



Port Credit snubbed low-density plan

BY SID RODAWAY
PORT CREDIT — Town officials here told Carlton Holdings Ltd. in February that they would make it difficult for the firm to build semi-detached homes on land zoned for high-density housing.

February with the semi-detached proposal. The firm purchased the 27-acre Humberbank high-rise apartment site for the courts Jan. 3. Lawyer Allan Blott said his group wanted to feel out town staff on various forms of housing ranging from semi-detached homes to stacked townhouses.

The public uproar two weeks ago that resulted from Carlton's proposed 685-suite condominium stacked townhouse suggestion for the property at the west end of town impressed the company, according to Blott. As a result of the protest session Carlton devised a scheme to calm public tempers. The plan was revealed at Monday's public meeting of 200 residents.

representatives each from the ratepayers, planning board, council, businessmen's association and school board will be formed to consider alternative development plans. Although viewed by some as nothing more than a public relations move, Blott said the recommendations of the committee will be taken seriously by the developer.

Blott said his firm first approached the town Feb. 2 in a closed session to clear up the "confusion" surrounding the levy situation. The town's last confirmed levy by-law called for \$650 levies on each suite.

"This is not a repeal of the \$1,000 levy by-law of last November," Ried claimed. He explained later that the \$1,000 levy has still not been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board and that it stands no chance of winning that approval.

"We reached an \$850 levy (Continued on page 6)



A circus freak he is not, Robin Barnier, 10, simply climbed on shoulders of Fraser Thompson to get a better view of the action at Woodlands Secondary School track meet Saturday. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

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Peel region: it's all set

Legislation for regional government in Peel will be virtually identical to the plan proposed in January, local officials agreed Monday after an announcement by Treasurer John White.

The province's chief planner told the legislature "the regional municipality of Peel will closely follow our original proposal for a two-tier structure with three local municipalities".

Reaction by municipal representatives ranged from an elated Mississauga Mayor Chic Murray to a combative Streetsville council that sat for four hours in special session Monday night to discuss their fate.

Murray from a tri-level conference in Peterborough. "The plan is exactly the same as county council proposed and our council endorsed."

Following White's announcement in the legislature, Streetsville Mayor Hazel McCallion charged that the plan had been hatched at Queen's Park and that Mississauga Reeve Lou Parsons had been the "office boy".

TOWN STAFF HOLDS KEY

Hope swells for school swap solution

BY JOHN KERNAGHAN
The Allan A. Martin-St. Paul's school swap quandary could be solved amicably for all sides if Mississauga parks and recreation staff feel another area school can be converted into a recreation and senior citizen's centre.

Monday he has had recreation staff look at plans for Neil C. Mathieson Public School and if the facility can be refurbished he will recommend to council that the school be purchased.

leaded to make use of vacant classrooms in the Lakeview community. The Peel County Board of Education has proposed that Martin be traded for St. Pauls Separate School to help use up some of the 28 empty rooms in the area.

million Martin for St. Pauls, which has 15 rooms and is valued at \$800,000. They say their children would have to walk further to school and would lose lunchroom facilities in the swap.

Peel board officials were forced to consider the trade by a Ministry of Education directive that curtailed further funds for capital works until vacant classrooms were utilized.

At a special meeting of 325 Martin parents and the board Monday night, residents' spokesman Stuart Martin outlined his committee's counter proposal of selling or leasing Mathieson and presented a 1,500 name petition opposing the deal.

He said Kindergarten to Grade five students could be transferred to Ogden Avenue school and Grade 6 pupils to Martin. The move would use up a total of 24 classrooms, he added.

Planning hot-seat places big load on acting boss

BY FRANK TOUBY
Russ Edmunds says some of his friends tell him he has aged a bit in the last two months since he (at least temporarily) has taken over the hot-seat vacated (perhaps temporarily) by town planning director Harry Petschar.



RUSS EDMUNDS

dividuals and government layers which approve or criticize his department are enough to cause migraines.

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Martin said he had letters from the presidents of the Mathieson and Ogden home and school associations indicating they would approve the idea if present education programs are retained and improved; special education courses are retained; and the principals of both schools are given time to integrate planning for their combined enrolments.

Norman Leblanc, a Mississauga resident who criticized local inspection last summer, says things haven't improved since that time.

Peel opposed the legislation on the grounds that it's own inspection work was excellent and the bill was aimed at smaller municipalities where inspection could be more lax.

Glenforest students facing drug charges

Three Glenforest Secondary School students were arrested last Wednesday night at 1557 Otterby Rd. and charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Charles Glugosh, 18 of 1577 Otterby Rd., Stanley John Dziedzina, 18 of 1573 Wavell Cres., and Michael James Mellan, 19 of 1794 Kirkwall Cres.

Edmunds is athletically inclined and his fervent love of tennis, squash and physical fitness still easily hides his 46 years.

With the desire of people to come to the city, we've got to attempt to accommodate them," says Edmunds.

Leblanc, who is in favour of the provincial Department of Labour taking over all inspections, claims Peel inspectors only visit union work sites and non-union jobs on which they have had complaints.

Peel County has had such enabling legislation since 1961, according to Councillor Glenn Grice who made the proposal, but the county has never used its powers.

Clive Ballentine, business representative of the Toronto Building Trades Council, says he would prefer to see consistent enforcement by the Department of Labour but would be happy if it can be demonstrated that local inspectors can meet the same standards.

He says that the same developer working in Toronto and in North York on similar projects may get two different levels of inspection under the present system.

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'Muscle cars' irk residents

"Muscle cars" are upsetting Bridgwood Drive residents. It appears that there have been incidents of traffic exceeding the legal speed limit on that street between Bloor Street and Ponytrail Drive," said Fleetwood Village Homeowners Association president M.K. McCutcheon in a letter to council.

