



Grade 10 students from Applewood Heights secondary school visited the Legislative Assembly, Thurs., Dec. 5, accompanied by teachers Mrs. B. Bergey and Mr. P. Mavor. Everyone was in a happy mood including Mr. Mavor and MPP Douglas Kennedy, upper right, presumably because of the Christmas decorating under way at the time.

## TTC LIAISON?

# Public transport a must says mayor

Mississauga Mayor Robert Speck says the town will be getting a public transport service, whether or not it's immediate, sooner or later.

"There's not any doubt in my mind that the town will be operating its own system eventually, and it will be a public system," he told general committee last week.

He agreed with the Mississauga Transit Study recommendation that a town system should be operated in conjunction with Toronto Transit Commission.

"The TTC, I think, are proven on this continent as probably one of the most efficient transport groups there is anywhere," he said. "They have certainly

something to gain from us because it is going to augment their system in Toronto because it will provide more people for their system.

"Their equipment is probably second to none and they do not allow it to deteriorate in any way. Their staff is probably the best-trained you could find anywhere — and they have agreed to do this at cost."

He said any overheads in the Mississauga system, if operated under TTC, would be applied to the town and not generally throughout the Metro system.

"When the time comes that this town wants to own and operate its own public transport system, in my opinion it will be a much easier transition in dealing with a public body than with a private body."

Mayor Speck added: "If we are dealing with a public transportation system set up by Metro Toronto and I think we can do this on a better basis when the time comes."

He said Mississauga could make an agreement with Metro for a take-

over of the service at a later date "whenever it may be."

He said he thought it unfair for a group such as Charterways to invest the money in such a system for the town and then be tied down, knowing the company would have to sell out at a later date.

"I'm surprised the TTC have offered a service like they have offered," he added. "Service at cost."

He said the TTC would leave it entirely up to the municipality to devise and arrange the bus routes and that the town had access to advise in that respect from valuable experts in the field.

"We are going to be faced within the next ten or 15 years with a fantastic amount of people," the mayor said. He said when the time came for the town take-over of the public transport service it would be much easier to deal with a public body such as the TTC than a private enterprise which would have to be paid for the goodwill involved in building up the business.

The TTC would charge only the price of physical assets.



# Greetings

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## Council maintains foot in doorway to Sherway appeal

Ontario Court of Appeal last week turned down an application by the town of Mississauga and Cloverdale Shopping Centre Ltd., for leave to appeal the Sherway decision by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mississauga general committee is meeting today to further discuss the latest chain of events relating to the issue.

The OMB decided to allow the Sherway Centre to go ahead by approving the necessary bylaw. The \$25 million complex will be built at the intersection of Highway 27 and the Queen Elizabeth Way.

The Mississauga appeal was dismissed by Mr. Justice Aylesworth,

sitting with Mr. Justice McLennan and Mr. Justice Jessup.

Town solicitor Len Stewart told council afterwards that the panel of judges had "left the door open," however, in that they suggested that Mississauga should prepare evidence for them on the reasons and actions which led council to seek leave to appeal.

Where it goes from there is not yet clear and that is likely to be discussed at today's meeting of committee.

Council felt that members should first read a letter regarding the Sherway matter from a consultant solicitor before debating it further.