

at city hall

BRIEFS

Please, let us know!

A Port Credit resident wants Mississauga to notify the public when services, such as street sweeping, are being reduced.

In a letter to council this week, Christopher Mackie of Maple Avenue South complains that residential roads were swept once every two weeks last year, but aren't being swept at all in 1978. Household holders would probably look after the sweeping themselves, if they were aware that the service is no longer offered.

General committee this week accepted City Manager Ed Halliday's recommendation that such notification take place in future.

Parents want sidewalks

If the city can't provide sidewalks for school children along Agnes Street and Novar Road, the children should be bused to school, says Councillor Larry Taylor.

The city's engineering department was asked to consider the feasibility of constructing sidewalks on the streets, west of Highway 10 and north of Dundas, since Cooksville Public School has been closed and school children must now go to Floradale Public School.

In his report, City Engineer William Taylor recommended deferring the sidewalks. If they were built now, they would just have to be ripped up again when the roads are improved, he said. Both Novar and Agnes are standard roads with narrow road allowances.

The problem was referred back to Mississauga Traffic Safety Council for further consideration. Councillor Taylor suggested that if sidewalks aren't constructed, busing should continue this fall.

Metering plan approved

Mississauga has endorsed the principle of individual metering for hydro and water services in all new condominiums. General committee approved the idea in principle in response to a Peel regional request for comment.

The region is studying the possibility of requiring such metering for high-rise as well as townhouse condominiums. It is expected to save energy and reduce costs for condominium corporations since owners control use of water and hydro much more strictly when they pay for it individually.

Task-force appointment

Rev. Dick Jones, past president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, has been appointed an honorary advisory member of the city's task force on human relations.

Mr. Jones had applied to be one of four citizen members on the task force, but was not recommended for appointment by the group. His experience in human relations work was praised by several councillors. Councillor Hazel McCallion said the task-force decision was no reflection on Mr. Jones, but just an indication that a more "grass roots" approach to the question of race relations was considered necessary.

Councillor Larry Taylor complained that the task force is spending more time discussing the makeup of the committee than it is discussing problems of minority groups, as it was set up to do.

More study for name proposal

The controversial proposal to rename Mississauga Road to Streetsville Road from Dundas Street to Erin Mills Parkway has been referred back to the street names committee.

On a motion by Streetsville Councillor Hazel McCallion, general committee referred the issue back and decided to consult with residents affected by the change. Letters will be mailed out to get reaction. Councillor Fred Hooper says a petition with about 100 names on it opposing the change is already being drafted.

Erin Mills crossing guards

The traffic safety council has made its decision not to put crossing guards at Erin Mills Parkway and The Queensway and shouldn't reconsider its stand again, says Councillor Fred Hooper.

Residents in Sherwood Forest agree with the council's stand that guards shouldn't be placed at the intersection because then their children will continue to be bused to two schools in Sheridan Homelands.

Start expected on Creditview

The long-awaited Creditview community may begin to get off the ground this fall, after approval by planning committee this week of the first subdivision plans.

Applications for three rezoning applications and three subdivision plans were approved, including one for property being developed by Taro Properties, the company that convinced council to release the plan in 1976 because it would provide "affordable" housing.

The delay in getting plans approved will inevitably increase the prices, owners now say.

Most of the delay occurred because of discussions between the city and province about "noise berms" along Highway 403, which is just north of Creditview. The community is north of

Burnhamthorpe Road between Creditview Road and an area west of Square One Shopping Centre.

The plans approved this week were submitted by Ultrend Development Corp., Mathews and Associates and Focal Properties Ltd. The agreements before planning committee had to be amended because they called for "John Doe" levies to be paid. However, since developer Bruce McLaughlin owns the lands, which are being built on by other companies, City Planner Russ Edmunds explained that the levies charged to the Big Three developers must be applied. The difference is about \$300 per capita.

The Big Three levies are lower because those developers provide additional services at no cost to the municipality.

Scenic-route fight 'going down drain'

By JOHN STEWART
Times Staff Writer

The battle several years ago to preserve Mississauga Road as a scenic route "is going down the drain a little bit every year," says a city councillor.

Hazel McCallion told the planning committee that Mississauga Road south of Erindale College has been destroyed as a scenic area by road and sewer construction, which has forced removal of many trees. "When the Burnhamthorpe bridge goes in, there will be little left of that area," she commented this week as the planning group considered a proposed plan of subdivision for 38 homes on the

east side of Mississauga Road, north of Erindale College.

The controversial proposal, by Cider Mills Development, may cause additional problems for the scenic route because a sanitary sewer must be constructed to service it.

Higher apartment - vacancy rate seen

Mississauga's low vacancy rate for apartments may be increased dramatically with new apartment projects coming on stream, says Ward 4 Councillor Larry Taylor.

Figures presented to the planning committee this

at the moment, the only apparent route is right up the middle of Mississauga Road. That should save most of the trees, but McCallion forecast there will be "traffic jams second to none" when the work takes place. Planning committee

approved the subdivision after receiving assurances from Erindale principal Paul Fox that an area east of the subdivision is being used for biological study purposes. The college's concern about the subdivision was questioned at the last planning session when

Ward 6 Councillor Fred Hooper produced Erindale's master plan, showing a parking lot scheduled on areas designated for study.

Fox reaffirmed that there are seven study areas near the subdivision and that the college's concern about the subdivision was questioned at the last planning session when

from R. D. Russell, one of the Cider Mills owners, that the swampy area in front of the college's South Building, would have adequate water flows.

McCallion, Mayor Ron Searle and Hooper are scheduled to meet with Fox soon to try to convince the college to allow its private sanitary system to be used for the subdivision.

So far, the college has refused on the basis that a publicly funded sewer shouldn't be used to aid a private developer. The route is not only the best environmental solution to the servicing problem it is also the cheapest.

Helen Spence said it was unfortunate that Erindale was unable to find the funds to buy the property, which has been offered to it on several occasions.

"I would hope that the members of a top Canadian university would have some foresight for the future. They teach that sort of thing," she said. "I believe the time will come in 50 years when Erindale is a major university and people will drive by and wonder why this little plan of subdivision was taken out of it."

Cider Mills has promised Erindale that it will install a six-foot-high chain-link fence on two sides of its property.

Ward 2 Councillor Mary

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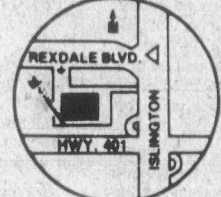
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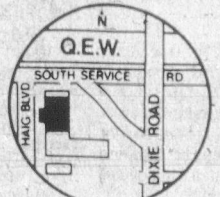
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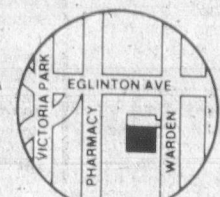
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