

# Here's how the Town will spend your tax dollars

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Municipal budgets for 1993 have been set, with council approving a \$15.8 million operating budget and a \$3.9 million capital program. There are 42 capital works projects scheduled for completion this year, ranging from a \$1.1 million reconstruction of Steeles Avenue to \$5,000 for designing new park signs.

Sports enthusiasts will be pleased to see plans to install lights at three baseball diamonds — the Thompson Road, Maplehurst and Brookville facilities. Various baseball organizations are cost-sharing the projects.

Seniors are seeing the beginnings of a new centre to support swelling interest in programs geared toward older residents. A long-range plan to move from the current Royal Canadian Legion building to a renovated centre at Allendale will take shape this year.

The only originally planned capital project on hold is a \$40,000 effort to expand the computer network for Milton Public Library. On the plus side, the library was poised to suffer a cutback of \$11,230 in its operating budget, but council instead allowed the increase.

The following is a list of capital projects scheduled for 1993 throughout town:

□ Steeles Avenue will be widened to five lanes and generally upgraded from Martin Street through to Ontario Street. The Martin Street intersection will be reconstructed. The project is heavily subsidized by the provincial government because the road is a connecting link for two portions of Highway 25. Milton will pay only \$220,000 of the \$1,141,000 cost.

□ The Town will spend \$116,500 in the first phase of a relocation of the seniors centre from the Legion building on Charles Street to Petit House on the grounds of Allendale, the former Halton Centennial Manor. There are plans to spend \$200,000 for renovations to Petit House in 1994-95. Milton expects to pay \$64,500 for the work in 1993, with \$17,000 from a provincial grant and \$35,000 generated through fundraising.

□ The second half of Millside Drive reconstruction is scheduled for this summer, at a cost of \$297,000. The lion's share of the work (\$700,000) was done last year.

□ Various rural road projects are big-ticket expenditures scheduled for 1993. The last phase of Second Line reconstruction from Highway 401 north to the Eramosa Town Line will be completed, at a cost of \$249,000.

□ Sixth Line will be realigned and the drainage will be modified to lessen winter icing, for a stretch of about a kilometre north of No. 5 Sideroad. The steep road is used a great deal by quarrying trucks, and a fee paid by the quarries for road wear will contribute \$180,000 to the \$460,000 project.

□ First Line will be resurfaced from Britannia Road north to Derry Road. Last year the portion south from Derry Road to Lower Base Line was done. The cost is \$240,000.

□ Reid Sideroad from Guelph Line to Second Line in Campbellville will be resurfaced. The road has been worn by heavy truck use. The cost is \$142,000.

□ Woodward Avenue in urban Milton between Wilson Drive and Thompson Road will be re-paved, at a cost of \$82,000. The 19-year-old pavement is showing signs of wear.

□ For \$130,000, hardball players will get an increased 21 hours of playing time a week at the Maplehurst Correctional Centre baseball diamond. Eight 70-foot concrete standards will be installed,

with a total of 52 fixtures.

□ At the Thompson Road ball diamond, an extra 42 hours of playing time will be created with the installation of 10 light standards with a total of 56 fixtures for softball and slo-pitch diamonds. The cost is \$90,000. In Brookville, six light standards will be erected on one field for a similar use, at a cost of \$50,000.

□ Milton Public Library will receive \$68,198 to expand its book collection. The library goal is to have two books per resident by 1996, or a collection of roughly 70,000 volumes.

□ The Town is spending \$50,000 to upgrade its parks building on Nipissing Road, so it has a meeting room and running water.

□ Playground equipment at the

Laurier Avenue playground will be replaced, at a cost of \$18,000. A further \$40,000 will be devoted to the effort in 1994 and 1995, if all goes according to plan. The park is currently viewed as unsafe by municipal officials.

□ The roof at the Tonelli Sports Centre arena on Laurier Avenue is rusting, and \$18,000 will be spent on repairs.

□ Interlocking brick will be purchased for the Victoria Park walkway, at a cost of \$15,000.

□ Rubberized flooring will be installed over existing concrete in various parts of Memorial Arena to make it less slippery for people wearing skates. The cost is \$19,500.

□ Sidewalk will be constructed along Thompson Road from Main

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