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## Rural residents prefer recycling over garbage pick up

By NORMAN NELSON

And the survey says... Milton's rural residents don't want the Town to implement rural garbage pick up.

Other findings of the survey, sent to 3,000 rural residents and returned by about 40 per cent of them, are that:

- Sixty-eight per cent of respondents would support a blue box program;
- Forty-one per cent would purchase a composting unit from the Town (at a cost of \$30 a unit).

Town staff, at Monday's town council meeting, recommended council give the residents what they asked for — a blue box program, a composting program — but no rural garbage pick up.

Council, however, reserved its opinion, and instead forwarded the survey results to its ad hoc waste management committee for further deliberation. The issue

will likely come back before council in September.

One issue the waste management committee will discuss is just who received the questionnaire. This followed complaints by councillors Brian Penman and Brad Clements that some rural residents — themselves included — did not receive their survey in the mail.

### Close vote

With 48 per cent of the respondents rejecting rural pick up (42 per cent were in support while the remaining 10 per cent listed no choice) staff recommended the "implementation of a Town rural garbage collection program not be considered at this time."

Phil Antoniow, the Town's manager of engineering services, told *The Champion* after the meeting that such a program would cost about \$500,000 a year to run. The price tag to provide the current urban service, he added, is about \$750,000 a year.

### Go ahead next year

However, staff recommended that both the rural blue box and composting program be linked in next year's budget subject to receiving various grants.

Staff recommended a two-pronged approach be taken in initiating a rural blue box program; lobbying Halton Region to implement pick up of the blue boxes and lobbying the Province and the recycling industry to pay two-thirds of the cost for 3,000 blue boxes — about \$23,000. The Town's share would be \$7,000.

To make composting available to rural residents, staff is recommending that a pilot project already approved for 500 urban area residents in Milton be made available to 1,000 rural residents.

The Ministry of the Environment is picking up half the tab for the pilot project. The remaining costs are split between the participants, who chip in \$30 a unit, and the Town, which is contributing \$2,500 to promote

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Photo by JOHN WARREN

## Friends

This pony found a friend in Verne Reynolds at a Family Day picnic at Halton Centennial Manor. The event on Sunday afternoon included pony rides and games for children and plenty of time for visiting on the lawn at the home for the aged.

## Business award program revamped

Business awards sponsored annually by the Milton Chamber of Commerce will be presented in the fall this year to give them greater profile.

The two community awards, Business of the Year and Business Person of the Year, are normally presented in February along with Citizen of the Year, Civic Improvement of the Year and Organization of the Year Awards.

The move to the fall will also allow winners to be nominated for similar awards at the provincial and national levels.

Commencing immediately, the Milton Cham-

ber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Business of the Year and Business Person of the Year Awards for 1990.

A simple letter naming the nominee and reasons for the nomination is required. The deadline is September 30.

Drop nominations off at the Unity Park office (Steeles Avenue and Martin Street), or send them to: Milton Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 52, Milton, Ont., L9T 2Y3.

For further details, call 878-0581. The awards will be presented the evening of Thursday, Oct. 18.

## Accident victim's condition improves

The condition of a Milton teen, critically injured in a four-vehicle accident Friday, is improving in Mississauga Hospital.

Jason Barlow of Gowland Crescent was listed in fair condition yesterday morning, a hospital spokesman said.

The 18-year-old was a passenger in his father's car when it was hit by a truck on Trafalgar Road, just north of Britannia Road, at about 7 a.m.

The truck, travelling south on Trafalgar Road, failed to stop for a line of traffic backed up at the intersection and crashed into a car driven by William Barlow, police said.

The impact demolished the rear end of the vehicle. Jason Barlow was sitting in the back seat. Two vehicles in front of Mr. Barlow's car received minor damage.

Jason was taken by ambulance to Credit Valley Hospital and later transferred to Mississauga Hospital.

Police are investigating the accident.

## Driveway natural gas pumps get green light from council

By NORMAN NELSON

The local natural gas company is targeting Milton with a unique new appliance that will allow customers to tap into natural gas lines running into their homes or businesses to fuel vehicles.

A good sales job by a Union Gas representative Monday night seemed to soothe many councillors' fears, however, town council decided to keep close tabs over the next six months on every installation in Milton.

Union Gas offered to make a list of any installations available.

The device, which will be rented by Union Gas to customers, (starting at about \$50 a month) takes anywhere from five to 10 hours to fill a vehicle, according to Mark Jones, the Union Gas division manager for Halton.

The theme of the company's presentation was two-fold — that conversion to natural gas is encouraged through both federal and provincial government grants, and that the vehicle fueling device should be considered no differently from any other natural gas appliance such as a water heater, pool heater or furnace.

"This unit has met or surpassed all safety and hook-up regulations from all of the appropriate agencies, such as the Canadian Standards Association and the Canadian Gas Association," agreed the staff report.

"Safety features include an automatic stop device should the vehicle being filled be driven away without first unhooking the hose from the vehicle.

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