Growth not a solution: McCallion

BY JOHN KERNAGHAN BY JOHN KERNAGHAN The management of growth, whose importance Mississauga voters made ringingly clear Oct. 1, has the empathy of most municipalities across Canada, Streetsville Mayor and Mississauga councillor-elect Hazel McCallion says. She was an Ontario delegate to the federalprovincial-munificipal Tri-level conference held last week in Edmonton.

"The amazing thing is that the municipalities spoke in a united voice. They said that growth for assessment purposes is gone. Municipalities just don't have the resources and ability to cope with the

"absolutely false in-formation" about planning proposals in the Clarkson-

Searle told planning board

he had attended a meeting where he had seen "Frightening" misstate-ments of fact on a

questionnaire circulated to

"The chairman of the meeting, Ted Humphryes, refused me permission to speak," the deputy reeve

He said the questionnaire suggested: that the QEW was to be expanded to 12

lanes; that part of the

Lorne Park area.

homeowners.

complained.

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problems of supplying

Mrs. facilities anymore," McCallion claims. Root cause of municipal dilemma is enough to the stuation, money, ''Everyone Streetsville mayor says. She claims the income tax contributed by Root cause of the money. "Everyone recognizes that property taxes are regressive. People

Ratepayers' information is

'absolutely false': Searle

the CNR tracks. "This is the kind of thing

that creates the con-frontation we want to avoid," said Searle, pointing out that the entire Lakeshore

Deputy Reeve Ron Searle says some activist ratepayers who are "instant gashounds" are distributing

more property tax. We ob-viously need a better system of revenue sharing with the provinces and the federal the federal kitty just aren't returning in sufficient quantity to help supply the amenities needed in a dern urban area. That was the upshot of the

What's more, too much of that revenue is burned up through "duplication of administrative efforts" as three level meeting as delegates agreed a special task force should be set up to analyze the present state of public finance in Canada. conditional grants with so the money filters through two levels of government, she adds Therein lies one of the

conditional grants with so many strings attached simply isn't working. They are not based on realistic assessments of local needs because the federal government isn't close enough to the situation," the Streatwille manor save factors in urban sprawl. Growth begets assessment, which pays for some amenities, but never enough to curb greater growth for assessment to buy more amenities. dollars contributed by Mississauga, Streetsville

nest vivid in Mississauga. Mayor McCallion cites the town's radio advertisements as an example of municipalities grabbing for people for assessment purposes.

"They say we've got all the room in the world here for people. Come out to Mississauga, it's a great place to live. When the people get out here they find there are hardly any facilities facilities. "Nobody was bragging

about 30,000 people-a-year growth in Edmonton." But to stop the people-

However, she is hopeful that the task force will bring into effect some public ac-countability of the facts and figures of transfer payments and conditional grants. The game of catch-up is She says Ontario, at least, as recognized the

has recognized the municipal quandary. Treasurer John White promised at the conference to match provincial growth with increased grants to

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municipalities. Peel South MP Don Blenkarn says the system is a "bad, old situation. Ottawa is not putting the dough back where it should be spent. "Instead they are carrying

on with crazy experiments in the - Department of Environment with upwards of 2 000 scientists This costs

a lot or money, in Ontario n-have no power in Ontario n-isn't cleaning up Lake isn't cleaning or building and more even dollar flow is required. Yet the federal government, represented by Urban Affairs minister Ron municipal sewage plants. Basford, refused to even allow the term revenue sharing to appear in con-He says Progressive Conservative policy would be to divert money directly to the provinces for specific works and adds that the Tory mendations. "They are hesitant to give housing caucus is con-sidering direct grants to municipalities to help bring down shelter costs. up their control on the people's money — the money that people here give up in income tax," Mayor

McCallion charges. "The constitution is pretty clear on this. The federal government only can collect income taxes, but there is nothing wrong with giving bigger chunk of it back."

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Provincial court Judge John Ord has sent an 18-year-old Mississauga man to jail for one day on a charge of theft over \$200.

"I have to impose a jail sentence," Judge Ord stated Thursday in convicting Ronald Ash who was also fined \$350 or - in default of payment - 60 days in jail. Ash pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing two Simpsons Sears black and white televisions from Kuehne and Nagel Warehousing Limited at 6451 Nagel Kuehne Northwest Dr.

The accused was a fork lift operator at the plant on the date of the offence, Sept. 26. Ash gave police a statement at the time of his arrest saying he had put the televisions on a truck when the truck driver requested them as a favour.

Ash "Got a couple of televisions and threw them on the back," the statement said. The truck driver told Ash that if he ever wanted anything he should just put it on the truck and the driver would later deliver it to his

home. "This is not an inexpensive matter." Judge Ord com nented in sentencing the 18year-old married man, who had no previous criminal record.

NDP meeting

South Peel riding New Democratic Party members will gather Thursday night at Queen Elizabeth Senior Public School for their 1974 general meeting to elect a new executive.

In addidtion to the election, members will vote on changes in the local NDP association's constitution and listen to the main speaker of the evening, Lupe Gamoa, a representative of the United Farm Workers Union in California

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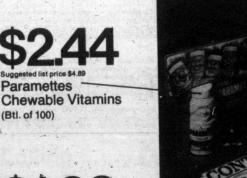
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