

Teachers seek strike slogans for Dec. 8

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Street Clogged

City workers clean up the remainder of tons of refuse that was dumped illegally at the end of Sixth Line East, north of Eglinton Ave. Problem extends to plazas and apartment complexes too. Budget for cleaning up garbage in the city is two and a half times recreation and parks budget, city council was told. (Times photo by Stan Carmichael)

Garbage: seamier side of the city

By JOHN STEWART
Mississauga councillors got a picture tour of city garbage this week.

Members of the city's engineering department showed colored slides at council's general committee meeting, graphically illustrating lack of control the city now has over many aspects of garbage collection.

The slides showed works manager David Debenham called "untidy" plazas, multiple-family units, townhouses and single-family homes.

In some cases, garbage was dumped indiscriminately on sidewalks or on boulevards. Even when garbage is picked up there are problems. Debenham said the litter left after pickup is often considerable and damage is often done to sodded boulevards.

Debenham told councillors that many people don't seem to be aware when regular junk and brush pickups are scheduled in their area and leave material out until the pickup is made.

One slide showed where a homeowner had placed piles of plaster from reconstruction in his basement on the street. The works department had to place flashing yellow lights on the street to warn motorists of the obstruction.

Dumping of heavier material, such as landfill, also occurs on private property

and city-owned land in Mississauga.

In one instance, piles of material were dumped on the Sixth Line E. north of Eglinton Ave. It will take the city at least a week to clean it up.

Police have been asked to patrol areas where dumping is apparently done late at night.

In its report, the engineering department asked that its recommendations be passed by council to tighten

control over garbage problems.

It recommends all commercial plazas, high rises and townhouses in the city be offered full garbage service, if they can meet basic city standards for capacity, accessibility, location and appearance; a zone-by-zone campaign against people violating the garbage bylaw be undertaken so garbage not properly placed out would be left and legal action taken against owners; the possibility

of twice-a-week garbage collection throughout the city be studied; a second person be added to the garbage-control program by council; "no dumping" signs be erected throughout the city with a fine of up to \$1,000 for violators; police remain alert for indiscriminate dumping; and the information officer prepare a presentation on the city's litter and garbage policies which would be available to city residents and groups.

Councillor Hazel McCallion congratulated the engineering department on its report and its efforts to solve the garbage problem.

Councillor Caye Killaby complained about the amount of litter caused by construction firms. The city usually ends up removing this litter, she said.

Ron Searle, councillor for ward 7, said trucks, which are supposed to pick up on certain days, do not always manage to

get to some homes because of the heavy workload.

"This breaks down the faith of the people," he said, and suggested that inserts in hydro bills might be used to advise people that trucks do not always arrive on the advertised day.

Michael Millard of the engineering department noted that garbage "is not a small problem. It's costing us \$2.5 million a year as a city."

He said the city planned to advertise its new garbage pickups and regulations "in a big way."

"We're looking at going to schools and groups to talk to them," he added. "There's a whole number of things we're going to try to do. We're going to achieve something a great deal better."

Searle said the cost of the garbage problem is two and a half times the operating budget of the recreation and parks department. The cost "is largely based on people's selfishness and lack of concern," Searle said. "If people realize that a lot of this money could be put into programs they're screaming for, like recreation, maybe they'd start to understand the concern."

Judges will also have to enforce the law and impose stiff fines which will be more than a "cheap licence" to those who violate the bylaws, Searle said.

Mrs. Killaby said part of the problem was that the firm the city has hired to run its garbage-collection program, Munster, "I'm sure that our options are limited," she said, "but right now the onus is on us to chase around and make sure they do the job."

"I don't know how we get an alternative," Mrs. Killaby said, "but I'd hate to see us get locked into one company."

General committee adopted the report, but referred two monetary items to budget discussions for 1976.

Day care 'blackmail' charged

By NANCY ENRIGHT
Doug Lewis isn't at all happy that starting this week he'll be paying \$8 per day for the day care services for his three-year-old daughter Kimberley.

And the prospect of paying \$9.50 per day or \$47.50 per week beginning in April, 1976 to Peel's Mississauga Day Care Centre at Lakeshore and Greaves roads doesn't help matters either.

Doug and Sharon Lewis are only two of Peel's working parents who've been assessed a fee increase of almost 100 percent. Peel operates seven day care centres. Regional council, which approved the fee increase, decided it should be phased in.

The fee structure is based on a needs test given to 250 families by Peel's social services department to establish whether, in fact, they fell into the category of "needy."

The study was undertaken in response to the federal government's policy that it would only continue to pick up 50 percent of the operation's deficit if it occurred when providing assistance to "families in need."

Last year Peel's day care operation incurred a deficit of \$600,000 (340 children times the \$4.50 fee times

241 days). The province was assisting with another 30 percent and the region added 20 on the cost-sharing plan.

Of the 250 families surveyed, 68 percent involved two working parents earning an average gross yearly income in excess of \$20,000.

"When regional council found out they were subsidizing families earning \$18,000 to \$20,000, they weren't too happy," explains James Crozier, commissioner of social services.

