

Pollett agrees to defend flouridation at public meeting

It appears Halton Region's chief medical officer of health is prepared to have a public meeting in Milton about flouridation.

At municipal council Monday night town administrator Roy Main gave elected officials that news, although a date for what promises to be a heated hearing has not yet been set.

However, Dr. Pollett is coming to town hall April 23 to brief councillors on the issue.

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The Region hopes to flouridate Milton's water supply because studies conducted for Halton show Milton children have a comparatively high cavity rate. But many residents vehemently oppose flouridation, just as they opposed it (successfully) when the same push was made in the early 1970s.

Although the April 23 briefing is only for the benefit of councillors, the public is welcome to attend and sit in the council chamber gallery. "Any and every council meeting is open to the public," Mr. Krantz said. In reference to the flood of public opinion he has received on the issue, the Mayor cautioned, however, that the chamber "can only accommodate 75 to 100 people."

Proposed additions to Milton's Leisure Centre by two area aquatic groups would cost \$450,000 to provide seating for 300 spectators.

Town leisure services director Larry Arbic brought that information to municipal council Monday night. He said the committee overseeing the centre design has asked the Milton Swim Team and the Masters Aquatic Club for a funding commitment toward the changes.

The entire complex is budgeted at \$8.4 million, which includes both phases; the 25-metre competition pool and other leisure pools, as well as a large gym, a weight training facility and meeting and day care rooms.

Council tabled Mr. Arbic's report while town officials work toward a compromise with the swimming groups. Privately, a municipal official said it was unlikely council would accept a \$450,000 budget increase for spectator seating.

The matter is expected to be resolved within two weeks. Following that, council will formally approve the leisure centre design. The facility is to be in partial operation by the fall of next year.

Three Milton citizens were honored for their work on various committees at municipal council Monday night. Mayor Gord Krantz presented service awards to Lorie Jocius, Stella Parton and Don McMillan.

Mrs. Jocius served on the Milton Public Library board. Mrs. Parton was on the municipal committee of adjustment and Mr. McMillan, a former town councillor, is Milton's representative on the neighbouring Grand River Conservation Authority.

Two Milton councillors will serve on community committees set up by the Halton Regional Police Force as liaisons between citizens and police. Ward 3 representative Bruce Attenborough and Mayor Gord Krantz were chosen at Monday's municipal council meeting. Mr. Krantz

will serve on the eastern Milton committee and Mr. Attenborough on the western one. Police have divided the town down the middle, more or less, at Highway 25, in forming the two committees.

Baseball season hasn't started yet

but the Nassagaweya Men's Slo-Pitch league has already won the game at municipal council. The league got a \$5,000 grant and a \$3,000 three-year loan to build a fence around its baseball fields.

The estimated cost of the fence is \$10,000. The league is to put up \$2,000

in current cash as well as guarantee the loan.

Town leisure services director Larry Arbic recommended council offer a grant for the other \$5,000, and that recommendation was accepted.

The project was originally in the 1990 capital budget, but was cut.

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Forums are planned for the last week of March, to be held in Georgetown and Acton. For more information call 884-5502.

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