



Water cools blaze

The Milton Fire Department was called to the scene of a fire at Milton Co-op on Main St. Friday evening at approximately 7 p.m. when a spark from a heating appliance touched off a fire in a corn dryer. Fire officials estimate damage as a result of lost corn at approximately \$150.

Entrance fees . . .

. . . remain the same

HRCA hopes to hold the line

Entrance rates at parks within the Halton Region Conservation area will remain for the most part unchanged if the local authority follows through with its planned 1985 user-fee schedule.

While a few rates will be increased, authority members are looking at ways to attract more visitors to their parks, including one recommendation to offer an almost half-price annual pass, effective after Aug. 6 of next year for the remainder of the year.

Authority members voted to maintain the present annual pass fee at \$35, but visitors would be permitted to purchase the same pass for \$20 after Aug. 6.

If approved, a similar discount would be given to those wishing to purchase a week-day pass, dropping the price from \$20 to \$15 after Aug. 6.

Rising costs including increased staff and maintenance requirements will mean a slight gate increase at Kelso next year.

Authority members are recommending the weekend and holiday entrance fee be increased from \$5 to \$5.50 per vehicle. Weekday entrance fees will remain unchanged at \$3 per vehicle, as will the pedestrian entrance fee at \$1 per person and the trailer fee of \$2 per trailer.

Group camping rates have also been revised. All camping groups will now be charged a minimum fee of \$10 with a surcharge of \$1.50 per person. Entrance fees are also additional to the cost of camping. Firewood charges will remain unchanged at \$2 per unit.

Rising operating costs at Mountsberg will mean an increase in the weekend and holiday entrance fee from \$4 to \$4.50 per vehicle. Weekday and pedestrian entrance

fees will remain unchanged as well as the current rental fees for cross-country skis, toboggans and snowshoes.

Conservation authority members voted not to change entrance rates at Crawford Lake Conservation Area, as they were set this fall.

The authority intends to crack down on those using No. 12 Sideroad to gain free access to Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area.

It is estimated that at least 20 per cent of the park's revenue is lost to those circumventing the gatehouse and the Authority will be proceeding with a road allowance closure next year as well as no-parking bylaws on Appleby Line.

Entrance fees at that park will remain the same with one exception. Pedestrian rates will be reduced from the vehicle fee of \$3 to \$1 per person. Group camping and firewood fees will also be changed to correspond with those recommended for Kelso Conservation Area.

There will be no changes at Hilton Falls, except for a reduction of pedestrian fees from \$3 to \$1.

Entrance fees for buses will go up at all areas from \$15 to \$17 on weekdays, but will remain the same at \$30 on weekends and holidays.

Senior citizens will continue to enjoy half-price entrance fees to all parks within the Conservation area.

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Mayor Krantz said he was "very pleased" with the sale price of the property noting the economy over the last few years has done little to encourage developers.

"Since 1981, the economy has not been the best to find someone interested in spending between \$2 million and \$3 million on a project," he said adding he expects Mascat Developments will easily spend in that neighborhood to complete their plans.

The offer was the best to date, though it took the last six weeks for the two sides to arrive at a mutual agreement, said the Mayor.

He said the Town received an offer last year from a developer of \$500,000 for the properties, "but there was no way we were going to give away the properties for that."

"We didn't really have an asking price because we were interested in retaining site planning control," said Mr. Main.

Depending upon the amount and nature of the new businesses, the block is expected to yield a minimum of \$12,000 to \$15,000 net taxes from an expected \$70,000 gross tax base, said Mr. Main.

The Town will use \$350,000 from the proceeds of the sale towards the \$2.8 million cost of the new town hall, with the remainder going to the Town's capital levies which financed the purchase of 17 Martin St. in 1981.

While the new town hall has exceeded initial cost expectations, the building will not necessitate a debt to the town and its taxpayers, said the Mayor.

The final hurdle in the transaction involves signing a suitable tenant to the present town hall.

Though Halton Conservation Authority officials provided a verbal agreement to a 10-year lease commencing April 1, 1985, more than one year ago, it now appears the Authority may not take up residence at the Main St. town hall, said Mr. Main.

Refusing to elaborate on the issue, Mr. Main said he is in the middle of negotiations with the Authority and that he expects a decision by the end of this month.

"I would really like to see the Authority in here," said Mr. Main adding he would like to see a government agency continue in the building.

Failure to sign the Authority would mean finding a tenant in one month to comply with the agreement with the developers.

Calls anger Jaycees

Milton Jaycee members are "not very pleased" about telephone calls made to Milton homes in which money is being solicited in the Jaycee name.

Michael Ellis, Milton Jaycee president, told The Champion the calls are being made by a telephone solicitation firm employed by the Oakville Jaycees.

He said the Oakville Club has no right to come into Milton and raise funds. He added there have been complaints already from residents about strong words being used by the solicitors when residents refused to give money.

"We regret that the citizens of Milton have

been subjected to this campaign.

"We find the conduct of the telephone service retained by the Oakville Jaycees to be most objectionable.

"On behalf of the Milton Jaycees and Jaycees in general, I would like to extend our sincere apology to any citizen who has suffered verbal abuse at the hands of this service's operators."

Mr. Ellis said he hoped Miltonians would understand the local club was "unaware of this campaign and have acted as quickly as possible to put a stop to it here in Milton."

He said he is requesting any resident who receives a call to report it to him at 878-1535.

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