

Chamber slams plan to cut garbage collection

By ROB KELLY

In what town public works director John Matthews admits will be an unpopular move, Milton will exclude 135 businesses from municipal garbage collection as of December.

Tuesday night council approved in principle a bylaw which will mean garbage pick-up by zoning.

Residences and general commercial businesses in the urban area will continue to receive weekly collection, but more industrially-oriented concerns in the core bounded by Steeles Avenue, Bronte Road, Derry Road and Thompson Road will no longer get a collection.

It only remains for council to rubber-stamp the bylaw, probably at the September 18 meeting. The matter provoked no discussion at council Tuesday. It had already been decided during preliminary discussions on the subject in May. An open house on the issue in June drew only five people.

However, Milton's Chamber of Commerce views the proposal as un-

fair. In a letter to council, Chamber president Bob Lawrence said the move will only heighten "existing inequalities" in garbage collection.

Mr. Lawrence pointed out that urban ratepayers face a higher tax burden than their rural counterparts because they are also entitled to more municipal services, such as garbage collection. "Under the proposed changes, segments of the business community are going to be paying for a service which they will be denied," Mr. Lawrence wrote.

Mr. Matthews first presented council with a range of collection possibilities in May, including collection only from residences, no change to the current collection policy (which includes many businesses and most residences), and variations in between. Council chose the limited commercial collection.

It has been town policy for some time to refuse garbage collection to all new businesses in Milton, which has aggravated many commercial operation proprietors who see older

businesses similar to their own getting collection, Mr. Matthews noted.

The new bylaw is expected to provide a level playing field in that all light commercial enterprises will get collection. The others will be forced

to purchase private collection.

Mr. Matthews indicated in his report the situation could be reviewed if Milton is, as expected, saddled with Halton's new landfill site. Milton has been chosen for the dump, but the

town is appealing the decision.

If the huge dump comes to rural Milton, travel time for garbage trucks will be cut, Mr. Matthews noted, which means service levels could possibly be increased again.

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faultless in this matter either.

"Not for a moment would I indicate that some expenses (in other jurisdictions) may be padded," the mayor said.

Councillor Colin Best added that "in Toronto and Burlington they seem to send half their councils" to such functions, while Milton's participation is much more restrained.

Neither man could readily remember putting the current practice in place. "It was an unwritten policy we really haven't discussed," Mr. Best said.

Mr. Krantz said it "would really be unfortunate," if councillors are strongly attacked on the issue. They might "say the hell with it," the mayor added, and "the loser is going to be the municipality."

The mayor said "spouses play a very important

role" at municipal conferences, often working as hard and long as a councillor. Mr. Krantz said his wife, Olive, "hates every damn minute" of such conferences but "she goes because that's one of the things that's expected of her."

Mr. Best said he spends "less than a hundred bucks a year" from municipal coffers when his wife accompanies him to conferences.

The Ward 2 councillor added, "we also learn how to save money at conventions."

Mr. Krantz stressed that much of the business of government conducted at conventions takes place during informal sessions in which elected officials and bureaucrats compare notes and opinions. Spouses can prove invaluable in that setting, the mayor indicated.

It's possible to be penny wise and dollar stupid," the mayor said. "I have no intentions of doing that."

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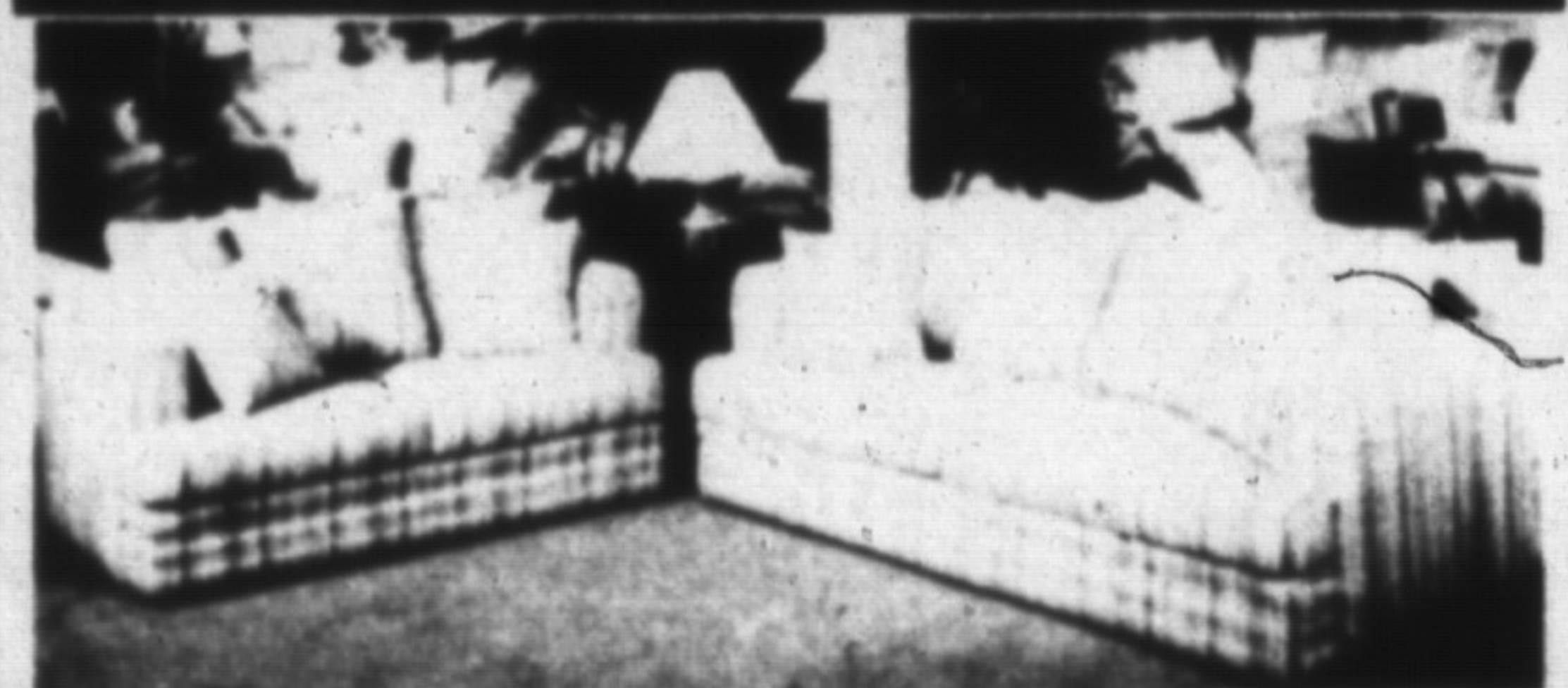
Alphabetical and Abbreviated Judging Schedule. . . Times Approximate
Shows and Trials, Friday, Sept. 8, Saturday, Sept. 9, Sunday Sept. 10

