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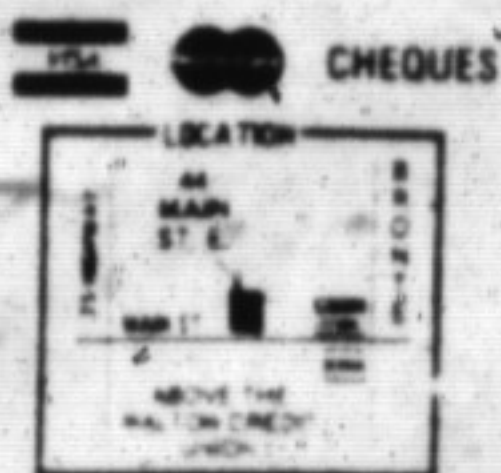
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Spin and win

Supporting Red Cross could make us winners

Supporting the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society could be a winning proposition when the organization holds Spin and Win at Milton Mall.

Shoppers will have a chance to spin a wheel for prizes valued up to \$100. Spinners who pay 50 cents can win prizes valued from \$3-\$20 while those paying \$1 per spin have a chance at items valued from \$20-\$100.

Spin and Win will run at the mall from March 17-19, midway through national Red Cross Month. Special guests will be on hand to spin the wheel each day including Town and regional councillor Brad Clements and Town deputy clerk Bill Roberts Thursday from 7-7:30 p.m.; Mayor

Gord Krantz and Town and regional councillor Bill Johnson Friday from



7-7:30 p.m. and leisure services department director Larry Arbic and Town councillor Rose Harrison Saturday from 1-1:30 p.m.

Hair perms, dinners at various local restaurants, drinking glasses, automobile shock absorbers and tote bags are among the prizes donated by local merchants to the fund-raising event.

A silent auction will be operated along with Spin and Win. There will be four prizes going to the top bidders.

The following week, local air, army and sea cadets along with representatives of the Scouting movement will be selling tags at the mall. Red Cross tag day will be Saturday March 26.

Road oil shortage put town on search for new dust control

There could be an oil shortage in Milton.

Not the kind of oil shortage that makes you turn down the thermostat and head for the gas station before the lines form and the prices go up. In fact, this oil shortage won't even be in winter.

It could be this summer. And it's road oil, the kind used to keep the dust down on dirt roads in Milton's rural areas.

That was the bad news from John Matthews, the town's director of public works, Monday night at town council. Mr. Matthews' major supplier, CanAm Oil Services, is under siege from the Ministry of the Environment. The Ministry is suing the company because they are worried there may be harmful chemicals in the recycled oil.

Mr. Matthews said CanAm has withdrawn from the dust suppressant market at least until the Ministry clarifies its oil guidelines.

In the meantime, the Town's public works director is casting around for replacement sources and replacement products. A supplier from Niagara Falls selling used boat oil which meets MOE specifications can offer approximately 30 per cent of the oil Milton needs, Mr. Matthews said.

Council approved a recommendation to oil the roads by a priority system if the shortage becomes acute. They also voted to investigate alternative chemicals for dust suppression, and to test some newer products on stretches of road.

The Ministry has indicated they will supply some funding for such tests, Mr. Matthews said.

Calcium chloride may be used for the balance of the road system. It does not last as long as oil, Mr. Matthews said.

There may be a sidewalk on the south side of Woodward Ave. east of Martin St. this year after all. But, just maybe.

At an open-house last week to show residents the plans for revamping Woodward Ave. in that area, three people brought up the sidewalk issue. Town public works director John Matthews proposed the project as a contingency item to council Monday night.

If tenders for the other work in the area come in lower than budgeted, the sidewalk may be installed, council voted. The sidewalk is expected to cost \$35,000 because it entails construction of a retaining wall.

Municipal councillors took another small step toward making the Mill Pond a more attractive downtown facility Monday night.

Council Briefs

Council awarded a \$25,000 contract to M.M. Dillon, a consulting firm from Toronto, to study ways of improving pond flow so as to make the downtown lake more attractive.

The project enjoys the support of the Milton Lions Club. They have pledged \$75,000 to the endeavour, \$25,000 in first-year clean-up and \$10,000 annually for the following five years.

Council earmarked \$25,000 for the study in early 1987. In August, council authorized town staff to work with the Halton Region Conservation Authority to determine the terms of reference for the study.

Fire safety is not only serious business, it's turning out to be expensive business.

Last year the enforcement of the Ontario Fire Code was made retroactive, that is, older buildings were forced to comply with present-day regulations. The first such buildings to undergo the fire department's scrutiny in Milton were municipal structures.

According to town senior staff, it's only fair in that the same regulations will soon be enforced throughout the community. But it's not cheap.

Monday night at town council elected officials heard it will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to bring the Campbellville Lion's Hall up to specification.

Council voted to supply \$6,000 to that end, with funds to be drawn from the 1988 operating budget. The money will go toward purchase and installation of fire detection and alarm equipment.

The Town owns the building and leases the land. The Campbellville Lion's Club will pay the balance of the bills for bringing the facility into line with regulations. The cost will be spread over two years.

Inspection of Milton homes to reassess their property tax levies will begin in March and be completed by the end of August. The town is staging the first such reassessment since 1975.

The 1988 assessments will be used for taxation beginning in 1991. A letter from the Ministry of Revenue presented at town council Monday night confirmed the initiative, which Milton requested in January.

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