

# Town needs water — quarries use 6 million gallons a day

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sible for supplying the community with drinking water, is allowed to take up to approximately 5 million gallons per day, but only in extraordinary circumstances. For extended periods, the Region is allowed only 3 million gallons per day.

Milton suffers both a water and sewage capacity shortage that has all but frozen residential development. The town is expected to eventually draw water from Lake Ontario through the so-called "big pipe" solution to growth restraints.

But that involves controversy, both over growth plans and access to the water under the Niagara Escarpment. Currently the entire town is on such 'well' water and it is widely held to be superior to even treated Lake Ontario water.

There has been some concern among municipal politicians, notably Dr. Les Laughren, about a possible two-tiered water supply system if the pipe is constructed to Lake Ontario.

Dr. Laughren has questioned the fairness of a system in which older homes (all the current ones) would have access to the spring water of the escarpment while newer subdivisions would, he anticipates, draw less palatable water from Lake Ontario.

Those concerns are expected to be aggravated when it becomes widely apparent that quarries control substantial amounts of spring water, much of which is used merely for washing gravel.

Councillor Brad Clements advocated keeping a close eye on high-quantity water use outside

of public utilities, not only by quarry operations but also farms and golf courses. Some farms and many golf courses use as much as 500,000 gallons of water per day, he contended.

Also, Mr. Clements said that if two quarries shut down "we should have enough (water) to double the size of the community we have now."

The water use monitoring is "the start of a process I would like to see followed up to determine what we have and what we should have," councillor Clements added.

Water taking permits are issued by the provincial Ministry of the Environment. If anyone with such a permit is proved to be causing water loss to other users, Ministry regulations call for the offender to supply the victim with replacement water.

But such allegations are difficult to prove. In western rural Milton residents atop the Niagara Escarpment have complained bitterly about dropping water levels, which they blame on nearby quarry operations. Ministry of the Environment staff have not accepted that contention, instead stating that the water loss endured by residents has been due to abnormally dry recent summers.

Whatever the reason, Mr. Krantz hinted that substantial political "pressure" would be brought to bear against quarry operators at Queen's Park if Milton suffers any marked water depletion.

"The Ministry of the Environment has to get its priorities straight," the mayor warned. It may have to choose, he said, between the needs of the community "or washing gravel."

## Girls say man in car exposed himself

A man with a chubby face and protruding stomach who indecently exposed himself to three young Milton women is being sought by police.

Last Wednesday the three women were walking east on Williams Avenue near Parkway Drive when a car with the licence plates removed drove up alongside them.

Police said the suspect, naked from the waist down, looked at the girls while committing an indecent act and then sped away.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately six feet tall, 35 to 40 years of age, with grayish blond collar-length hair, a light brown moustache and a day or two of stubble on a chubby face. He wore thick-framed light brown glasses.

He also wore a short-sleeved burgundy shirt that was unbuttoned, revealing a "very large, protruding stomach."

The vehicle was described as a late model, four-door subcompact car, royal blue in colour with a light blue interior.

On the centre of the roof was a long, white antenna.



## Pop on ice

Members of Milton Figure Skating Club had a chance perform their skills at "Celebrate the '90s" pop concert on Sunday at John Tonelli Sports Centre. Pre-juvenile soloist Amy Mohr (left) shows fine form on the ice, while amateur coach of the year Cecily Restivo helps Amanda Neill, 4, through the paces.

Photo by JOHN WARREN

## Councillors quibble over regional representation

By NORMAN NELSON

The reviews are in, and it appears councillors are giving Halton Region a thumbs up.

Earlier this year, at the urging of Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, regional councillors conducted an internal review of four aspects of council — how the regional chairman should be elected, how regional councillors should be elected, the size of council, and the proportion of representation from the four Halton municipalities.

After a quick look at the submissions, which will be considered at the regional administration and finance committee meeting next Wednesday, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said "everyone appears to be on the same wave length. There doesn't appear to be too many out in left field."

Twenty-two of the 24 councillors and Chairman Peter Pomeroy submitted views last week, including a joint submission from Milton's three regional representatives — Mayor Krantz and councillors Bill Johnson and Brad Clements.

Council was unanimous on only one item — that regional council (24 members plus the regional chairman) should not grow in size, and could probably stand a reduction.

The consensus was that the current representation — Burlington 9, Oakville 7, Halton Hills 5 and Milton 3 — could be altered slightly to reflect changing population patterns.

"Burlington's representation should come down to that of Oakville's, and Halton Hills' should come down to

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