

She's angry decision took so long

Howard sparks discussion on hot dogs vendors

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The Champion

Rookie municipal councillor Marion Howard, who has been almost as quiet as a nun under a vow of silence at town meetings, broke out of that mold Monday to broadside her peers for what she saw as procrastinating indecision.

During a discussion about whether or not Milton should permit street hot dog vending, Ms Howard, a Ward 3 councillor, became angry as talk drifted toward deferring the whole matter to get more information.

"I'm getting really frustrated," Ms Howard began. Following such a deferral, "would we really have any better decision than if we had made a decision at the time?"

A tax lawyer, Ms Howard said that in her business and most others, any decision is generally considered better than none. "The most important thing is to get off

our butts and make one. Do we want hot dog stands or not?"

Too many municipal issues generate "more and more reports" and are "studied to death," the councillor noted, adding that under the circumstances the reasoning behind public frustration with government becomes clearer.

In the end councillors opted to allow such operations, but new permit fees will be adopted.

Ward 1 councillor Rick Day, who was chairing Monday's general committee meeting, appeared irritated with Ms Howard's remarks. He said the crux of the matter was not whether Milton would allow hot dog vendors. "That's a silly question. Of course we're going to have hot dog vendors."

The debate was sparked by the fact that Milton actually has some one vending hot dogs from a street stand now. Gord Gilbert, a bus driver in Mississauga, came to the committee meeting Monday be-



Marion Howard

cause he feared for the future of his sideline business, which he said he needed to support his family after his wife quit working due to worsening chronic arthritis.

Last summer Mr. Gilbert paid \$100 for a municipal permit to sell

his hot dogs. He said he bought the business with the understanding that \$100 a year would be all the Town required from him for a licence. Mr. McQueen acknowledged his department made an error.

Initially Monday night Mr. McQueen proposed that vendors such as Mr. Gilbert pay \$1,000 a year or \$600 for a six-month licence, as well as an extra \$250 if they change locations during the year.

The problem with operations such as Mr. Gilbert's goes beyond what municipal officials often worry about — that they will become an irritant, even a nuisance, if allowed to proliferate. Food merchants who pay business taxes often complain about the cart vendors too, saying they are getting a free ride while stealing customers from them.

But Ward 2 councillor Brad Clements balked at confronting the issue Monday because, he said, hardly anybody affected by the fee

hike knew it was being considered. There are roughly 15 vendors who could potentially be subjected to the new charges he noted, "out of which one has been here today (Mr. Gilbert)."

The proposed bylaw would cover truck food vendors and so-called 'chip wagons' as well as hot dog operations. "Some of them are going to face (fee) increases from \$100 to \$1,000," Mr. Clements said. "People in this-business are not aware of this."

Ward 2 councillor Ron Fuik agreed, saying he supported licensing but not dropping a "one thousand per cent" tax increase in the laps of vendors without them having a chance for input.

In the end council voted to create new fee proposals, talk them over with vendors if the latter so wish, and extend Mr. Gilbert's licence, temporarily, at the lower fee. No new licences will be granted until the pending bylaw is approved.

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Math whiz says it comes easily to him

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placed 14th in Ontario out of 631 schools and 42nd in Canada among 1,270 schools.

Students J.J. Bezan and Greg Dorval also did exceptionally well, finishing 11th in Halton and in the top 5 per cent in Canada.

The trio along with David Liddon, Ali Manzer, Alex Isings, Sarah Sabatino, Lynda Zavitz, Monique Van Altena, and Lisa Armstrong received Certificates of Distinction.

Administered by the Faculty of Mathematics with the University of Waterloo, the written test consists of various types of math.

Among 35 students in the province, Brandon has now been invited to join Team Ontario to participate in the American Regions Mathematics League at Penn State University at the end of May.

He is also the school's first male student to receive an invitation to the annual University of Waterloo Mathematics Contest Seminar with about 60 students from across Canada. Former MDHS student Laura Wood attended in the mid-'80s.

While Brandon's favourite form of math is problem-solving, he least likes trigonometry, he said. The gifted student hopes to attend either the University of Guelph or the University of Waterloo for scientific studies.

MDHS competitors from other grade levels also well-represented the school in the national contest. The top Grade 9 student, Victor Sprenger, finished in the top 13 per cent of 35,000 students at his level in the country.

Grade 10 student Mark Robertson finished 11th in Halton and 165th in Ontario among 13,753 students. His colleague, Bob McPhail, ranked 18th in Halton and in the top 5 per cent of Canada. Russ Fleming was 20th in Halton and in the top 6 per cent in the country.

They are joined by Heather Woods, Laura Nicolls, Adam Brown, Chris Grimwood, Brian DeWolf, Martin Pyle, Heather Bos, Lorena Durrant, Sean Johns, and Darren Murphy in receiving Certificates of Distinction.

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