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Big week for Graham Paine

It's been a good week for *Canadian Champion* photographer Graham Paine — and a good one for the newspaper, too.

The *Canadian Champion* has placed among the top three finalists in four categories of the annual Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) competition.

This newspaper has been chosen among the top three across Ontario for front page display (tabloid format) and in three photographic categories: Best feature photo (colour); best feature photo (black and white) and best sports photo.

"These are significant awards, and Graham's accomplishment in particular is exceptional," said *Canadian Champion* editor Rob Kelly. "To place in the top three for a trio of awards is extremely rare."

"Every employee of this newspaper contributes to these awards by helping put out a quality product on time," Mr. Kelly added. "That gives us the type of community credibility and success needed to display staff talents effectively."

The awards presentation takes place March 30 at the annual OCNA convention in Toronto.

Come on board with Red Cross

The Milton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is seeking community-minded men and women to join its board of directors.

Those interested in joining the board or simply finding out more information, can call branch manager Susan Lynch at 875-1459.

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Road deficiencies may never go away

The Town of Milton may never catch up with its road deficiencies, according to John Matthews, director of public works.

Provincial road subsidies will probably be gone for good by 1997, Mr. Matthews suggested at a recent general committee meeting.

According to a report by Mr. Matthews, the cost of correcting current road deficiencies and those

expected in the next 10 years is \$118.6 million.

"The province has been making us do these updates every year," said Mayor Gord Krantz. "Some years the study costs \$25,000. Now that they no longer require the study, we will be able to spend the money on roads rather than identifying the roads that we all know are deficient."

Councillor Wally Hunter suggested that with

less money for roads, funds should be used for maintenance rather than wholesale reconstruction.

Minor road reports will be made every two years in the future, said Mr. Matthews, with major reports coming every five years. Of Milton's 337 kilometres of roads, 152 km are considered deficient. In addition, Milton shares maintenance costs on a 50-50 basis on 58.3 km of border roads.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Hot off the presses

The new Canadian \$2 coins, featuring the Queen on one side and a polar bear on the other, went on sale Monday. Here, Katie Reynolds of the Main Street Canada Trust branch takes a close look.

Chlorine battle fought on two fronts

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

The battle to rid Milton of chlorine is now being fought on two fronts, one legal, one financial.

Financially speaking, Councillor John Challinor says funding from Halton Region to fix water pipe problems could allow for a different interpretation of Ministry of Environment (MOE) guidelines, which would result in an end to local chlorination.

On the purely legal front, a crowd of 200 has voted a resounding "no" to having chlorine in their water.

Thursday night at the Optimist Club the public had a chance to comment on Halton Region's bid to gain an exemption for Milton from provincial water treatment guidelines.

Some people attacked chlorine as a poison, others were concerned about the distribution system,

and still others wanted alternatives explored. Only one person spoke in favour of chlorination, citing the vulnerability of the distribution system as the reason.

The MOE will determine if an exemption should be granted after they sift the record of past and potential problems, and take into account what the community wants. After the meeting Mr. Challinor said if potential risk could be lessened, through fixing current problems, then the MOE might be persuaded to see their guidelines in a different light.

"We are not asking for a change in legislation," said Mr. Challinor. "We just want a re-interpretation of the current guidelines."

Mayor Gord Krantz agreed with Mr. Challinor's approach, saying he was confident Halton Region will commit substantial funding to improvements in the Derry Road pipe which has been the source

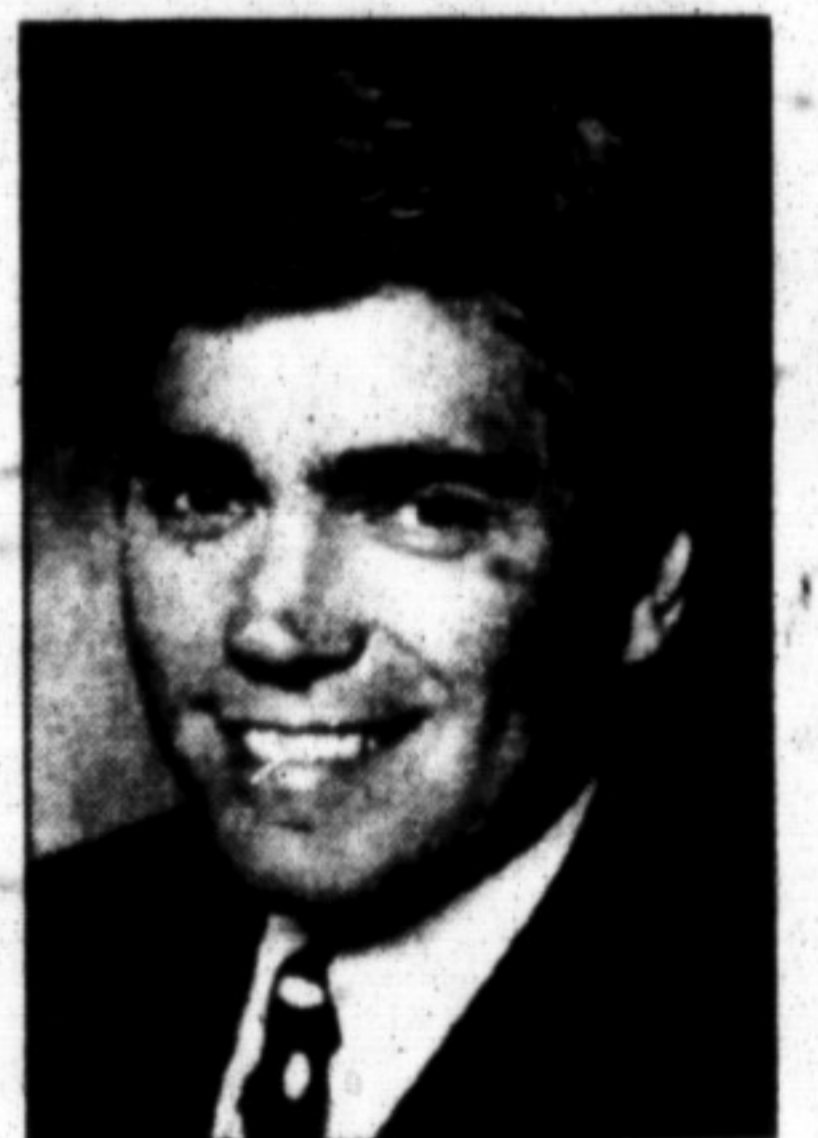
of contamination in the past.

"The region has already spent considerable dollars to upgrade the pipes and we are still pushing," Mr. Krantz said.

While town officials lobby to get chlorine out of the local water, Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh agreed the issue was very much in his hands.

"I'm going to continue to push this issue very, very hard," said Mr. Chudleigh. "I said I'd fight to keep chlorine out of Milton, and if it was introduced, I'd fight to get it out. I will continue to

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John Challinor

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