

Tireless volunteer Betty Ingle is Citizen of the Year

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Betty Ingle has been described as a very special, devoted person with a joke and a smile for everyone. However, any smiles she had Saturday evening were strictly for herself — at least after she was named Milton's Citizen of the Year.

A look of shock was followed by a few tears of joy during the announcement, which capped the Milton Chamber of Commerce's 1995 Community Awards Gala at Halton Hills Place. Father Mark Curtis, the 1994 Citizen of the Year, returned to Milton as master of ceremonies for the evening.

"I was just shocked and surprised," said Ms Ingle, who was also nominated as Business Person of the Year. She was joined by funeral home operator Scott Early and longtime Campbellville volunteer Dickie Deumer, also Citizen of the Year nominees. "There are so many great nominees here

tonight, I feel honored to be among them. I feel so loved by this town."

An agent at Remax Miltowne Realty, Ms Ingle has worked tirelessly for just about every cause in town including Milton District Hospital, the Terry Fox Run, the United Way, Children's Miracle Network, Santa Claus Parade and the Canadian Cancer Society.

"Her dedication to charity causes and kind, caring attitude toward all her friends, colleagues and acquaintances make her a very special person," a group of nominators wrote to the chamber.

Carol McDonald, owner of McMarketing Enterprises, won as Business Person of the Year.

Nominated with Betty Ingle and Bob Newman of Robert Newman Shoes, Ms McDonald was honored for her 10 years of hard work and quality service. "She is a valuable asset to the business community," wrote her nominator.

She is said to possess a willingness to tackle any

issue and is active in the community, having been a leading promoter of Milton and its growth.

Taking the 1995 Business of the Year award was Bill's Auto Body, which was nominated alongside Safeland and Sound Child Care Centre and Co-Steel Recycling.

Accepting the award on behalf of his team was owner Ries Boers.

A local business for many years, Bill's Auto Body is "dedicated to excellent service, honesty and quality workmanship," according to its nominator.

The business has also been an avid supporter of community groups and charities, and Mr. Boers has gained the respect of his peers in the business community.

Years of quiet work behind the scenes, preserving Milton's heritage, earned the Milton Historical Society the Civic Organization of the Year nod.



Betty Ingle

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Developers told to ante up for new building rights in Milton

By BRAD REAUME
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Halton regional officials have opened the taps. A new filtration technology has increased water treatment capacity in Milton. Developers interested in the new water servicing capacity learned recently they have until today (Wednesday) to stake their claim.

According to officials from Halton Region, any new development generated by this project is to be confined within the current urban boundaries. Given that an environmental review is necessary, it is unlikely development will proceed prior to November, 1997.

Mayor Gord Krantz said he was pleased with initial reaction to the plan, but stressed proof of interest by the development industry would become apparent in a few weeks.

Those applying for the additional capacity must

detail where they want to build, how much capacity they will require, the current status of the property and their schedule for construction. They must pre-pay their development charges to cover the \$2.3 million cost of the water project.

"(Halton) Region is not going to benefit so they don't want to pay," Mr. Krantz told developers at a recent meeting. "It's going to be you people. Development has to pay for itself. The days when the tax base picked up the costs are gone."

Much of the interest at the meeting seemed to come from those developers interested in lands outside the current urban envelope. Cracks appeared in the government position that only development inside the current urban area of Milton would be considered.

The 50 people who attended the morning meeting heard that if there was still capacity available and no interest had been tabled for it, consideration would be given to lands outside the current urban area.

However, it was made clear this latter option was not favoured by local government, and would present substantial problems, including land use planning amendments, which could slow the process.

According to Pat Murphy, Halton's manager of development review services, the additional capacity is 220,000 gallons per day, equivalent to 770 single family homes or 1,245 two bedroom apartments.

Zenon Environmental, a Burlington based company, approached Halton Region 16 months ago and proposed the project. They offered to pick up the \$2.3 million cost if the work was not successful. The company has used the technology in the United States, British Columbia and in Canada's Northwest Territories.

"If we have more interest than there is capacity, then we will have to determine how to allocate it," said Mr. Murphy suggesting a first-come, first-served approach.

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