wants him to take it on. From the cheering and hand-clapping, it is doubtful the Chamber will consider anyone else doing the job.



Tom Richardson, (right) who has chaired the Milton Showcase committee for the past two years, announced he will serve again in 1987 when Showcase is held at Memorial Arena. He is shown being presented with an appreciation gift at the regular Milton Chamber of Commerce meeting by Paul Lonergan.



Brad Clements, owner of the Gen 3 group, and who had a large booth at Showcase '86, made a special presentation of appreciation on behalf of his group for what the Milton Chamber of Commerce accomplished at Showcase '86. He is shown presenting a framed photo of the old Milton train station shot in 1905. Mr. Clement got the photo from the National Archives, and it will hang in the train station which now functions as the chamber's information centre. Accepting the photo is Carole Budworth, chamber president.

School bus drivers fighting to try and save their jobs

By LISA TALLYN
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Several local school bus drivers could lose their jobs depending on the outcome of a vote scheduled for the next regular meeting of the Halton Board of Education.

Their positions could be eliminated, come June 1987, if trustees vote to dispose of the board's fleet of buses.

That was the recommendation presented by Jerry Jenkins, Superintendent of Business Services, at last week's meeting.

If the board decides to get rid of its fleet, 10 drivers, mostly from the Milton area, could be looking for work.

While many of the drivers have worked for Halton for at least 20 years, some have logged more than 20 years with the board. Many are approaching retirement age.

The Halton Board inherited the board fleet from the Oakville Board of Education in 1969, which provides service to south-east Milton and Oakville.

The fleet includes seven buses, with models dating from 1977 through 1984. In a board-issued report, the buses were valued at approximately \$122,000.

The board has refused to buy replacement buses for the past two years. Mr. Jenkins says that if the fleet is continued new buses will be required.

In that same board report, the cost of operating the Halton-owned buses compared favourably to independent company estimates. It costs the Halton Board \$2.07 per day per pupil. That compares to \$2.89 per day with

Tyler of Acton, \$2.82 per day with Travelways of Georgetown, \$2.07 per day with Halton School Transit, \$2.05 per day with Travelways in Burlington, and \$1.57 per day with Charterways.

The cost per kilometer rate is equal or lower, at \$1.27 per kilometer, to the independent companies.

"We appreciate the excellent quality of service provided by the current bus drivers," said Ella Dolan, past president of the Percy Merry Home and School Association, in a letter

directed to Halton Board chair, Arlene Bruce.

A special meeting was held at that school last week. The upshot was that the parents in attendance voted unanimously to retain the board fleet, and expand it.

Some of the reasons they cited were:

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Yours sincerely,
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