Crozier says the test is based on net income of either one or two of the working parents, minus monthly expenses, as supplied to regional staff by the parents themselves. Fifteen percent was deducted from net income if both parents work, 25 percent if only one parent is able to work.

Male earnings (Mississauga Day Care Centre) were slightly lower than the average in Peel \$703 per month compared to \$778.

Total expenses for the centre's families averaged \$843 per month compared to the regional average of \$961. Cash on hand was estimated to be \$430 on the average at the centre — a figure not indicative of "a family in need."

Out of the 35 families at the centre, 15 were classified needy and will pay little or no fee for the care of their children, while 20 were assessed the \$9.50 charge starting in April. Both Toronto and York regional day care centres charge \$10.50 per day.

"I can't possibly pay that, even with my wife working," says Lewis.

"I have a good job with an auto company and I get a three percent raise each year. We just bought a condominium apartment. Now I'm being asked to pay \$2,400 per year for Kimberley to be here. Heck, she could go to college for that."

Sharon Lewis works as a secretary and doesn't think she'll be getting much more than a 10 percent raise this year.

"If the people were making that kind of money, I'm sure they'd be willing to pay the fee gladly for the child's sake. It's an excellent centre and the kids all love it," she says.

"It's just too much now, so we'll probably have to pull her out and look at private and other day care centres."

Robin Hynes will also be looking for private day care facilities, at \$5 to \$6.50, for his three-year-old son Christopher.

"I'm putting my wife through university this year, but that \$2,000 tuition doesn't count on the needs test," he says.

"We didn't expect a 100 percent increase and even

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By NANCY ENRIGHT
Peel Board of Education and representatives of its 1,600 high school teachers have agreed to resume contract talks Thursday night at 7 p.m. with mediator Ken Swann.

Negotiations broke off last Monday when the board presented a one-year contract offer to teacher negotiators.

The offer was rejected by 94 percent of Peel teachers at a closed meeting last Thursday. Average wage increase in the proposal is 33 percent and represents an increase of \$5,100 in one year for the majority of teachers. The proposal

also includes a \$400 lump-sum payment to all teachers as a cost-of-living adjustment.

The proposed salary contract would cost the average homeowner an additional \$45 next year, board officials estimated. Cost of the contract to the board is in excess of \$7 million.

The teachers have filed a charge of bargaining in bad faith against the board with the education relations committee.

"I'm not sure just who's been bargaining in bad faith," said Ruth Thompson, chairman of the board salary committee.

"The charges are just not true — that we've hindered negotiations by not allowing teachers out of the classroom or that we ignored a press blackout."

"They also claim we distributed copies of our offer to all teachers, when, in fact, what we did was make available copies at the board office," she said.

"The teachers have already applied for a strike vote and now they want mediation. That sounds like a backward way to do things to me and in-

dicates that total agreement is almost impossible."

Mrs. Thompson questioned whether the teachers were actually shown a copy of the board offer at their meeting Thursday night.

"I think it's a smoke screen. That an intelligent person could commit himself to a strike vote without seeing the offer is beyond my comprehension," she said.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 10 delegation has asked teachers to submit slogan ideas for picket signs and

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Man queries innocence in 1968 murder

By JAMES BAILEY
John Graham has admitted during his bizarre trial on charges of rape and abduction that he does not know if he killed Karen Madigan, a 17-year-old Port Credit girl he was acquitted of murdering in 1968.

Graham, 25, of 3122 Hurontario St., is on trial on charges of kidnapping and raping an 18-year-old Oakville girl hitchhiker whom he picked up Feb. 1 six days after his parole from Kingston penitentiary. Last week Graham dismissed his lawyer, Stewart McKeown and is now conducting his own defense. The trial judge, Mr. Justice Edson Haines, refused to allow McKeown to retire from the case, and the lawyer continues to advise Graham as he questions witnesses.

The girl has testified Graham picked her up while hitchhiking on Lakeshore Rd. in Port Credit late at night and threatened her with an imitation gun. A 14-year-old boy was with him in the car. She said she was driven to an isolated area near Burnhamthorpe Rd. and Ninth Line where she was raped. Later, she testified, Graham forced her to have oral sex with him.

When McKeown suggested the girl had consented to having sexual intercourse with Graham, she replied, "I did not consent to any such thing." She maintained she was in shock and still quite hysterical "in the hospital hours later."

Constable Brian Robson testified he stopped Graham's car because it was being driven erratically by a 14-year-old boy, and the girl told him of the rape. He arrested Graham and took him to the 11 Division station where he was interviewed by Detectives Jim Bertram and Paul Harrison.

Detective Bertram said Graham gave a lengthy statement admitting the rape, adding, "He said he needed help and was sorry for what he had done to the girl, his family and the 14-year-old."

According to Bertram, Graham added: "Before I hired the best lawyers around, but what's the use, I can't beat it."

On the witness stand, however, Graham testified the girl had agreed when he suggested they go for a beer in Streetsville after he picked her up. He said he had been waiting outside Jac's milk store on Lakeshore east of Cavithra Rd. before he picked her up, deciding whether to rob it.

