

Home sought for fruit store

Malton Fruit Market, which is being expropriated for the four corners road project, will not be homeless if councillor Frank McKechnie gets his way.

McKechnie convinced council to begin negotiations on the possibility of relocating the fruit market to city property.

The fruit market must vacate its existing building by January of 1980 and McKechnie would like to

see it moved to part of the 14-acre property acquired on the east side of Goreway Drive south of Etude Drive.

But planner Russ Edmunds argued that the city doesn't know what its own requirements for the property are. He said the Malton Community Study points out a "dire need" for public lands in Malton. There is also a "cloud on title" of the property, so the city doesn't officially own it yet.

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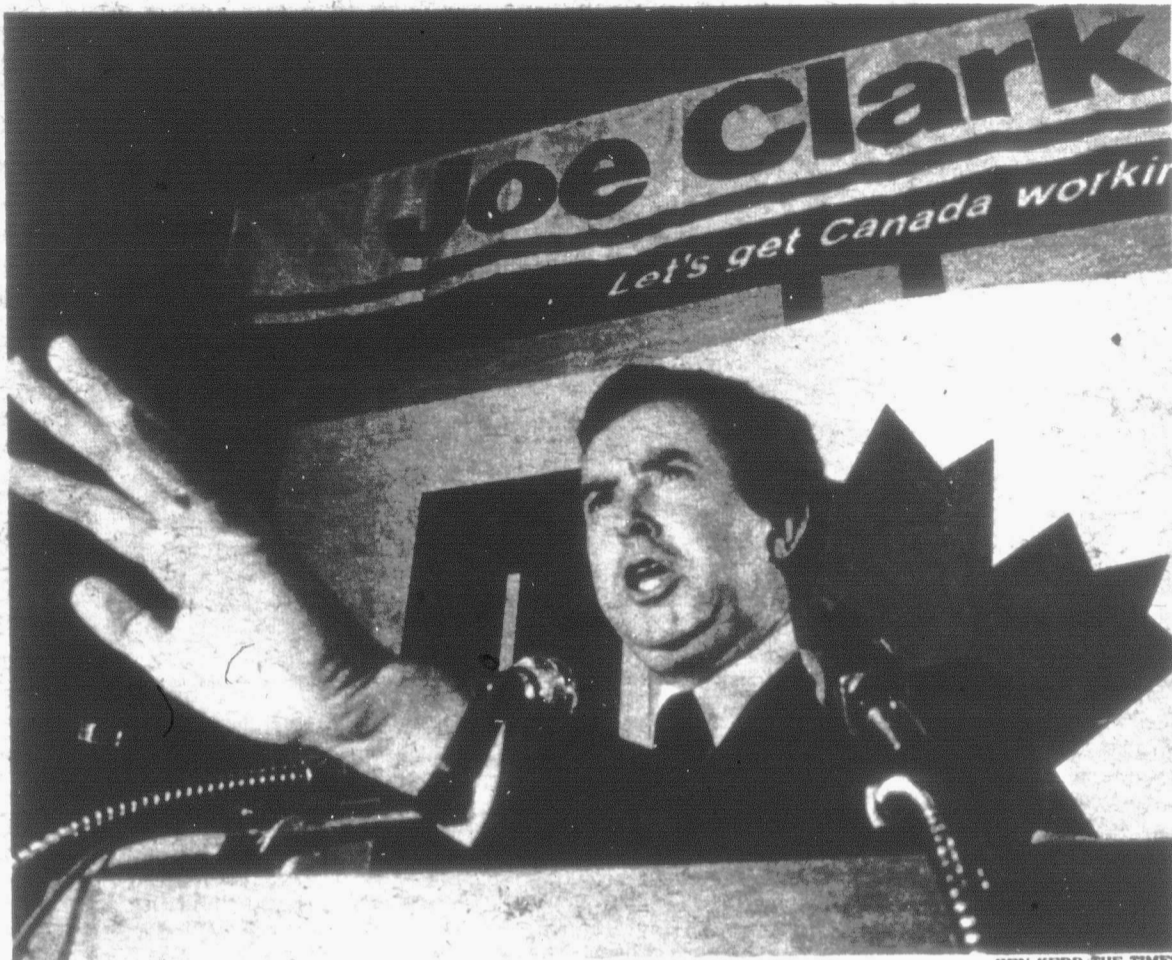
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Tory leader Joe Clark got the local candidates rolling

