Logo debate ends with selection of former second choice

Fellow Ward 3 councillor Bruce Attenborough slammed Bill Johnson at municipal council Monday night for calling his fellow elected officials "lily-livered."

Mr. Attenborough criticized councillor Johnson when the now con-

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of a new logo for Milton came up one last time. Eventually, in a 6-5 recorded vote, what had originally been the second choice became

what had originally been the second choice became Milton's new design, and the original front runner was discarded.

The town's new logo features a stylized 'M' representing the Niagara Escarpment backed by a depiction of a sun/moon. The previous favorite had been a brickwork arch symbolizing the renovated town hall atop the word 'Milton'.

In a letter to *The Champion* last week Mr. Johnson accused councillors of being "lily-livered" when a motion he proposed to take *Champion* news editor Rob Kelly to the Ontario Press Council was not seconded. Mr. Johnson alleged that Mr. Kelly had inaccurately reported on the logo affair, as well as other matters.

The public exchange in The Champion which followed included a
report on Mr. Johnson's criticisms
followed by an editorial written by
Mr. Kelly criticising Mr. Johnson. Mr.
Johnson replied with a letter, which
Mr. Kelly subsequently attacked in
an opinion column.

"I take exception to being called

Rec Centre . . .

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be funded in 1990 from a budget of approximately \$28 million. The recreational centre fulfills the three main criteria the province uses in picking projects, Mr. Black said. It is focused on healthy living and therefore helps combat rising health care costs, and it is accessible to both disabled people and planned with the needs of senior citizens in mind.

Mr. Elliot praised Milton council for its handling of the funding request. "Council has really done a great job and the community really identified a leisure centre as a priority. (Council) backed that up with money in the budget. It makes it easy for the people in the ministry."

The money is for phase one construction in a two-stage project. The initial, \$5.4 million portion of the recreational centre will include a six-lane swimming pool as well as a teaching pool. Changerooms and showers will be incorporated into the structure. The town plans to begin construction in June and finish the structure in July of 1991.

Phase two includes a fitness complex and gymnasium as well as a child care area. The town will apply for a second grant this fall with the aim of getting approval in early 1991 for uninterrupted construction, so the whole centre will be finished by 1992.

Town leisure services director Larry Arbic, who has been the staff member overseeing the project's progress, said the initial grant bodes well for further provincial support when it comes to the second funding application.

Mr. Arbic said the town hopes to collect \$1.5 million in donations from physical sources (\$1 million for phase one and \$500,000 for phase two). Even if that fundraising effort proceeds more slowly than expected the project should stay on schedule, he predicted. But it would mean the town probably would be forced to make up the shortfall.

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lily-livered because I made a decision that I think called for common sense," Mr. Attenborough said. In reference to Mr. Johnson's behaviour, he added, "if you continue spitting into the fan you're going to find yourself ducking."

In reply, Mr. Johnson said he had

no regrets about using the term. "I mean every word of it."

Mr. Attenborough raised his hand to reply, but Mayor Gord Krantz cautioned that "one of the things I don't want to get into is a debate" between the two councillors. Mr. Attenborough put his hand down for a few seconds

and said, "forget it," but then shook his head and raised his arm again.

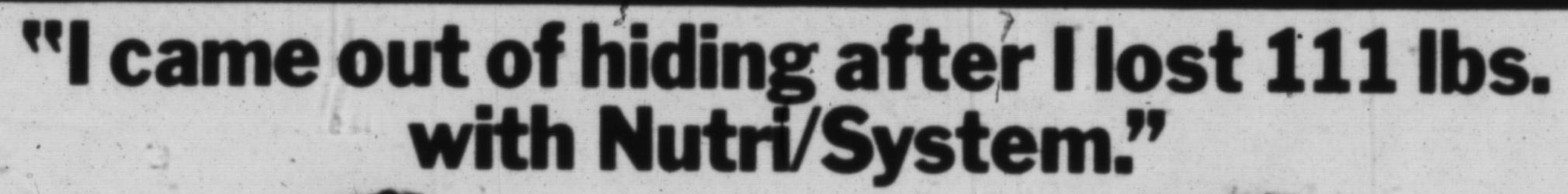
He stood and said he had "great difficulty" with being called "lily-livered" and then dismissed other arguments put forward by councillor Johnson as "political drivel."

Voting in favor of the new design

were Councillors Mary Long, Brian Penman, Attenborough, Les Laughren, Brad Clements and Rick Day.

Voting in favor of what was generally perceived on council as the more traditional design were, Mayor Krantz, Mr. Johnson, Colin Best, Barry Lee and Art Melanson.

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