Graham maintained the girl never indicated she was scared and she consented to having sex with him in the car.

Graham called Dr. Alan Davidson, his psychiatrist, "to defend my character and to defend my sanity" after one witness testified he was "dancing on the edge of madness."

Davidson, however, said Graham was suffering from a brain disfunction which meant "sometimes you are briefly mad." He said Graham was paranoid, and felt oppressed by the Mississauga police and the public.

During his questioning of Davidson, Graham asked the psychiatrist, during a jail cell interview, "Is it true I said I was uncertain if I committed that (the Karen Madigan) murder?" Davidson agreed.

Graham was acquitted of the sex-murder of Miss Madigan in June, 1968 following a week-long trial before Mr. Justice Patrick Hart.

The major issue in the dispute involves salaries.

"Though the nurses have been advised that the board is not claiming inability to pay," says Local 61 in a press release, "they are currently working without a contract in an attempt to prevent the withdrawal of their much needed preventive health services from the public."

According to the nurses, registered nurses employed by the health unit are earning 34 percent less than their counterparts in hospitals and public health nurses, with additional qualifications are 22 percent behind.

A registered nurse in a hospital would have a starting salary of \$12,540 compared to

a starting salary with the health unit of \$9,363. "This gap in salaries will widen in January," according to the nurses, "when hospital registered nurses will see an increase in their starting salary to \$13,880."

Board of Health chairman Ron Searle says the board has made its final offer to the nurses. "The initiative is now with them. We assume they'll act responsibly as they have in the past."

According to Searle, the ministry of health budget guidelines will not be altered by the province no matter what wage settlement is reached.

"This means that if the nurse's demands are met, some staff will have to be dismissed by the board."

"They won't increase our total budget so we'll have to cut back," said Searle. "This is the conundrum."

The chairman feels the board's offer is "fair and equitable" and in the atmosphere of economic restraint which now prevails, the nurses must be "responsible."

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Stortini contempt rejected

A motion to commit Judge Ray Stortini and judicial inquiry counsel Noel Bates to jail for contempt of court was dismissed yesterday in divisional court without Stortini and Bates having to furnish a defence.

Chief Justice W. Z. Estey and Justices P. T. Galligan and R. F. Reid, who had earlier quashed the inquiry, decided over their lunch break yesterday there was no basis for the contempt motion.

Justice Estey told the courtroom the three members had thoroughly considered argument by lawyer Ian Outerbridge, representing plaintiff James Murray, and found "the evidence does not reveal any conduct" by Stortini and Bates "amounting to any contempt of any order of this court."

Murray claimed in a motion before the court that a letter written by Judge Stortini to city council two days after the inquiry was quashed amounted to contempt because the judge had no right to make a report, since the inquiry was no longer valid.

The letter stated that some matters investigated during the inquiry to date warranted further investigation and hearing.

Chief Justice Estey said yesterday that in dismissing all five motions brought by Murray, the court was not commenting on the letter in any way.

The court costs of hearing the motions must be paid by Murray. Four motions by Stortini and Bates were dismissed with no costs.

During the morning session lawyer Ian Outerbridge argued that Stortini's letter was contrary to the divisional court ruling which quashed council resolutions setting up the inquiry. He claimed that if the judge's letter brought the divisional court decision into "public disrepute and disrespect," as his client contended, then Murray should be paid \$25,000 in damages by Stortini and Bates.

"In this case, one of Her Majesty's judges — if anyone knows the law, he does — continued to act on an order which he knew had been struck down by the court," claimed Outerbridge.

Chief Justice Estey asked him what part of the earlier decision had been offended. "I'm not suggesting there was any deliberate offence," replied Outerbridge.

"If you launch contempt proceedings you better

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Tax evasion costs him \$23,976.18

A Mississauga man has been fined \$23,376.18 for income tax evasion and \$600 for making false statements in his tax returns.

Joseph Baldesarra, 45, operator of a drain and concrete business, pleaded guilty to the charges before provincial Judge A. E. Newall. Evidence showed he declared less than half of his actual net income in tax returns between 1968 and 1973.

The special investigations branch of Revenue Canada discovered that Baldesarra reported a net income of \$59,322 when his income for the period was actually \$141,252.41. Judge Newall fined him \$23,376.18, the amount of federal tax he had evaded by reporting the false net income.

Court was told the unreported income consisted of 82 cheques for \$69,826.86 paid to his business and \$12,103.55 in mortgage-income interest.

The crown said Baldesarra failed to inform his bookkeeping service that 59 of the cheques paid for drain and concrete work were deposited in private savings accounts maintained jointly with his wife Victoria. The other 23 cheques were cashed.

Baldesarra's lawyer, R. J. Farano, told Judge Newall the fines, unpaid income tax and interest owing, means his client, a father of three school children, is in debt for \$75,000.

Judge Newall gave Baldesarra one year to pay the fines. In default, he will serve 10½ months in jail.

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