

# Councillor Best told to follow normal procedures

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Matthews "didn't have a problem" with his actions. As for contacting other government agencies affected by the proposed development, "sure I contacted people. I believe that's my job as a councillor."

"I just want to get the ball rolling. It's time for us to make a statement on it. If you don't take a step, it may be too late. They'll maybe say it's too costly."

"All the steps have been taken," the mayor replied coldly.

Rising in defence of Mr. Best, rural councillor Bill Johnson said, "I congratulate the council-

lor. It's time we had some initiative around this table. It could carry on for 15 or 20 years if we take the traditional route."

Town administrator Roy Main said council needs a local impact study prior to endorsing the interchange. Although the interchange is a good idea, I suggest a different tack."

Mr. Krantz asked if Mr. Best wanted to withdraw his report, which called for full design and construction of the interchange immediately.

Mr. Best said he wanted a staff report on the issue. Mr. Krantz shot back that such a paper would not be a full-blown report, just an up-

date on efforts already made.

Mr. Best asked that his report be "received and filed," and that staff report back with the update.

Mr. Krantz said he had "a little difficulty" with receiving and filing Mr. Best's document. Such a measure carries an air of cordial acceptance.

Mr. Johnson, in an apparent effort to break up the confrontation, suggested Mr. Best's document be "referred to staff," so as to perhaps aid in their later "update."

That motion finally passed. After the meeting, Mr. Best called the

mayor's actions "discourteous" because later in the same agenda Mr. Krantz introduced an item with no background which was obviously news to all councillors. "I at least had the courtesy of informing all staff and council."

## Police auction

The next Halton Regional Police auction will be Friday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Bronte Village Mall, Bronte Road and Lakeshore Road in Oakville.

Bicycles and unclaimed property from Oakville, Milton and Georgetown will be sold.

## Homes not in plans

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sold it for residential development. He had held the land since 1966.

Mr. Rosenberg dismissed concerns that his plaza would go begging for tenants. "We're going to build something beautiful. It's not built for speculation. It's going to stay in our own portfolio." Tenants from other Milton shopping plazas will desert them in favor of his development, Mr. Rosenberg predicted.

Councillor Brian Penman had been concerned over the look of the plaza, which will be one of the first things visitors see when entering Milton's urban core from the primary southern access road. Mr. Penman warned that he did not want a repeat of "McCallion tower syndrome," a reference to Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion and plaza architecture in her city.

Mr. Penman criticized the little turrets and medieval-looking parapets, of Mississauga malls.

But it quickly became apparent council has little control over the look of the structures, as long as they conform to height requirements and

other basics.

Councillor Bruce Attenborough suggested the developers present detailed architectural drawings prior to the site plan approval.

Mayor Gord Krantz warned that such a move could be taken as a departure from past policy, and said he wanted "no special consideration for this development, either positive or negative."

However, the mayor did indicate that the policy regarding architectural approval should be revised so as to allow more council input.

The developers agreed to present formal architectural renderings for council's approval, as a courtesy, sometime in the near future. Town administrator Roy Main reminded councillors that they will still have some control over the project following that presentation, in that they could conceivably hold it up by refusing to issue a building permit.

The development comprises two buildings, an L-shaped two-storey structure around the northwest perimeter, and a much sparser structure at the southeast corner. The total building area is 208,000 sq. ft.

## Ammonia leak forces evacuation

The west end of urban Milton was evacuated last Friday evening.

An ammonia gas leak at the Co-Op Store on the corner of Bronte and Main Streets forced the fire department to evacuate a half dozen homes and businesses in the area about 8:40 p.m.

No injuries or illness were reported following the mishap. A valve was turned on inside the building after hours. According to Harold Penson, Acting Fire Chief, it is unknown whether the incident was accidental. Police are investigating.

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