

Air charged in dispute

The lights still shine brightly in Milton.

The Friday morning deadline for a strike or lockout at Milton Hydro came and passed last week without any change in normal business.

According to general manager Don Thorne the previous collective agreement expired and the utility is now operating under management's proposed contract, which he calls "similar" to the old agreement. There are new meetings scheduled between the two sides.

Contract negotiations affect 24 full-time Milton Hydro employees, including office staff and maintenance workers. Primary issues, according to union representatives, are money and benefits.

"As far as the customers are concerned there is no change, it is business as

usual," Mr. Thorne said. "It is not our intention to lock employees out."

Dave Shier, a staff officer with the Power Worker's Union, said the stumbling block is a failure by Mr. Thorne to negotiate. He said the imposition of the last management offer is "not illegal but it is unusual" and added management is trying to intimidate and provoke union members into a strike.

Mr. Shier said the union would try to initiate more negotiations by calling for a meeting with members of the Milton Hydro Commission, the elected body which oversees local hydro operations.

"We are open to negotiate at any time but Mr. Thorne has taken the position that there is more no negotiating to do," said Mr. Shier. The union voted 91 per cent in favour of a strike.

Maplehurst teacher showing inmates a different pathway

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR Sharon Elrick the real reward comes from her students. She says seeing a student pass a course or graduate from high school is most gratifying, however she's not knocking the honour recently bestowed on her.

Ms Elrick, a teacher at Maplehurst Correctional Centre, was recently named one of 10 Teachers of the Year by The Toronto Sun.

The Cambridge woman was given an A+ for effort when it comes to helping inmates earn high school course credits and work toward their secondary school graduation diplomas.

"It's really nice to be rewarded, but I get the most reward from my students," Ms Elrick said Monday. "I enjoy teaching these students very much."

A Maplehurst Educational Centre instructor for about eight years, Ms. Elrick teaches five courses a day — from English as a second language to an advanced law classes.

The program is individualized, she said, and students are treated with respect. At the same time, students, who must be prepared to work, are taught to act responsibly.

Ms Elrick was nominated for the award by Emad Elguindy, a former Maplehurst inmate, who has since successfully appealed his conviction.

In his letter of nomination he reportedly stated: "When I came to jail, I did not know much about the law. Frankly, I suspected the very foundation of our justice system had become more cosmetic than real. As I became Mrs. Elrick's student, I started to know the law better. She has shown me the law as the essence of our civilization. I have been more than fortunate to be one of her students. She is a very patient, intelligent, young lady. She can teach advanced law courses and help students taking English for the first



Sharon Elrick of the Maplehurst Educational Centre is one of 10 instructors across the province named 1996 Teachers of the Year.

time in their lives."

Each teacher who won the Teacher of the Year title had the support of his/her entire school community, said Toronto Sun education columnist Dr. Joyce Nesker-Simmons, who headed the contest.

"Each choice has been validated by administration, students and parents. Selections are not casual decisions and all have been made with the same intensity that these teachers give to the job they love so much."

Ms Elrick began teaching more than 25 years ago. She has taught all grade levels from kindergarten to grade 12, both in the separate school system and in correctional services.

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The co-operation of all property owners is earnestly solicited. Complaints and inquiries may be made by telephone to the number listed below. Please note that dandelions, burdock and goldenrod are not considered noxious weeds within the Town of Milton under The Weed Control Act; therefore, complaints concerning these weeds or any anonymous complaints cannot be accepted.

For information of all property owners, the following are designated as noxious weeds in the Town of Milton.

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| Colt's Foot | Poison Ivy |
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| Cypress Spurge | Ragweed |
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| Goat's Beard | Sow Thistle |
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| Leafy Spurge | Wild Carrot |
| Milkweed | Yellow Rocket |

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MR. DOUG McPHAIL
Weed Inspector
(905) 876-4554

TENDER CALL ANNUAL SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Plans, specifications and Form of Tender for the Town of Milton Annual Sidewalk Program can be obtained from Town Hall, Public Works Department, 2nd Floor, 43 Brown Street, Milton. The Program includes removal and replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter, and installation of new sidewalk throughout Urban Milton. Tender forms supplied by the Town will be received in sealed envelopes clearly marked as to the contents by the TOWN CLERK UNTIL 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1996.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque for 10% of the tender price. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

J. D. Matthews, P. Eng.
Director of Public Works

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE KINSMEN PARK UPGRADES

The Department of Leisure Services has identified the replacement of the creative playground in Kinsmen Park. (Park located at the southwest corner of Woodward Avenue and Wilson Drive).

Associated with this replacement would be landscaping changes to the surrounding area. Staff have received written submissions which ask for the inclusion of increased lighting in the park and maintaining the present woodlot located near the tennis courts.

The Community Open House will be an informal meeting and has been arranged in order to provide an opportunity for interested citizens and groups to drop in at their convenience to discuss possible upgrades to the park.

The Open House is scheduled for:
Wednesday, June 19, 1996 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Gymnasium, Robert Baldwin Public School
180 Wilson Drive, Milton

If you have any questions, or are unable to attend and wish to provide comments, please contact:
Doug Thompson, Coordinator,
Parks and Facilities Development, Town of Milton
P.O. Box 1005, Milton, Ontario L9T 4B6
(905) 878-7211 (Ext. 181)

DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TOWN HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

Proposals are being accepted for the services of a General Contractor to prepare final design and undertake renovations to the Town Hall. It is anticipated that the services of an Interior Space Planner/Designer or Interior Architect may be required to assist with the final design of the renovations required. The renovation work is required to provide adequate office and work-station space for staff in the Town Hall as a result of Department reorganization.

Specifications are available at the Leisure Services Department, Town Hall, Milton, Victoria Park Square, Milton, Ontario, after 2:00 pm on June 5th. A \$25.00 non-refundable payment is required.

Deadline for submissions is 12:00 pm
June 24, 1996

Jennifer Reynolds
Director of Leisure Services
The Corporation of The Town of Milton
Victoria Park Square
P.O. Box 1005
Milton, Ontario L9T 4B6

DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES MEETING NOTICE

ART COORDINATING COMMITTEE

If you are interested in helping establish an Arts Coordinating Committee you are invited to attend a meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1996
7:30 PM

LEISURE CENTRE, MEETING ROOM

For further information contact:
Bonnie Ward Coordinator
Community Programs and Partnerships at 875-1681.