

City changes levy policy on collection

By JOHN STEWART
Mississauga will change its policy on collecting levies from industrial developers for six months to determine whether or not the levies are the key factor in stopping industrial construction.

In a lively general committee session this week, elected representatives threw a challenge to the industrial community to show that it is levies, and not the general economic picture, which is slowing industrial growth.

Ward 7 Councillor Terry Butt proposed the experimental period to see if a significant number of developments are registered between now and next June. Only one industrial plan has been registered in the city in 1977.

Developers have complained about paying the five per cent cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication before their plans are registered. They say that this, along with a \$2,300-per-acre charge for major watercourse and arterial road improvements which must also be paid prior to registration, is keeping development off the market.

Butt's proposal would allow the five per cent parkland payment to be spread out over a three-year period. Five per cent would be due prior to registration with 45 per cent due at the end of the next year and 50 per cent due after the second year. That would allow industrial developers to sell some of their land and pay the levies with the profits, rather than borrowing a large amount to pay levies before registration, in what is termed "front-ending" of payment.

Both Butt and Councillor Hazel McCallion indicated that they believe it is the general economic stagnation that is causing problems in industrial development, not the city's levy policy.

"I'll support the reductions now, but on June 30, 1978 I want to see what the industrial developers have done for the city of Mississauga," he concluded.

40-car pileup in snowstorm

About 40 cars were damaged and nine persons injured Christmas Day in a pileup on the Queen Elizabeth Way near Highway 10 during a snow storm.

The QEW east from Highway 10 to the scene of the accident, one km away, was closed for three hours as Ontario Provincial Police and Peel regional officers attempted to sort out the tangle.

Police said 19 cars were involved in just one accident in the series of rear-end collisions which was sparked by a car stalling in the eastbound lanes about 4 p.m.

Twenty-two trucks were sent to the scene to pull apart the damaged vehicles. All the injuries resulting from the mishap were listed as minor. Peel police closed the access ramps to the eastbound lanes until the cars were cleared away.



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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

In order to provide the residents of the City of Mississauga with the means of disposing of their Christmas Trees, the Works Department will undertake a collection commencing the week of January 9, 1978.

Residents are requested to place their trees out for collection by 7:00 a.m. Monday, January 9, 1978.

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Feeding the lonely

For those who are alone, Christmas emphasis on the family only accentuates that loneliness. At the Ecumenical Centre in Square One a dinner was held for those who would be alone at Christmas. It took the form of a pot luck supper with diners requested to bring a fork, knife and plate. Above, organizers June and Wib Passmore invite Victor Bird to dig in.

Chief's priority list rejected by council

By JOHN STEWART
A recommendation by Fire Chief Joe Miller to put \$230,000 in the capital budget this year for his first priority program — purchase of an aerial ladder in Port Credit — has been rejected.

In a written submission, Miller ranked his priorities for work in 1978. They included \$230,000 for the aerial; \$30,000 for a mini-pumper at the Dixie station; \$75,000 to expand the Dixie station for the pumper; \$290,000 to proceed with construction of training facilities at the new Britannia Road East station; \$265,000 to replace the Streetsville station; and \$30,000 for a computer program to survey buildings for access in case of fires.

"The first three 1978 priorities are for added fire protection directly concerned with the life-safety factor, which is primarily men and the proper equipment," noted the chief. "Personnel development, better preventative maintenance and housing (for fire equipment) must be of secondary consideration at this time."

The aerial ladder is part of a program instituted two years ago after an insurer's report strongly criticized the city's equipment, manpower and the travel time it takes to get to potential fire locations.

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Sanctuary head fears damage from sewer line

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to minimize disruption. The route will involve destruction of about 15 live trees.

The authority will endeavour to keep the width of the working easement as narrow as possible.

Some vital areas of marshland and springs will still be destroyed, believes Mrs. Inman. "It will destroy the sanctuary in more ways than one."

Chairman Clarkson said the executive was not aware of this aspect when it gave approval for the crossing last spring. Technical staff were not aware of the existence of the sanctuary during an earlier Ontario Municipal Board hearing charged Mrs. Inman.

"We are interested in preserving the environment," noted Clarkson, "but we can't stop the world."

Papadopoulos noted that the proposed subdivision by R. D. Russell "must be serviced somehow." He said any location of the sewer "will affect conservation somehow."

The issue was referred back to staff for discussions with regional and city officials. A report is to come back on Jan. 13.

At the last council meeting, councillors refused to

hold up processing of engineering proposals for the subdivision despite a plea from Ward 2 Councillor Mary Helen Spence. The motion lost a 5-5 vote. Those in favor were Councillors Spence, Bean, Taylor, McKechnie and McCallion. Opposed were Kennedy, Hooper, Butt, Leavers and Mayor Searle.

The CVCA's executive committee, which includes Leavers, decided unanimously to get a report. Clarkson suggested no work would be done before the report is ready.

Mississauga city manager Ed Halliday is also doing a report on the question.

Police seek witnesses

Peel police are seeking witnesses to a hit-and-run accident on Dixie Road near Sherway Drive in which a 30-year-old Mississauga man received critical head injuries.

John Gillies of 2445 Homelands Dr. was driving a yellow MG sports car south in the passing lane on Dixie about 4:10 p.m.

when his car was struck by a second vehicle as he was turning into the curb lane.

The wanted car is described as green and compact-sized, with minor damage to the front end.

Anyone witnessing the accident is asked to call the Special Accident Investigation Unit at 453-3311.

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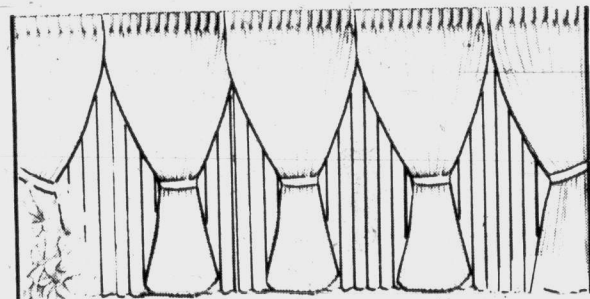
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