



# Town sets budget with 6.2/5.08% hike

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Approval next Tuesday evening of the Town's proposed operating and capital budget will result in a tax increase of 6.2 per cent for urban residents and 5.08 per cent for rural homeowners.

"The Town of Milton is being excessively responsible," said Town Administrator Roy Main who indicated the municipality's portion of the overall tax increase is 0.48 mills or a 1.04 per cent increase over the 1983 figures.

Working on \$5,000 worth of assessment for Milton taxpayers, a 6.2 per cent increase will result in an additional \$61.45 of taxation for urban dwellers and \$47.10 for rural citizens as a result of the 5.08 per cent in-

crease. The largest slice of the tax hike will go towards elementary and secondary education (\$35.10) with the Region receiving \$10.95 and the Town of Milton receiving \$13.

The largest contributing factor to the municipal tax increase is the allocation of \$225,000 to be used for legal fees to fight the Ontario Waste Management Corporation.

"We have to defend ourselves," said Mayor Gord Krantz, adding he was not about to let Milton become known as the "dump capital of Ontario or Canada."

Mayor Krantz said the budget would have been less than a 5 per cent increase if it had not been necessary for the legal fees.

Mr. Main indicated however, that

a successful battle could result in the town recouping much of the legal expenses.

The proposed capital budget will cover such projects as phase two of the Bronte St. reconstruction, sidewalk program, purchase of a half ton truck, purchase of a fire pumper for Station 2 Campbellville, new pool heaters for Rotary Park, reconstruction of Steeles Ave. (with Region), construction work on the Millborough Town Line, purchase of a sander hopper, and additional sidewalk work.

This year's proposed budget however, will result in no reserve allocation to the storm sewer or property acquisition account, tentatively set at \$100,000 combined. The accounts currently have \$185,000 and \$95,000 respectively.

# Father donates poem for us all to read

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appreciation for one nurse in particular, Margaret Adams who during the course of Wayne's visits, grew close to the youth.

The following is a poem that Nurse Margaret Adams of the McMaster University Medical Centre gave to the family of Wayne. It is a poem which Mr. Morley requested be printed.

When I must leave you for a little while—  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.

But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same.  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer

And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.

And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!  
Margaret Adams described Wayne as a "really, special person" who was very "sensible for his years."

She added that he had quite a sense of humor and that he was also very artistic. Nurse Adams said that Wayne understood and handled the disease much better than most in similar circumstances.

"He was very brave," she said.

Wayne is survived by his parents and younger brother Derek.

# Everett Jim Mountain

Members of the Milton Public Works Department are today mourning the loss of Everett 'Jim' Mountain who died at his home on the weekend.

Known as an avid sportsman, Mr. Mountain had left the department in December. He had been due to retire last June, but was kept on to the end of the year at the request.

A 13-year employee of the public works

department, he also had served for many years as a volunteer fireman in Milton.

Milton Public Works director, John Matthews, said Mr. Mountain had been a mainstay of the works department and added he would be deeply missed by his many co-workers and friends in the Town of Milton.

Funeral service was held yesterday (Tuesday) for Mr. Mountain.

# 'Fairy godmother' blasts the 'field day'

Regional councillor Joan Little says she is "tired of being fairy godmother to every consultant."

Mrs. Little was once again stating her conviction that consulting firms are having a "field day" at Halton region because there are many lucrative contracts to be had.

What got Mrs. Little going was the call for consulting firms to submit bids on preparing a comprehensive tourism report for the region.


At a regional administration and finance

committee hearing, she jokingly said "watch them all come in at \$60,000."

In fact, of the six final choices of the 31 bids submitted, all six were on the \$60,000 mark.

Mrs. Little said she did not like what she was seeing and brought the situation up again at last week's regional council meeting.


Councillor did, however, approve awarding the \$60,000 cost of the study to Peter Bernard Associates.



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