

Year end review

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Peel regional government announced its intention to ask the Mississauga council to use part of the "hole-in-the-doughnut" land (undeveloped area in Central Mississauga) for the quarrying of shale and clay.
Many councillors oppose her husband from a baseball playoff game.
A Royal Bank employee, Mrs. Loudon said at the time that she had no plans to stop working.
Fire Chief Joe Miller warned the city administration that Mississauga does not have enough firemen.



October: Thanks from Peel United Way.

such a scheme because quarry works are unsightly.

OCTOBER 20
A Mississauga woman won the bi-weekly Wintario Lottery's big prize.
Cecile Loudon of Sheridan Homelands won \$100,000 and that was enough to distract



November: Truck show at the International Centre in Malton.

representatives on Peel council complained about the high cost of the Lake Ontario waterfront plan.
The \$6.5 million plan involves an extensive waterfront park along the lakeshore. Brampton Councillor Ken Whillans said Brampton's share of \$135,000 a year for five years could be put to better use in Brampton.

Mississauga's administration and finance committee reversed its field and decided not to pay the legal bills of a fireman who went before the Ontario Human Rights Commission to appeal his forced retirement.
Thomas Hadley won his appeal and was reinstated, but it cost him \$4,900. That was the bill for the lawyer he hired, in addition to one appointed by the province.

The committee thought paying the fees would set a dangerous precedent.

OCTOBER 27
After five months of intensive investigation, Peel police arrested two men in connection with the bludgeoning murder of a reclusive John Potter, a Mississauga resident.



December: Mississauga's new mayor, Ron Searle.

Bryan John Heynolds, 25, of Hurontario Street and Sheldon Clarkson of Colborne, Ont. were taken into custody. Witnesses reported that two men were spotted fleeing from the murder scene with a baseball bat.
Mississauga paid \$2 million for 22 acres along the Credit River in Erindale Woodlands. Instead of being intensively developed, the land will probably be kept in its natural state. The purchase ended three years of effort by community and environmental groups, as well as Ward 6 councillor David Cutham.

Peel Board of Education announced that there will be a \$900,000 underlevy to be picked up by taxpayers in 1977 as a result of unexpected costs.
Alister George Hardy, a 52-year-old Brampton man who was serving five years in Millhaven for the rape of a nine-year-old girl, was stabbed to death in prison.

home, has appealed the decision.
After 16 years in politics, Ward 3 Councillor Chic Murray announced his retirement.
"I've paid my dues in my 16 years on council and I've enjoyed most of them," Murray said.
Candidates for mayor realized it was going to be an uphill struggle to get the attention of Mississauga voters when the first all-

He also said it would be difficult to present objectively a regional government question on the ballot in the December election, as had been proposed by some Mississauga councillors who would like to see the city get out of the regional system.

NOVEMBER 10
The Ontario Municipal Board reversed a decision by Mississauga's committee of adjustment which would have allowed a group home for moderately functioning, retarded adults to be established on Haig Boulevard.
Residents in the area had strongly protested the plan to set up the home in their neighborhood and had appealed to OMB.
Samuel Spiegel, hearing the case for the OMB, said he would like to see a bylaw which would establish specific uses for specific locations in cases involving group homes. The Mississauga Association for the Mentally Retarded, the sponsors of the proposed

NOVEMBER 17
Four people were sentenced to terms ranging from six months to seven years for conspiracy to traffic in \$2.5 million worth of hashish.
The hashish stockpile was discovered by police in a warehouse at Toronto International Airport almost three years earlier.
David Mathew Cripps of Mississauga was described as the ringleader of the conspiracy and received a seven-year sentence.

A raid on a Mississauga warehouse resulted in the seizure of \$1.2 million worth of drugs and the arrest of a Mississauga man.
Brij Mohan Parti of Hollington Crescent was charged with importing narcotics and conspiracy. Three Ottawa residents were also charged.
Nominations for public offices closed with two city councillors being returned to office by acclamation.
Hazel McCallion in Ward 9 and Frank McKechnie in Ward 5 were able to sit back and watch the election from the sidelines.

