'Open mayor' too closed, he says

Mayor Hazel McCallion, who ran for office partly on the promise of more open government, has been accused by one councillor of just the opposite.

Ward 8 councillor Steve Mahoney criticized McCallion during a special meeting on the financing of the Burnhamthorpe Bridge recently for not involving him sufficiently in the issue.

Mahoney complained during the session that McCallion hadn't involved him in organizing the meeting, even though the bridge is in his ward

"I thought we were going to have an open policy of dealing with the issues," Mahoney remarked. "This has certainly not been open in my opinion."

McCallion replied that the bridge issue involves all of the wards because the bridge will serve the city, not just Ward 8. She said the special meeting was called in a hurry when it appeared its cost would be \$1.4 million more than budgeted. She asked for a number of reports to be prepared, which she received

during the meeting when other councillors did.

Mahoney also said former Mayor Ron Searle told a ratepayers' meeting in Erin Mills last year that the bridge was being built at no cost to taxpayers because of contributions by the Big Three developers. The Big Three are merely paying levies in advance to allow the bridge to go ahead earlier, Mahoney says. "In an election year some people were saying things that weren't exactly accurate," Mahoney remarked.

The gross cost of the Burnhamthorpe

bridge is now set at \$11.4 million. The additional \$1.4 million needed to finance the project will be taken from general development levies from "John Doe" developers, rather than from the Big Three developers, Cadillac-Fairview, Markborough Properties and S.B. McLaughlin Associates.

Both McCallion and Mahoney will approach Cadillac Fairview, the main beneficiary of the bridge because of their Erin Mills development, to contribute towards the cost overrun,

Write, then maybe

Some Mississauga Library Board members have taken offence to a suggestion of "lack of moral support" for a staff Christmas party for library

In a letter to the board, Betty Jennings, the recording secretary of Local 1989 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, which helped organize the party, noted that, "the absence of board members, as well as the chief librarian and most of the supervisory staff, was quite noticeable.

"Perhaps next year the co-operation of all employees and associates will make this truly a Mississauga Library oc-

casion."
Three board members, chairman Doug Tough, Genevieve Miller and Kay Keenan complained that they weren't invited to the

Board member Lou Boaretti and the chief librarian, Noel Ryan, said an announcement was made during the last board meeting. "In the five years I've been on the board, we've always had a written invitation," remarked Keenan.

"I resent being told I didn't show up when I wasn't invited," Miller added.

The board decided to ask that written invitations be sent in future.

Now you see it...

The over \$30,000 'surplus,' which Mississauga Library Board members decided to spend on new books earlier this fall, is not a surplus after

When board staffers were preparing the 1979 budget, they realized they had not yet received a bill for their portion of the utilities for maintenance of the Malton Community

Centre.

The utilities account was about \$37,000 under-spent earlier and Chief Librarian Noel Ryan explained that it appeared a change in accounting methods had resulted in some expected expenditures being placed incorrectly in two budget accounts, resulting in a surplus.



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