# That time again

# \$30 region tax hike seen for average Mississauga home

average home in Mississauga could rise by about \$30 this year, according to estimates provided to Peel council's ad-ministration and finance com-

Emphasizing they are "ballpark" figures only, Peel's chief administrative of-ficer, Cyril Henderson, reveal-

assessed at \$30,000.

This represents about a

one-mill increase over the 3.415 rate set last year by regional council. When sewer and water services are excluded, the increase is just over half of a mill, or about a 19 percent hike in regional

The 1975 operating budget

26 percent higher than the 1974 budget. Provincial subsidies, grants

and "unallocated revenues" will cover \$10.3 million of the budget, leaving just under \$15 million to be raised through

taken on the population projection of the consultants of 625,000 for Mississauga by

"What we're doing through what we re doing through this process is getting your opinion," responded Mrs. Spence. "You could call the next five or six months a referredum."

Paul Carder, representing Ward 2 on the citizens' ad visory panel, said residents of Mississauga had a "fantastic" opportunity to influence the shape of their future com-

He urged groups such as the Ward 2 advisory council, the Counsel of South

Mississauga Community Associations (CSMCA) and Save Our Trees and Streams (SOTAS) to present their own

CSMCA chairman Murray Mogan has reservations about the lack of detail on input. He said it was a "great time for the doldrums".\*

briefs on the plan.

amount collected in 1974, but will probably hover around \$25.3 million, \$5.3 million or

average home.

Long-range financial predictions set the 1976 operating budget at about \$30 million, resulting in another property taxes in Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga. The \$15 million local tax bill is 30 percent higher than the 22 percent mill-rate hike on an average home.

In an accompanying commentary on the 1975 budget estimates, Henderson warned

that competing demands for the limited cash resources of the region would "require some difficult decisions by regional council."
He said that if demands on taxpayers' pocketbooks are to be kept in reasonable check, the consequences will be a

reduction in the existing level of some services or at the very least, the maintenance of the status quo on most services.

Henderson noted council will have to decide whether taxpayers can afford, or are willing to pay for, some major programs.

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programs.

These include a large road

ment program that goes far beyond the level approved by the provincial government for grant purposes; further im-provements in police protec-tion, which the police say are necessary to maintain a high level of public protection; a major conservation authority land-acquisition program for flood-control along the Credit River; and increased social

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Public meeting on new official plan

# Despite competition, a pretty good turnout

Despite technical dif-ficulties and competition from hockey playoffs, the first public meeting on the consultants' recommen-dations for the city's new of-ficial plan went off fairly well

The Ward 2 gathering at Lorne Park secondary school had to compete with the seventh game of the Stanley Cup semi-finals between the Islanders and Philadelphia

The organizing meeting of the Progressive Conservative riding association for Mississauga South, which drew about 100 people, was also held the same night. Young voices drifting in periodically from the nearby

school yard were a reminder of the pleasant summerlike weather. As if all this distraction weren't enough for the 75 who did attend the meeting, a synchronized recorded tape and slide presentation, which had worked perfectly in three rehearsals, did not run properly during the meeting and had to be abandoned.

Nonetheless, councillor Mary Helen Spence said at the conclusion of the session she felt the group had received the appropriate message "A challenge has been thrown out to you."
"The issues here will affect

"The issues here will affectyour lifestyle for years to
come," she added. "An opportunity is being given to
you. It's an experiment in
participatory democracy."
"Now we'll see if people
care what Mississauga will
look like or not," she said.
Mrs. Spence apologized for
the fact that notices of the
meeting were not senf out in

meeting were not sent out in the mails when they were supposed to be. The delay was apparently the fault of

The residents were told that they could form study groups to look into any aspect of the far reaching proposals on the official plan, which maps development strategy in Mississaying over the next Mississauga over the next

Mississauga over the quarter century.

Mrs. Spence said she and the public participation experts hired by the city would co-ordinate the organization of the study groups.

Planning commissioner

Russ Edmunds said the public was being involved in the preparation of the official plan at the same time as the professional technicians and

professional technicians and the politicians.

He explained that the lesson of the Spadina Expressway and the Lakeshore Community study battles had been that plans could no longer be presented to the public in a final form. "We're sall in this action together." be all in this action together," he said, "and we're starting at the same time." He explained that this

He explained that this series of meetings was designed to inform the public of the consultants' recommendations and tell people how they could participate. A brochure containing the major recommendations of the consultants was handed out. consultants was handed out. Edmunds said that in October, after the public had prepared briefs and studied

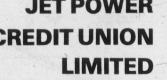
the issues, another series of meetings would be held. In reply to a complaint that it appeared the process was being rushed, Edmunds said, "We're not trying to ram anything down anyone's throat." He said that if the new official plan were not adopted before the next elec-

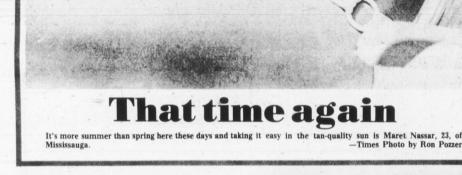
tion, it might not be as favourable to another council and a new official plan might never be adopted.

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## **School security** department set up

A \$50,000-a-year security department has been created by Peel board of education to

help stem rising vandalism. The board has included money for the department in its \$100 million budget this year. Trustees have approved a recommendation by trustee Tony Aston to create a "resources protection"

Aston also wants the board

schools and institute a vandalism education programs for students.

The position would also cover vandalism investigations and all security procedures.

Vandalism to school property and buildings total-led \$8,929 during March this

Board business director

view that such a security

person could recommend im

proved anti-vandalism designs

# Shoplifting charge

Two Fieldgate Dr. parking lot. The man pushed residents have been charged in connection with an incident in which a security guard at the Towers Store, Dixie Rd. and Dundas St., was pushed away by a shoplifting

suspect.

Two security guards approached the couple on the

Four days later, Carl Dennis Dorion, 31, and Diane Berthe Lauzon, 21, both of 3320 Fieldgate Dr., were arrested on charges of theft under \$200 and assault with intent to resist arrest. THE LIONS OF CREDIT VALLEY

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