NOVEMBER 24
Peel regional government came up with proposals to modify the much-criticized sewer surcharge system.
The changes involve a 15 per cent reduction in the sewage-flow billing and placement of a 100,000-gallon maximum on water consumption for the calculation of the surcharge.
Since early 1976, instead of the traditional means of paying for sewer use through the overall tax bill, residents and industry had been subject to a

Peel Board of Education once again had to confront the question of whether or not an in-school French program, paid for in part by the parents of participating students, was illegal. In 1974, the ministry of education informed the board that the program, which was started at Lorne Park public school in 1973 and then expanded to six schools, violated principles of equal education and was therefore illegal. But the ministry continues to provide grants. The board has asked for clarification from the ministry.
Peel Solicitor Len Stewart stated that neither the public nor an elected official has

automatic right to access of tape recordings of regional council meetings.
Steward concluded that the tapes did not meet the definition of the word "records" and are therefore not open to the public.

DECEMBER 8
A picture of a jubilant Ron Searle dominated the front page of the Times two days after he fashioned a stunning victory over Mayor Martin Dobkin in the Municipal election.
Searle topped a field of five candidates and held a 3,600-vote margin over Dobkin, his nearest rival.
Even the victor expressed shock and admitted that he had another speech prepared when he delivered his winning address to well-wishers at T. Kennedy secondary school.
Searle's victory threw cold water on the three-year political career of Martin Dobkin.
Other council incumbents suffering defeat were Caye Killaby, who lost to Larry Taylor in Ward 4, and Hubert Wolf, who was bumped from his Ward 8 seat by Frank Leavers.
In the education board race, Ruth Thompson in Ward 3 and separate school supporters E. J. Somerville and Patrick Meany were the only incumbents not returned.
Thompson was defeated by fellow trustee Bob Skipper, while Patricia Mullin and Peter Gazzola were elected as separate school representatives.

DECEMBER 15
A Camilla Road woman was bound, gagged and locked in a closet and her husband directed to gather and deliver a large sum of money.
Police said William Appelby—the manager of a bank in Homevale Mall, was telephoned and ordered to take the money to a phone booth on Dundas Street.
From there, he was ordered to Cloverdale Mall and told to leave the money in a parked car.

DECEMBER 22
Peel Board of Education made an offer of settlement to its high school teachers which included an 11.5 per cent salary increase. The offer was refused.
Mayor Martin Dobkin listed the controversial sewer surcharge as one of the prime reasons for his loss to Ron Searle. Dobkin said that his government was blamed for the surcharge even though the matter was a regional responsibility.
Mississauga developers said that although it is their policy to donate money to political campaigns, it is also their policy not to divulge how much was given to any particular candidate.
Peel council decided to get around the problem of trying to decide whether or not recordings of their meetings should be made public by voting not to tape the meetings anymore.

DECEMBER 29
Lou Parsons, appointed chairman of Peel council in 1974, announced his intention to seek election to that post in January, 1977.
Mississauga Hydro Commission approved a rate increase of approximately 26 per cent. The new rates will come into effect Feb. 1, 1977.

music
Peter Donato
Pretty bland stuff
from Moe Koffman



Moe Koffman, Jungle Man. GR1-9230-1066.
This is not the most impressive thing Koffman has done. In fact, with a couple of exceptions, it's pretty bland stuff, more like hip Musak than jazz.
I find all this surprising because Koffman has gathered some fine musicians to play with him on this album. There's Doug Riley on piano, Bob Mann on guitar and Tom Sczesniak, one of the best bass players in the Toronto area.
In short, the material here is pretty uninspiring and the talents of these musicians seem to be wasted.
Jim Handy, *Hard Work*. ABC-9027-9314.
This is Handy's first album in eight years. It's easy and swinging jazz that crackles through articulate playing.
Handy plays a cool sax, relying on the rhythm section for the modern fixtures. There's also a be-bop flavor in Handy's alto and tenor work.
The title tune allows Handy to roam, employing different tastes and shadings. Love for Brother Jack and You Don't Know showcase other areas of

Area bed-occupancy reduction
Mississauga Hospital not affected

There has been a general reduction in the occupancy of hospital beds in the Metro Toronto area; but it has not affected Mississauga Hospital, says administrator Merritt Henderson.
Henderson said this week that "there has been a general fall-off in use of hospital beds, relieving some critical situations in some areas."
"But I guess with the growth of Mississauga, we've offset that. We haven't felt it although it's been happening practically everywhere around here," Henderson said.
In attempting to explain the reduction, Henderson says that perhaps the minister of health's message about reduced medical costs has had

Teen falls to death
A 17-year-old youth plunged to his death early Christmas morning from the top of an apartment building at 1190 Forestwood Dr.
The youth was pronounced dead on arrival at Mississauga Hospital.
Police say he became depressed over the Christmas season and believe the death was a suicide.
The victim had attended a party in the apartment a few hours before his death.

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