

Water is on the way to new industrial park

By ROB KELLY

The most precious commodity in Milton today will be found just north of Highway 401 this summer.

A vein of gold will not be struck. There are no diamond mines set to open and there is probably more platinum in an expensive engagement ring than in all 1,400 acres affected.

The commodity is water. Or perhaps more properly, water and allocated sewage capacity from Milton's little plant.

This summer Halton region and a development consortium will drive urban servicing pipes north of the highway to begin development of the 300 acres known as the Highpoint Industrial Park. The servicing will cost approximately \$2.5 million.

Monday night a housekeeping rezoning passed in municipal council to put small but key land parcels Highpoint has recently acquired into the industrial subdivision.

Town administrator Roy Main said the necessary paperwork could be completed by the end of May, with pipes underneath 401 in June and connections to the park established by August.

Michael Welch, a planner for the consortium, said the entire 60 acres approved for development by council Monday night could be completely filled by operating businesses in as little as 18 months.

Town planning director Bob Zadzanyi said it was "entirely realistic" for some industries in the park to be up and running by the end of 1989.

While Milton puzzles over how to resolve its sewage capacity shortage the Highpoint developers enjoy a certain advantage over their competitors. They own lands in the only new Milton industrial park that will benefit from urban servicing. Industries located along the James Snow Parkway, for example, all use

septic systems.

It is perhaps not so much an advantage now as it will be in years to come. This fall the Highpoint industries will work under the same substantial water controls which are in place for the septic system users.

However, if Milton's sewage plant is re-rated in the next couple of years — a distinct possibility — more sewage capacity will be available to those hooked into the plant, namely Highpoint businesses.

It remains up in the air though, how much, if any, of that newfound capacity the industrial users would get, and how much residential developers would get in accommodation-starved Milton.

"Council has got some difficult choices to make," Mr. Welch noted.

The development consortium will be responsible for a portion of the cost of the extension of the James Snow Parkway through their lands on the east side of Highway 25. The parkway will snake through the industrial lands and end at Highway 25.

As well, negotiations are ongoing with the Ministry of Transport over how much they will have to pay for improvements to Highway 25. The current figure being discussed is \$1 million.

Man found dead in car

Police discovered the body of 45-year-old Milton man in a car parked in the Bronte St., Derry Rd. area early Tuesday morning.

Police have not released the name of the man, pending notification of next of kin. They say he is likely the same man who was reported missing Monday evening.

Foul play is not suspected. Police say the incident was a suicide.



Photo by STEPHEN UHRANEY

There were 181 young anglers, vying to land the biggest fish, at the Mill Pond Saturday morning. The Fourth Annual Milton Optimist Kid's Fishing Derby was a success again. From left are derby participants; Eddy DeRyk, Mike Brown, Peter Stelter, and Rob LeBlanc.

Derby kicks off fishing season

Many young Milton anglers were at the Mill Pond at the crack of dawn Saturday morning for the fourth annual Milton Optimist Kids' Fishing Derby.

The eager youths had to wait until 8 a.m. before tossing their lines into the pond. That was the derby's official start time. It wrapped up at 2 p.m.

Despite the cool weather, 181 youths under the age of 16, participated in the derby.

That number is down from the more than 200 participants in last year's derby. But despite the decline in attendance, organizers are touting Saturday's derby as a success.

Several children left the event with big prizes. Chris Noronha was the winner for the day landing the biggest fish in the derby. He received a pole and reel for bringing in a one-and-a-half pound, 15 inch rainbow trout.

Bob Hand fished right to the end and landed a trout at 1:56 p.m. He received a prize in the 16

and under category.

Winners in the 13 and under category were Mistee Barkley, Owen Hawthorne, Jennifer Heath and Jason Humphries. Karyn Rouselle was the only girl in the 10 and under category to catch a fish.

Four fish were caught by boys aged 7 and under. Jamie Funnell, Andy Brown, Jeremy Robert and Patrick Finn (one of the youngest participants). All received prizes.

A total of 11 fish were caught by derby participants. That means there are plenty still to be caught as 580 rainbow trout were dumped into the pond Thursday afternoon.

Due to an abundance of prizes a draw for the remainder will take place at the The Outdoorsman on Main St. this Saturday at noon. All of the children who registered for the derby will be eligible for the prizes donated by Milton businesses and merchants. Those present at the draw will have first crack at the prizes of their choice.

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ment's revenues were about \$112 billion. However, it spent \$102 billion on programs and \$40 billion to pay interest charges on the debt. The remaining \$30 billion was borrowed to balance its books.

He blamed preceding Liberal governments for their overspending policies, even though it was former finance minister John Turner

who produced the last balanced budget in the mid-'70s.

"Let's not forget that Turner is the grandfather of the deficit," he said. "Before, the governments had produced balanced budgets until he started with the first deficit.

"We're the first government in 20 years to

reduce the deficit and we're accused of being too tough."

Mr. Jelinek also said Michael Wilson, the minister of finance, will remain in his post despite the budget leak.

"There is no doubt he is not going to resign. Could you imagine the precedent which could have been set. Anyone who had

access to budget documents could hold the finance minister and government hostage and to ransom if ministers were forced to resign."

The local seminar was held at the Herigate Inn and featured two representatives from Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, an accounting firm, who explained changes in the tax laws to the local business leaders.

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