

MISSISSAUGA '71

May

MAY 5
Mississauga's transit budget jumped \$176,000 with town council's decision to provide Malton with a subsidized bus service. Deputy Reeve Grant Clarkson opposed the scheme, saying most town taxpayers would never use the service.

Mayor Bob Speck returned with a broad smile and a tan from Florida where he had spent nine weeks recuperating from a heart attack.

A young con artist has been pulling an old trick on banks in the Dixie area. Issuing cheques on bogus accounts, the thief made \$550 last week.

Pretty dispatcherettes in hot pants joined the continuing battle between taxi and airline limousine drivers at Malton airport. The women, wives of the taxi drivers, catch the eye of travellers and usher them to hubble's cab.

Taxpayers learned that they would have to pay more this year as council approved a \$13,696,153 budget. The hike was estimated at \$24 on a home assessed at \$30,000.

MAY 12
Plans were unveiled for a giant, \$4 million multi-sports complex to be built at Base Line Road and Creditview Road. The complex will include two regulation size ice rinks and the only regulation Olympic size pool in Ontario.

Acting Mayor Chic Murray returned from a Hydro conference in Puerto Rico saying the trip was worth the expense for the information on cable installation and rates he received.

In other municipal travel news, several top Mississauga officials extended their European holiday by a week. Back at home, council could barely scrape up a quorum for its meetings.

The same residential tax rate, 22.6 mills was set for Port Credit ratepayers putting the bill on a home of \$30,000 at \$678.

A record 3,000 people attended the Clarkson Science

Fair, sponsored by the Clarkson Rotary Club and the Peel County Board of Education. Displays came from hundreds of area students.

MAY 19
A home-built amphibian aircraft hit a log and sank in 20 feet of water off the Texaco pier. The pilot was uninjured. The plane was dragged from the lake with the aid of a marine patrol boat from the Port Credit Yacht Club.

Reeve Bill Appleton complained that the Fifth Line Road in Streetsville, is being "pounded to pieces" by trucks entering the \$15 million Chrysler plant. The county engineer said the construction company will lose its contract if damage continues to slow down the operation.

the average Streetsville resident's tax bill went up by \$10. The local mill rate actually went down, but an

assessment update means taxes rise.

Herb Breithaupt, 44, was nominated as the Liberal candidate in Peel South for the October provincial election. Breithaupt, part of a long line of politicians in his family, was nominated before a record crowd of 700 at Port Credit Secondary School.

A 30-year-old Mississauga woman was snatched from death as she lay on the rocks at the CSL docks, unconscious and with her head in the water. A truck driver saw the woman and called police.

MAY 26
Malton residents were told that noise level and frequency of aircraft flights over the village would increase over the next several years. A petition from Meadowvale residents called the opening of the east-west runway, "a deplorable state of affairs."

A fire which destroyed the

snack bar and partially gutted Dixie arena, may have been started by firecrackers. Mississauga firemen got the blaze under control in an hour, and estimated damage was set at \$15,000.

Port Credit Mayor Cy Saddington called for the dropping of representation by population in Peel County. He said it was not worth Port Credit's while to carry on if rep-by-pop continued.

Developer Bruce McLaughlin accepted an offer from Peel County Board of Health to move its operation into the town office building in Cooksville when council vacates it.

Three Glenforest Secondary School students convinced town council to donate \$900 for their summer clean-up project. The project was expected to employ 50 students and "fight student boredom."

June

JUNE 2
A seven member committee, chaired by Councillor Ron Searle has begun a study on the quality of life in Mississauga. SCOPE — Study of Community Organizations, Priorities and Environment — will formulate a five-year plan for the development of social amenities in the town.

About 50 angry cab drivers stormed Mississauga town hall after the general committee removed a 30-week ban on taxi licenses. The drivers said the move would destroy the local taxi industry.

Mississauga police chief Garnet McGill made an arrest during a round of golf. A youth, who was later charged with car theft, had abandoned his vehicle when he saw police and was fleeing across the course shouting that some officers

were after him. Chief McGill dropped his golf club and nabbed the man.

Councillor Lou Parsons said ratepayers in Lorne Park would vigorously oppose the Lakeshore Community Study plans. At a joint planning board-council meeting, Parsons told members: "You'd better get ready for a great deal of public outcry against the study."

