

Mayor looks to future

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Champion Reporter

There was about as much good news as bad when Mayor Gord Krantz provided a forecast for 1985 last week.

He told members of Milton Chamber of Commerce there were positive and negative aspects to the town's future. In his comments at the organization's monthly luncheon meeting, the mayor admitted he "has taken a few lumps" over the CPR development although he sees it as one of the positives.

Assurance was offered by Mr. Krantz that one negative issue - which has been looming for nine years now - will not become a reality.

"I'm almost positive that Milton will not get that (regional landfill) site but it may be the back-up location," he said.

He added this optimism does not extend to the proposed toxic waste sites here however as the fight against them has only been waged for two years. As a regional councillor Mr. Krantz has been involved in the other dump fight for nine years.

"The OWMC is famous for its bureaucracy. I have already received 3,130 pages of technical reports," explained the mayor.

During the past four years as head of council, Mr. Krantz noted industrial expansion has "eluded" him so far, despite the establishment of a 1,100-acre industrial park.

"I know this is a competitive area. There are 835 municipalities in Ontario and each is trying to attract industry," Mr. Krantz said.

While on one hand development is being invited to the area it is being rejected on the other. In his opinion, residential development for the next five years is on hold. Mr. Krantz said the ratio of industrial/commercial to residential is not in line. It currently stands at 23 to 77 instead of 60 to 40.

A move to new offices in the spring has been marred by the lack of a tenant for the current town hall. The mayor mentioned he had been under the impression the Halton Region Conservation Authority would locate there but as this has not happened, Halton Region Social Services has surfaced as a "new option".

The extractive industry comes in on the negative side of the mayor's forecast. The

proposed 6,000 to 7,000 acres of quarry designations in the former township of Nassagaweya could have a "significant" impact on that area's residents, he said.

Ending on a positive note, Mr. Krantz told his audience the downtown core development under consideration is close to what the Town wants. The site plan for the municipality owned property block which takes in the former post office, fire hall and private hospital, and existing town hall, has already been viewed by staff.

Canada speech

The Milton Toastmasters Club is inviting you to tell them what you think of Canada.

It is part of the club's annual "Canada Day Speech Contest". Residents are encouraged to tell how they feel toward their country and from there go on to perhaps winning national acclaim in the finals.

The speeches will be heard Feb. 23 from 8 p.m. in the teacher's lounge of the Milton District High School.

Contestants must be: Canadian citizens, 18 or older; must have a patriotic message; must speak for no less than four minutes and not more than seven minutes and 30 seconds; must use original speech; and must speak in English or French.

The contest will be judged on speech content, delivery and master of the language. The winner of the Milton contest will go to other regional contests culminating July 1 when the national winners in English and French will give their speeches as part of the Canada Day celebrations in Ottawa.

Anyone wishing to enter can contact Danny Bowers at 854-2223 or Bob Castor at 878-0375.

We're now 'AAA'

Halton has joined Metro Toronto and Peel Region as one of only three Ontario municipalities to attain a "AAA" rating with the Canadian Bond Rating Service.

This was announced last Wednesday at a special press conference held at Halton Regional headquarters.

But the big news is the rating could result in a saving of as much as \$3 million in interest rates on regional debentures.



Stormy Weather

The snow and winds made it hard for many people to navigate last week and many small accidents were reported as a result. Last Wednesday during the noon hour a fuel oil truck driven by Robert McKee, 33, of Milton, collided with a small car driven by Jacqueline Jones, 41, of Wilson Dr. The accident occurred in the Woodward Ave.-Ontario St. intersection. There were no injuries.

Halton gets a scanner

Milton will get the use of, but will not be the home of, a CT Scanner for Halton.

Robert Martin, chairman of the Halton District Health Council, said last week Ontario Health Minister, Keith Norton, has agreed to allocate a CT Scanner to the region during fiscal 1985-86.

The approval is in accordance with ministry policy of developing CT Scanning services on a phased basis across the province.

This approval was the result, Mr. Martin said, of a study carried out by the health council during the past year and discussed with the minister in April 1984.

The scanner will be a regional resource and as such will be available for referral of patients throughout Halton.

A CT Scanner is worth about \$1 million. Funds for purchasing it will come from hospital resources. The ministry will defray the operating expenses up to \$150,000 per year.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BOARD LONG TERM WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON LANDFILL COMPONENT

The Regional Municipality of Halton has requested the Environmental Assessment Board to investigate the possibility of dedication in order to develop final plans for a long-term waste management system for the Regional Municipality of Halton.

The Environmental Assessment Board has appointed Michel Picher and Geoffrey Grenville Wood to act as Fact-Finders in this matter, and to report to the Board with respect to the feasibility of resolving the issues relating to this project by negotiation between the Region and interested persons. To set this investigation in motion Messrs. Picher and Grenville Wood will shortly be contacting interested persons to arrange meetings to explain their role and how resolution may be used.

Any interested individuals or organizations who wish to meet with the fact-finders may contact them at the telephone numbers listed below to arrange such meetings, or, if they wish to express an interest in this process, by writing to the Fact-Finders, c/o: Environmental Assessment Board, 5th Floor, 1 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1K7.
Michel Picher - (416) 781-9871
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