Trudeau the target of Clark's barbs

The election signs were bobbing up and down, the noise seemed to make the walls bellow and the television lights made the small Airport Holiday Inn conference room as humid as a sauna, but the band played on.

The gathering of Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark with Mississauga North candidate Alex Jupp, Mississauga South candidate Don Blenkarn and candidates from four other area ridings Friday night at the airport hotel erupted when self-appraised 'average guy' Joe Clark walked up to the lectern.

The band, called The People's Choice, will be travelling with Clark, singing its theme song and Clark's praises.

Clark, with his slate of candidates huddled around him

gave the crowd of 500 a light-hearted speech on Canada and the PM, but had nothing to say about Mississauga. Jupp and Blenkarn just stood behind him, beaming and clapping.

"The PM accused me the other day of being a friend of Peter Lougheed's," Clark said. "I'm a friend of Peter's, of Bill Davis', of Richard Hatfield's, of Sterling Lyon's... to keep the country together I'll have to be a friend of all the provincial premiers."

"I can understand the PM being a little sensitive about friends. Nobody can accuse him of having any friends."

Clark told the crowd that Trudeau had finally done something good for the economy of the country.

"He called an election," Clark said.

School budget same

Peel Board of Education comptroller of finance J.G. Whaley squeezed in a \$72,000 budget for IndEc North and a \$400,000 addition to the board's maintenance budget and still kept this year's overall budgetary increase at nine per cent.

Education taxes on the average Mississauga home assessed for \$30,000 will be \$567, up 10 per cent or \$51.60 over the \$515.40 education bill in 1978.

Thus, Mississauga taxpayers will pay one to 1.5 per cent more than their counterparts in Brampton or Caledon, because Mississauga had a lower tax bill prior to 1979.

The total board budget is \$172,656,893, up about 9.9 per cent from the board's actual expenditure of \$157,148,081 in 1978.

Local taxpayers will have to incur \$97,425,415 of the total bill.

Whaley and the finance department saved money in the final budget by reductions in portable classroom moves (\$5,000), staff replacements (\$145,000), snow removal (\$25,000), conservation projects (\$25,000), Special Needs Task Force study (\$20,000), non-academic consumables (\$124,000), new equipment (\$10,000), film acquisitions (\$10,000) and staff clerks (\$8,000).

Director of education John Fraser said there is no provision in the budget for additional finances to support expansion of the French program in elementary schools or the establishment of a reserve fund.

"The nine per cent increase is a responsible recommendation considering that the rate of inflation is about nine per cent and the requirements of the system are expanded by over-all growth in our school system," Fraser said. "Given the presence of collective agreements with teachers, the fixed costs of debentures, the basic needs of transportation and utilities, very few areas are left over for modification, either upwards or downwards."

Froebel dangers draw response

While Froebel School principal Barbara Corbett may not get the traffic light she requested for the corner of Dundas and Robinson Streets, engineering and works chairman William Taylor says he will do everything else he can to get children to school safely.

In a brief presented to Mississauga Traffic Safety Council (MTSC) last week, Taylor suggested that two oversized speed signs be erected on Dundas Street that concrete curbs be

placed across the frontage of the Royal Bank of Canada and Bell's Red and White Foodstore to prevent customers from backing out onto Dundas and that police step up their monitoring of traffic along the street.

Taylor said there have been 12 accidents in the area in the past four years. Of these accidents, four were rear-end accidents, which have ceased since left turn lanes onto Robinson Street were installed last June.

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