A move to have the sale of firecrackers limited to people over 18 was narrowly defeated by town council. Councillor Bud Gregory introduced the motion which he said was designed to make more sensible use of firecrackers.

JUNE 9
Dr. Ted Humphreys, Peel South candidate for the NDP, called for the extension of the Bloor Street subway into Mississauga. He said rapid subway transit should replace the building of more expressways.

Vandals in Port Credit

caused several hundred dollars worth of damage when they went on a green paint rampage. Several cars and parking meters bore the brunt of the attacks.

Homeowners on Homark Drive in Cooksville demonstrated after the developer and builders of their homes didn't provide promised lawns. The irate residents, including mothers with young babies, attempted to stop trucks moving along the road in front of their lawless homes.

June 16 was declared South Peel Day at Ontario Place. Doug Kennedy, MPP for the area officially represented South Peel.

The Port Credit Police decided to investigate the possibility of limiting truck traffic in town to 25 miles an hour.

JUNE 16
The Day Glow drug crisis intervention centre in Clarkson was given a \$10,000 grant by the Alcoholism and

Addiction Research Foundation.

Councillor Ron Searle said it would cost about \$125,000 a year to keep Day Glow in operation. The money would have to come primarily from the provincial government, service clubs, donations and municipal grants.

A Mississauga husband and wife were arrested after police watched them remove \$785 worth of clothing from a store in the Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

The president of the Air Cab Company told town council that chaos is breaking loose in the taxi industry and drivers are forced to steal because they can't make an honest living at their own trade.

JUNE 23
A visit by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to Sheridan Park Research Community spurred a request for the establishment of the proposed International Development Research Centre at the community. The Sheridan Park president submitted a detailed brief on the subject to Mitchell Sharp.

One girl was killed and another injured as they rode their bikes along Mineola Road West. The driver who hit the two Port Credit Secondary School students drove right on. A charge was later laid against the driver.

Town council reviewed a \$1 million plan to build a private yacht club in what remains of Rattray Marsh. The town, which had toyed with the idea of a public yacht club, found costs would be prohibitive.

JUNE 30
A firm representing Mississauga Transit proposed a \$15,000 program to promote public transit in the town. The brief called for \$5,000 to be spent on newspaper campaigns and \$10,000 on road signs, bus stops and public information.

Five cabbies were arrested during a wild weekend at Toronto International Airport. The arrests stemmed from a demonstration and a counter-demonstration.



Michelle Robinson, 16, was injured when she fell from her bicycle a few hundred yards from the finish of a gruelling 48 mile bike-a-thon to aid the mentally retarded.



Hanging flowers from poles along Lakeshore Road, Mrs. Barbara McFadden helped dress up Port Credit's business section.

was riding struck and killed an Etobicoke man, 60.

A resident of Glengarry Road, John Munro, warned the town that he would make known his requests for better lighting and sidewalks dating back two years should any accident occur on his street.

The widening of Mississauga Road was again delayed, as a committee asked for further study of alternatives to the project.

Ontario Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr stated that the proposed Clarkson industrial waste plant would be as clean as "a high school with a smoke stack."

The response of the community to housing needs of Erindale College was described as poor by university officials. No more accommodation than last year was available.

Forty disappointed children went home from Elmcrest playground without seeing a French Drama Troupe who failed to appear for a scheduled performance.

AUGUST 25
The Hudson's Bay Company announced it would build a 120,000 square foot department store as part of Bruce McLaughlin's Mississauga City Centre Shopping Concourse. The disclosure assured the success of the long planned shopping mall.

A resolution sponsored by Councillor Lou Parsons won acceptance at council to help sort out the confused taxi issue. A new by-law called for a freeze on the issuance of cab license until the ratio of taxis to population reaches one to 1,000.

A long range experiment in oral French education was starting in Grade 1 was approved by the Dufferin Peel Separate School Board. Residents of Hurontario Street appealed to town council for a zoning change in their area. They say adjacent plots of land have increased residential assessment 10 times.

July

JULY 7
The Fifth Columnist, a student newspaper which had been operating from the town council building was evicted amid charges from councillors that the tabloid was "Maoist" and "Commie." Editor Marc Belanger said he would appear before council to refute the charges.

A 192-year-old piano, which had been kept in the attic of a Streetsville home was sent to the Royal Ontario Museum. The piano, in beautiful condition, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Howson Brocklebank.

