

Railway maintenance yard is going ahead

No intrusion in CPR plans

A Canadian Pacific Railways maintenance yard in Milton will cause a minimum of intrusion into the lives of residents according to the railway's operations and maintenance general manager, Glenn Swanson.

During a press conference to discuss the railway's plans in Milton, Mr. Swanson said the facility is not a 200-acre yard to repair locomotives, flat cars and box cars as many people believe.

He told The Champion the facility will be used to refurbish the type of rolling equipment used to build land repair rail lines. These units include cranes on wheels and other wheel-carried items necessary to maintain track.

"After the summer is over and the equipment has been hammered for the season, it needs to be brought in and made ready for the coming year," Mr. Swanson said.

Mr. Swanson told The Champion 35-50 people will be employed full-time at the centre and this will increase by about 40 during the peak winter refurbishing period.

He said one prime reason for selecting Milton as a site for the maintenance facility is, "our people have told us they don't like living downtown and working there. They would like to be living and working in a place like Milton."

Mr. Swanson said he thought a number of the workers at the facility, currently living in Toronto and suburbs, would likely be looking to buy homes in Milton.

He said the facility would be surrounded on three sides (east, west and south) by a berm 12-15 feet in height and there would be liberal use of coniferous trees planted randomly along the perimeter of the berm.

The main building would be approximately the height of a locomotive.



This is a model of the Canadian Pacific Railway facility the company intends to construct near Trafalgar Rd. and Eighth Line. The facility would be used to refurbish railway construction equipment but not railway cars and locomotives. From left are: John Rogers, a planning consultant who prepared the submission for the CPR; and Glenn Swanson, operations and maintenance general manager for the railway.

Let's make this palatable

By MICHAEL BOYLE
 Champion Reporter

Despite being empowered with the right to expropriation, Canadian Pacific Railways intends to avoid it "at all costs" in its desire to place a multi-million dollar facility in Milton, CP Rail general manager Glenn Swanson told members of council Monday evening.

"Going to expropriation is messy," explained Mr. Swanson. "You lose a lot of friends that way. It's our intention to avoid that at all costs."

"What we want to do is co-operate within a reasonable extent and make the town of Milton proud of this facility and not make the town think this was imposed on them."

"It's going to be around for a long time so let's make this palatable."

The railways are authorized by the Railways Act of 1917 to expropriate any land they deem necessary.

It was the first chance members of council have had to question a CP Rail official on the project. News leaked to the public in August and Mr. Swanson drew fire from several

says official

councillors for not informing them earlier. "What I'd like you to do, Mr. Swanson, is put light where there was heat," amused Councillor Brian Penman. "The plan was leaked to the community in advance of our knowing."

Councillor Rose Harrison echoed Mr. Penman's comments. "I'm amazed at the lack of PR with this. We weren't too well informed."

"It's frustrating," replied Mr. Swanson. "When this project started we wanted to make sure civic authorities knew what we had in mind ever before everything was nailed down."

"One owner has jumped the price for his land two and one-half times since word got out. Obviously, we didn't want this to become public knowledge too soon. What we should have done is appeared in-camera session and do what we're doing now. We'd have preferred his meeting take place long ago."

Mr. Swanson was grilled for almost two hours. See WATER, page A2

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Decision on dump is Feb. 6

The best-kept secret this week in Halton is where the next garbage dump is going to be located.

Halton-planner Rashid Mohammed is one of only two or three regional staff members who have seen the "2C" report from the consulting firm of Walker, Wright and Young and he told The Champion early Monday morning the report is being reviewed because of some last-minute information and will become public on Feb. 6.

P.C. hopeful 'irresponsible'

By MICHAEL BOYLE
 Champion Reporter

It definitely was not "Miller time" at Milton council chambers Monday night.

Several members of council, meeting in a committee meeting, took turns levelling pot shots at Frank Miller, a current leadership contender for the Provincial Progressive party, for remarks he is alleged to have made.

Mr. Miller is alleged to have told a group in the Niagara Region early last week that the province has no intention of placing a toxic liquid waste treatment facility and incinerator in their region. Mr. Miller is a member of the Ontario Cabinet, from which the final decision will come.

The Niagara Region has two of the final eight sites in the Ontario Waste Management Committee's proposal. Milton has three sites.

The matter was brought to the attention of Milton councillors by Councillor Brian Penman.

"It's irresponsible for a person to cut through a process designed by the government," explained an irate Mr. Penman.

"For him to say that Niagara shouldn't have the sites is politically inept, politically irresponsible," said Penman. See PENMAN, page A2

No councillor had been made privy to the contents by press time despite the best efforts by Milton's three regional councillors to get some kind of idea of what the report holds for Milton.

Regional chairman Peter Pomeroy told The Champion he has been told the final result "is clear" and there is no confusion as to the conclusion which has been drawn in the consulting firm's report.

But that conclusion could call for one dump site which Halton will use for garbage for the next 20 years or it could call for two sites. This is the option Milton councillors say they want when the report becomes public.

There was substantial irritation from a number of regional councillors when the report, delayed several times in the recent past, was not made public, as promised, Monday at regional solid-waste management committee.

