



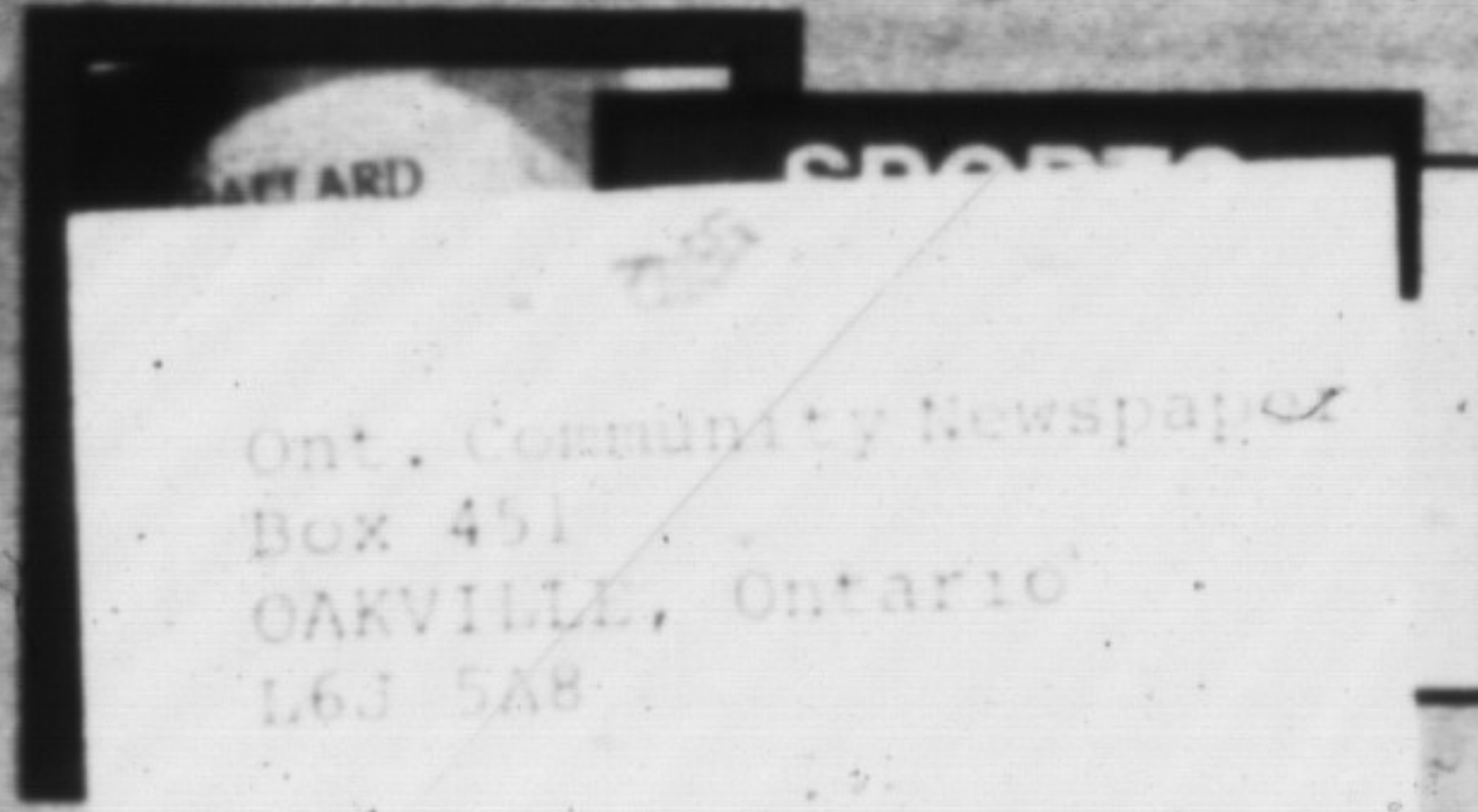
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## Residents reject toll-free dialing

Milton and Campbellville residents have strongly rejected a Bell Canada proposal that would have allowed direct dialing to Toronto, but doubled residents' phone bills.

Results of the Bell survey found that about 73 per cent of Milton residents and 65 per cent of Campbellville residents did not want to see their residential phone bill rise to \$19 from the present \$9.15 — even if it meant toll free access to Toronto. Business phone rates would have jumped to \$64.55 from \$32.10.

Local Bell Canada manager Sue Bond agreed the two communities indicated "clearly that they do not want to pay an additional rate in order to get access to Toronto."

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC), she said, had given Bell the green light to offer the extended service to about 120 communities in Ontario.

Surveys of communities are to be completed over the next six years, and so far, she said, demand has been evenly split.

Aurora, for instance, voted for the extended service and residents will now be able to call Toronto without incurring long distance charges.

Other communities that have accepted it, she said, include Blackstop and Newcastle, both of which can now phone Oshawa as part of the regular, though costlier, service.

Like Milton, Georgetown also rejected toll free service to Toronto.

In order to be eligible for extended service a community had to meet two criteria established by the CRTC — it had to be within 40 miles of the other exchange, and have at least 60 per cent of the customers making at least one call a month to the other exchange.

Both Milton and Campbellville met this criteria, with about 67 per cent of Milton residents and 70 per cent of Campbellville residents making at least one call a month to Toronto.



Photo by JOHN WARREN

## Shinny on the Mill Pond

The rain that fell nearly two weeks ago put only a temporary damper on activities at the Mill Pond. The popular outdoor rink is back in service, much to the joy of local skaters and in this case, shinny players. The sunny weekend weather had this group out for a game. Tending goal is Dan Florita, watching the action is Bryden Tall, whooping on goal is Mike Gilray with Barry Jivcoff on his tail.

## Village Parc on the Pond . . .

. . . gets council approval

## Long-awaited condo construction expected next month

By ROBE KELLY

The long-awaited development of a highrise residential building in downtown Milton cleared town council Monday night, but not before councillor Bruce Attenborough attempted to extract some financial concessions from the landowners. That bid failed, however. Mr. Attenborough wanted developers of Vi-

lage Parc on the Pond, to be sold as condominium units overlooking the Mill Pond, to give the town either land or cash in lieu of land for approval of a bylaw which would clear the way for construction.

Instead the bylaw passed without such a provision, the rationale from other councillors being that the condominium project had been

in the works so long it was too late in the process for changes.

Village Parc on the Pond is now only a boarded off parcel of land with a picturesque sign illustrating an ambitious project facing traffic on Martin Street in the downtown core. The highrise is to contain approximately 150 units on the southeast corner of the intersec-

tion of Martin Street and Millside Drive.

The land has sat dormant through ownership changes over the past few years while rumors persisted that development was imminent.

At council Monday night Mayor Gord Krantz said he had been told work would begin within a month if the approval bylaw