An inmate of the Landry Croffin Correctional Centre, missing three months, was captured when Wally McLean and his son Hugh returned to find what they thought was a burglar in their home. The inmate had been granted a weekend pass to visit his mother in Erindale.

Members of the Unitarian Church congregation said they would oversee a hostel for hitchhikers and town council recommended the hostel be opened "with all departments taking steps for adequate control."

Four boys in their early teens chased a robbery suspect down Hurontario Street on their bikes until police arrived and arrested him. The suspect, who fled from a Becker's Milk Store, was charged with robbery with violence.

JULY 14
The Times began a more modern printing process facilitating color photography and the news of the week was headed by an announcement that town council would ask Premier William Davis to settle a dispute between Mississauga and Streetsville over water service to the Erin Mills industrial park.

Several action committees banded together to form a Lakeshore Community Association to protect "quick processing" of development in the Lakeshore Community Plan.



Mississauga planning commissioner Harry Petschar (left) and his deputy Russ Edmonds were in the spotlight when residents opposed Lakeshore Community Study.

Port Credit businessmen also decided to form an association. Terry King was elected president and William O'Mally, vice-president. The men hoped to combat increasing competition from large plazas in the area.

Mississauga council voted to supply the mayor, or an acting mayor in his absence, with a car and a chauffeur for official duties.

JULY 21
Striking CUPE employees, 119 strong, shut down seven major sewer and road construction projects. The CUPE pickets operated on a rotating basis, allowing other unions to continue work.

The Mississauga Canoe Club's new clubhouse on the Credit River was set back when original pledges fell through and the club was

forced to try and raise \$75,000 of the tendered \$82,300 price.

Mississauga's new chief librarian, Noel Ryan began his job by calling for people to tell the library what they need. He said the library existed for those who used it, not those who ran it.

A 21-year-old Toronto man described by his high school music teacher as a mature and dependable symphonic trombonist was charged with trafficking LSD in Mississauga.

A survey showed that between 8,000 and 9,000 South Peel residents would be affected by the Ontario government proposal to lower the age of accountability to 18.

JULY 28
A Mississauga woman wept before the good roads committee as she described

her 14-month battle with insurance adjusters and a construction company to try and get payment for blasting damages to her house on the Queensway.

A spokesman at the Peel County animal shelter said that despite the debate about the use of electrocution as a means of disposing of animals, they had received no inquiries about the matter.

A community consultant for the Addiction Research Foundation in the county, said he believed people were beginning to accept the fact that the drug problem is close to home, and were now willing to help.

Mississauga firemen, dissatisfied with the town's offer of a five per cent salary increase, refused to answer callbacks to understaffed fire stations.



A radiant Debbie Van Kieckebelt, right, accepts congratulations for her gold medal performance at the Pan-American games from her sister Cherie.

August

AUGUST 4
The Tacoma youth hostel finally opened although use of the facility was light until it closed in early September.

A Domtar workman was fatally injured while cleaning out a dry pan crusher at the company's Mavis Road plant.

A 30 per cent increase in beer sales was reported by bartenders in the week after 18-year-olds gained the right to drink legally. The new customers were generally well behaved.

The board of education rejected a proposal to allow the children of working families and one-parent families the right to remain at school for lunch.

Retiring employees with 10 years service learned they would receive 20 per cent of their salary as a bonus under allowance plan.

AUGUST 11
Debbie Van Kieckebelt returned to a joyous airport greeting from her family after her triumph at the Pan-American games in Cali, Columbia. Debbie won the gold medal in the women's pentathlon.

Members of town council deferred action to ban licenses for motorized ice cream vending machines until they had met with fleet owners.

Construction of two water mains to the \$15 million Chrysler parts depot began after an OWRC decision. Mississauga and Streetsville were each to build one 12-inch main.

Gulf Canada Research finished six weeks of searching out pollution with a mobile air monitoring laboratory. The unit operated downwind from potential pollution sources.

Twelve young Mexican students arrived in Mississauga as part of the Experiment in International Living. The students paid their own way and lived with host families.

AUGUST 18
The Day Glow Drug Rehabilitation centre was forced to close down because of the absence of long term funding and accommodation. Director Michael Harding broke into tears as a member of the board of directors made the announcement.

An 18-year-old boy was charged with careless driving when the bicycle he