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**Toe Tapping**



An afternoon of dance attracted a large audience Sunday. This was the second in a series of free summer concerts at Victoria Park. —11

**Win in Wood**



The effort Tyler Koshurba put into the oak hall seat he made paid off with a national award. —13

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## Council won't approve brick plant yet

**By ROB KELLY**

Canada Brick couldn't have been faulted for thinking they had taken a big step forward two weeks ago when town councillors tentatively approved their expansion plans. But Monday night they found out how fleeting that mixed blessing was.

The original approval was made informally at a committee meeting. At full council and in the face of pointed concerns voiced by neighbours, Milton councillors torpedoed the previously granted tacit endorsement.

Instead, councillors voted to table the issue until Canada Brick comes forward with a complete development plan, one which adequately addresses the concerns raised by adjacent homeowners in Milton Heights.

Also, councillors will send notice of their position to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, urging them not to hold a hearing on initial expansion proposals by the company until Milton officials are satisfied with them.

The main frustration voiced by politicians has been that in reality Canada Brick's development is twofold. First, there is the proposed construction of a modern brick producing facility itself. But company engineers freely admit that they far prefer investing an estimated \$30 million if they are guaranteed access to the shale across the road for 30 years.

The only way Canada Brick's quarry on the west side of Tremaine Road can deliver that much shale is if the pit doubles in size. That will be the subject of a second application to NEC. The town has never said they would support the quarry expansion.

Councillor Brian Penman has had reservations about this two-pronged proposal all along, and succeeded in blocking the brick company, at least temporarily, Monday night. Mr. Penman acknowledged that the 75 jobs touted as coming to town with the company were important. But so was a chance to view the big picture.

"I'm saying, put all your cards on the table rather than slipping in the back door," see BRICK page 7



**These guys are cool**

One of the best ways to keep cool during the recent heat waves was to take the plunge at Rotary Park pool. Pete Moore, Thomas Lofthouse and Ben Kowalowitz kept cool last Wednesday during the afternoon plunge which attracted big crowds. Photo by JOHN WARREN

## Strike vote means ambulance officers walk July 21

**By LISA TALLYN**

Ambulance officers with the Halton-Mississauga Ambulance Service voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike Thursday even-

ing at a general meeting and strike vote in Oakville. Of the 85 officers eligible to vote, all members of the Ontario Public Service

Employee Union Local 207, 72 turned out. Ninety three percent of those voted to strike. "We could be withdrawing our services by July 21," said Gord Arnes, an ambulance officer and president of the local.

Neither the union or management of the company has received confirmation that the conciliator's no board report has been filed, but both are working under the assumption that it may have been filed July 5. Sixteen days after the filing, the membership will be in a legal strike position.

Ron Liersch, assistant manager of the Service, says that management was not surprised by the outcome of the vote.

"We knew that their bargaining committee was going to recommend that they turn down our final offer, we have been gearing up for a strike since conciliation talks broke down."

The key issue in the dispute is the union's attempt to receive parity with Metro ambulance officers. That would mean an hourly increase of \$4 over their current rate of \$13.94. Management has offered an increase of \$1.10

over two years. Mr. Liersch says that there is no way the company can meet the unions' demand for parity.

"We just do not have the monies available," said Mr. Liersch. Funding for the service's officers salaries comes 100 per cent from the Ministry of Health. "It would be unrealistic and unheard of for the Ministry to provide a 20 per cent salary increase for our officers. The impact on the taxpayers would be overwhelming." He added that the company will not be approaching the Ministry for the increase.

Compensation for officers who have taken paramedic training, and the introduction of a shift premium are two other main issues.

There have been no further talks between the two bargaining committees since June 30, and no talks have been scheduled.

Mr. Liersch says that although service will be curtailed in the event of a strike, 10 management employees will fill the officer's positions.

**Founding father Foster's name given to meeting hall**

Who was Hugh? Shame on you. Actually, probably very few people would remember that Hugh Foster was an Irish immigrant and entrepreneur. But town leisure services director Larry Arbic, after perusing a recommendation by the Milton Historical Society, put forward the suggestion to town council Monday night. Mr. Foster donated the four acres which now form Victoria Park, upon which both the town hall and meeting hall stand, to the municipality in 1883.

"Hugh Foster's foresight and planning made an indelible impression on the Milton town site," the historical society brief states.

To this day three of Mr. Foster's great, great grandchildren live in Milton.