Committee chairman Anne Mulvale, of Oakville, was quoted on the weekend as stating she was angry the firm had again missed a deadline and would not accept another postponement past the final deadline (which was fixed Monday at the committee as Feb. 6).

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz attended the committee meeting Monday filling in for councillor Bill Johnson who was called away on urgent business.

Mr. Krantz said he wanted an assurance that the report would arrive at his home well in time. See DUMP, page A2



Snow snake

Albert Green of the Six Nations Indian Reserve in Brantford displays his snow snake throwing ability. The slender wooden snakes have provided winter sport for Indians for centuries. The snow snake maker was at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre last week as part of a preview of special events planned for the winter. For more about activities at the centre see ABOUT TOWN, page A9. Photo By Jon Borgstrom

Anne Ptolemy is top Citizen

There was plenty of competition for an award which singles out an outstanding citizen but when the votes were counted it was Anne Ptolemy who received the honour.

The executive of Milton Chamber of Commerce selected recipients for the five categories of the Community Awards program Thursday. Chamber administrator John Lawrence said nominations for the Citizen of the Year outnumbered those in other categories.

The recipient earned the distinction through her work with Milton District Hospital fund-raising committee. Mrs. Ptolemy was active in organizing the residential campaign telephone blitz and the draw for a Robert Bateman painting.

Another woman was singled out by the Chamber for her contributions to the community. Businessperson of the Year is Doreen Coulter, co-owner of North End Nissan. Mr. Lawrence noted her ability to combine business with community activities by using the car dealership as a drop-off point for donations to the annual flea market fund-raiser for The Centre. The road-side sign board often promotes other fund-raising events like the United Way campaign which she headed this year.

That organization was chosen as the most outstanding this year, going over the top of its campaign goal in 1984. Chamber president Murray Hood cited the extra leg work and promotion which helped the fund-raising committee realize such success.

As a business which helped put Milton on the map, BMB Compuscience Canada Ltd. has been given the Business of the Year award. Company president Bill MacLean has seen his company grow from a basement operation in Milton to one with divisions as far away as Edmonton, Alta.

The development of three separate areas in town led to the selection of Mayrose Companies for the Civic Improvement award. The development company is responsible for building Bell Place at the corner of Main and Bell Sts., Main Centre at the corner of Main and Ontario Sts., and Derry Centre at the corner of Derry Rd. and Ontario St.

The community will have a chance to support the Chamber's selections at a dinner Friday, Feb. 15 at the Muddy Duck banquet hall. Awards presentations will follow the meal which will be served at 7 p.m. following a cocktail hour. Tickets are available to the Chamber headquarters and as the event draws nearer several businesses will have them on hand.

Request results in floral bonanza

The Milton and District Horticultural Society is pleased with the response for its call for residents to donate flowers to Halton Centennial Manor.

The society asked Milton residents to donate flowers and plants to be placed in the halls, rooms and common areas of the Manor for the enjoyment of the residents.

More plants are needed. They will be gratefully accepted if you can drop them off at Pettit House at the Manor.

Bare facts will all be unveiled

A public meeting will be held Feb. 12 to discuss whether or not zoning should be changed to allow strippers at the Crazy Horse Tavern on Steeles Ave.

Councillors open doors

All citizens of Milton are invited to meet Milton's councillors and staff at a special open house tonight (Wednesday) from 6-8 p.m. at town hall.

The open house is part of the town's participation in Local Government Week, which runs this week.

The object of the open house is to let residents come and ask questions about the methods in which the town operates and the services which are provided to ratepayers.

Last week property owners within 400 feet of the Crazy Horse received notice that the request for a re-zoning amendment will be heard by the planning committee Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall council chambers.

Milton planning director Bob Zsadyani said the notification is standard procedure when an application is made for a re-zoning. The application was made by the operators of the restaurant and all adjacent landowners must be notified 30 days prior to a hearing.

Mr. Zsadyani said there are currently charges against the operation of the club under the zoning currently in force. But he said it has been decided to wait to see what happens at the public hearing before any further action is taken on the charges.

He said he will be presenting a report at the time which will contain information which should have a strong effect on the planning committee.

At the same time, he said the town's current adult entertainment bylaw could go the way of a similar bylaw in Burlington which was shot down by the courts recently.

Bowlathon is Feb. 2

Milton and District Big Brothers have set a goal of \$35,000 for their annual Bowl for Millions Week, Feb. 2-9.

Milton Bowlaway will be the scene Feb. 2 for area action when bowlers will be invited to bowl with pledges backing each pin brought down. There is also a celebrity bowl planned that day.

Big Brothers are looking for bowlers to get pledges. Anyone wishing to take part can contact Graham Scott at 845-6456.

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Up In Smoke

No-Smoking Week begins Thursday and smokers are urged to try to butt the habit in a campaign leading up to Weedless Wednesday next week. For more, turn to page 5.



Flannagan a QC

Milton lawyer Ron Flannagan got a belated Christmas gift New Year's Day when he was named a Queen's Counsel. For more on Mr. Flannagan, turn to page 3.

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