BREED	RING	TIME	BREED	RING	TIME	BREED	RING	TIME
Affenpinscher	1	2:30 p.m.	Fox Terrier	4	9:00 a.m.	Poodle (toy)	1	3:30 p.m.
Afghan	2	1:00 p.m.	German Shepherd	2	10:30 a.m.	Pugs	1	3:30 p.m.
Airdale	4	9:00 a.m.	Great Pyrenees	3	10:30 a.m.	Puli	2	11:30 a.m.
Alaskan Malamute	3	9:00 a.m.	Grey Hound	2	2:30 p.m.	Retrievers	1	9:00 a.m.
Akitas	3	9:00 a.m.	Griffon Brussels	1	2:30 p.m.	Rhodesian Ridgeback	2	3:00 p.m.
Am. Staffordshire Terrier	4	9:00 a.m.	Kees Honden	4	2:00 p.m.	Salukis	2	3:00 p.m.
Australian Cattle Dog	2	9:00 a.m.	Kerry Blue Terrier	4	9:00 a.m.	Samoyeds	3	1:30 p.m.
Basenji	2	1:00 p.m.	Komondorok	3	10:30 a.m.	Schipperke	4	2:30 p.m.
Basset	2	1:00 p.m.	Kuvások	3	10:30 a.m.	Schnauzers (min.)	4	10:00 a.m.
Beagle	2	2:00 p.m.	Lakeland Terrier	4	9:00 a.m.	Schnauzers (standard)	3	1:30 p.m.
Bearded Collie	2	9:00 a.m.	Uhasa Apsos	4	2:00 p.m.	Scottish Terriers	4	10:00 a.m.
Belgian Sheepdog	2	9:00 a.m.	Maltese	1	2:30 p.m.	Setters	1	11:00 a.m.
Bernese Mountain	3	9:00 a.m.	Manchester (Toy)	1	3:30 p.m.	Shetland Sheep Dog	2	11:30 a.m.
Bichon	4	1:00 p.m.	Newfoundland	3	12:30 p.m.	Siberian Huskies	3	1:30 p.m.
Borzoi	2	2:00 p.m.	Norwegian Elkhound	2	3:00 p.m.	Silky Toy Terrier	1	3:30 p.m.
Boston	4	1:00 p.m.	Nonwich Terrier	4	9:00 a.m.	Soft Coated Wheaten	4	10:00 a.m.
Bouvier	2	9:00 a.m.	Old English Sheep Dog	2	11:30 a.m.	Spaniels	1	12:30 p.m.
Boxer	3	9:00 a.m.	Papillon	1	2:30 p.m.	St. Bernard	3	1:30 p.m.
Bull Dog	4	1:00 p.m.	Pekingese	1	2:30 p.m.	Vizslas	1	1:30 p.m.
Bull Mastiff	3	9:00 a.m.	Petit Basset Vendeen	2	2:30 p.m.	Weimaraner	1	1:30 p.m.
Bull Terrier	4	9:00 a.m.	Pharaoh Hound	2	3:00 p.m.	Welsh Corgi	2	11:30 a.m.
Cavalier King Charles	1	2:30 p.m.	Pinschers (min.)	1	3:30 p.m.	Welsh Terrier	4	10:00 a.m.
Chihuahua	1	2:30 p.m.	Pointers	1	9:00 a.m.	West Highland	4	10:00 a.m.
Chow Chow	4	1:00 p.m.	Poodle (stan. & min.)	4	2:30 p.m.	White Terrier		
Collies	2	9:30 a.m.				Wolfhound (Irish)	2	3:00 p.m.
Dalmations	4	2:00 p.m.				Yorkshire Terrier	1	3:30 p.m.
Dachshund	2	2:00 p.m.						
Doberman	3	10:30 a.m.						

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