

Pollett to discuss implementation of fluoridation with town

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tive in agreeing to discuss it with town council.

Fluoride is put in municipal water as a means to promote better dental health, but Mayor Krantz said the

jury is still out.

"I have no problem with Dr. Pollett coming to Milton council and telling us all the good things about fluoride. But I would just forewarn Dr. Pollett that all the medical journals, the chemical engineering news — I have it all here. And I can tell you that the medical profession is split."

"You'll get one doctor saying it's the greatest thing since the invention of the wheel, and you'll get another doctor saying 'it will kill you dead'."

Milton is the only Halton municipality which does not fluoridate its water, and a recent study by the regional health unit found that Milton youngsters have

the poorest teeth in the region. Dr. Pollett thinks there's a connection between the two.

Milton Councillor Bill Johnson, however, questioned the study. He said it doesn't take into consideration that most children in Milton, particularly in rural areas, "moved in after having had fluoridation in

other areas."

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale said she makes a lot trips to the dentist now "because there was no fluoridation when I was young."

Councillor Johnson countered that "I'm 88 and have lost one tooth out of my head, and have never had fluoridation."

Council Briefs

Seniors will get a free ride during their week

Council has once again opted to let seniors ride free on municipal transit during Seniors Awareness Week from June 10 to 16.

Councillor Bill Johnson however, declined to vote on the issue. "I've got a conflict of interest," he quipped to council, "as I'm part of the over-the-hill gang."

This will be the fourth year the town has provided the free service, expected to cost about \$100.

And the sign said ...

Permission was given to Kaneff Properties to erect a 300 square foot sign at the Milton 401 Industrial Park, for a two-year period, to promote the town and industrial development in the area.

Farmers market

Downtown Milton will be turned into a huge farmers market this summer.

Council approved the closure of Main Street from James Street to Martin Street every Saturday morning from June 2 to Oct. 27 in order to hold a farmers' market.

In previous years, it had been held in the town hall parking lot.

Emergency chlorination

In response to an incident last year in which Milton District Hospital had to use bottled water because of high bacteria levels in the municipal water supply, Halton region decided to ensure the town's municipal water supply could be chlorinated in a similar emergency.

The Region already has a chlorination facility in place at Kelso, and a chlorination facility at the Walkers Line well will be in place by the spring.

Neither will be used, except in an emergency.

Milton council requested the region "notify persons in such instances when the facility is being used, to avoid any problems which could occur pertaining to livestock, etc."

Tag day

March has been declared Red Cross month in the town of Milton

A tag day will be held Saturday, March 31, to raise funds in support of the many programs the organization provides to the citizens of Milton.

Power line

Ontario Hydro informed council it plans to upgrade its two 230,000 volt transmission lines from the Trafalgar Transformer Station, located just inside Milton's eastern boundary, to the Erindale Transformer Station in Mississauga.

The project will involve the upgrading of some transmission towers and the replacement of others. Some towers could end up as much as 10 metres larger and others could be relocated up to 25 metres away from their original site.

If the project is determined as having minor environmental impact and if there is no expressed opposition, Ontario Hydro hopes to proceed with the project next spring with a completion date near the end of the year.

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