The major offenders are drivers of the so-called "muscle cars," he said. Councillors referred the complaint to the police commission.

Leblanc charges that with safety inspection in the hands of local municipalities, developers can also put pressure on inspectors. "If we're going to have a safety act, it should be enforced the same in each municipality," he says.

Legislation prepared after a brief was submitted in 1968 by the Construction Safety Association of Ontario (jointly representing management and labour) was held up because of complaints from local municipalities about loss of autonomy. The proposal would have made all inspection a provincial responsibility.

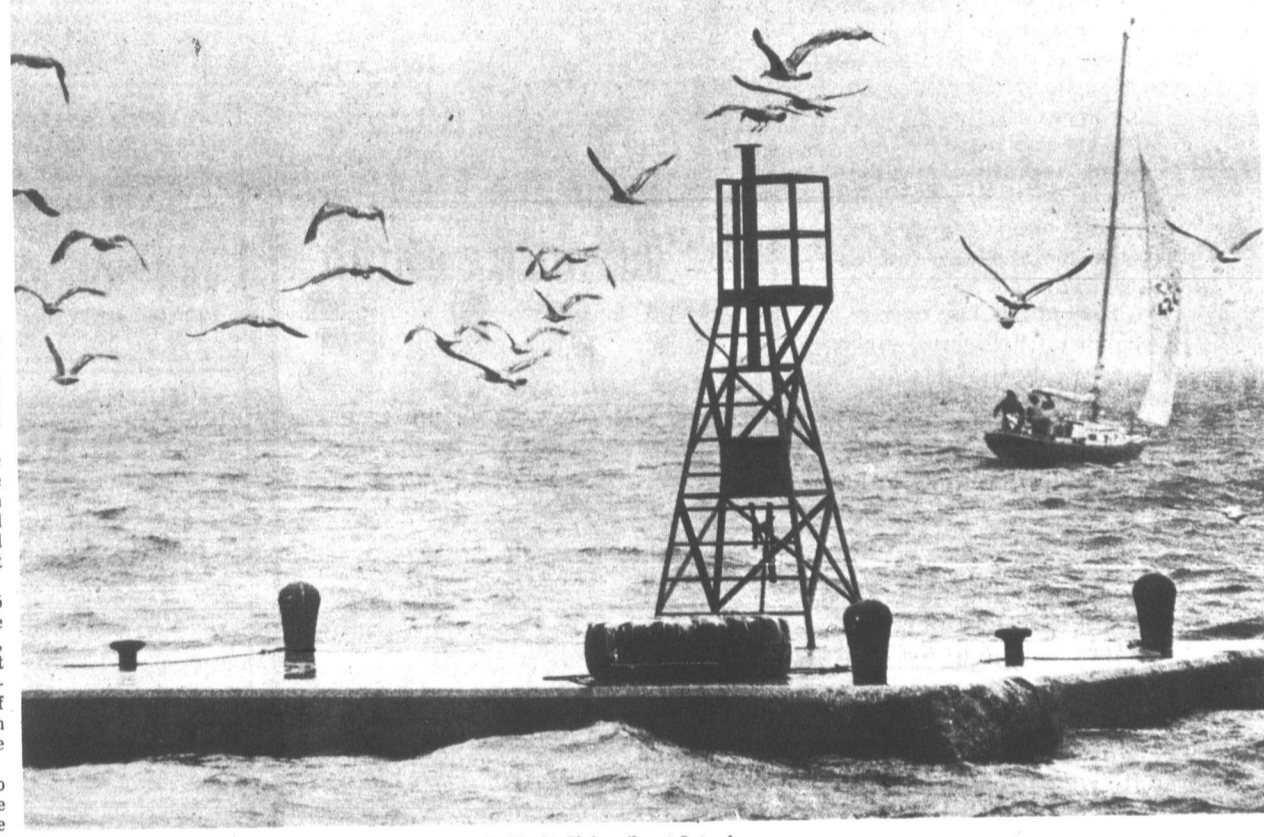
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"I was out with a survey team a couple of weeks ago," he relates, "on a sewer and drain excavation in Mississauga. Four men were in a hole 11 feet deep without hard hats. They scurried out of the trench when they saw us, thinking we were inspectors."

Ballentine says he phoned the Construction Safety Branch to complain. "That's just an example," the business representative claims, "If you concentrated on that area, you could reveal a hell of a lot more."



Fly past. Flock of gulls head for slate sky during Port Credit Yacht Club sailpast Saturday. Ceremony was palled by rain and rough water. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

INSPECTOR DENIES UNION CHARGES Construction safety measures attacked

BY JOHN STEWART
The quality of construction safety inspection in Mississauga "leaves a lot to be desired," says a representative of Local 1747, affiliated with the Carpenter's Union.

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Tree control powers sought

Mississauga council has voted to seek provincial legislation enabling the town to protect trees on certain private lands.

The request is that the province amend the Trees Act to provide that any municipality within a county be empowered to exert control over trees under Section 4 of that act.

Peel County has had such enabling legislation since 1961, according to Councillor Glenn Grice who made the proposal, but the county has never used its powers.

The 8-member committee to be set up will include Grice as the representative of council, representatives of the town departments of engineering, planning and parks, and four citizens. SOTAS (Save Our Trees And Streams Society) has agreed to submit names of candidates for the committee.

"We visit all jobs and we don't just act on complaints," he points out emphatically. "We have no backlog of jobs and we are out all the time visiting sites. We do some of the trench inspection but the municipalities also have their own trench inspectors."