

## County dilemma: what to do with unspent road subsidies

Peel County could end up with a half million dollars worth of subsidies for roads which it will not be able to spend this year.

Roads committee member Grant Clarkson told county council Thursday that the

failure to negotiate acceptable sale prices on a number of major projects means the county will have to resort to expropriation procedures. This would take the county past Jan. 1 when it becomes part of the region of Peel.

"We're in trouble. We're not going to be able to use the full subsidy dollars," Clarkson claimed. "We're short enough of roads and transportation arteries in Peel now."

With a half million dollars unspent he urged the council to make further efforts to get settlements in some negotiations.

Little progress has been made with property owners affected by road building proposals on the Queensway near Hurontario Street and the Queensway between Dixie Road and Cawthra.

Clarkson said, "This whole business of expropriation is working a hardship on the building of roads in this county." He said he wasn't being critical of council's work but he wanted to see something constructive done to save the subsidy dollars available.

Chinguacousy Deputy Reeve Terry Miller said that trying to use the subsidies could result in exorbitant prices being paid to homeowners. He said it was very dangerous for the county to abandon its normal property acquiring procedures.

"I'm sure the region will be interested in these same projects," he said.

Council passed a resolution suggesting the warden and the roads committee chairman try every possible way to conclude land purchases in 1973.



Peel United Appeal moved closer to its goal Monday when Mississauga Real Estate Board contributed \$2,500 to campaign kitty. Holding cheque above, from left:

Campaign manager Bill Stratton, board Secretary-treasurer Tom LaBella, campaign chairman Ernie Mitchell and board president Jack Ryan.

## Drivers 'with most guts' prevail at Lorne Park intersection: resident

"Whoever has the most guts" gets through the dangerous intersection at Woodeden and Chisleden Drives in Lorne Park, according to a spokesman for the Tecumseh Area Resident's Association.

Douglas Hamilton told the ratepayers would like to see a yield sign at the intersection which is used by children going to Tecumseh

Senior Public School. A suggestion by the town engineer for "sandbagging" at the corner was called unacceptable by Hamilton. "We don't want a replica of the Middle East war, we would prefer a yield sign," he said. "I'm not sure what sandbagging is but I think this is designed so a car doesn't go into a house—it goes into the sandbags."

Planning commissioner Russ Edmunds explained that the sandbagging would be done in an island to experiment with traffic control. He said it is a temporary measure and wouldn't be at the site for long.

Planning board was dealing with an application by the Davies Development Company for property just south of the QEW and north of the Hydro right-of-way. The property is adjacent to the controversial Ture-Anderson application being heard before the OMB this week.

Solicitor Ron Webb told the board the Davies application for a zoning change from R2 to R3 is consistent with development planned to the east and west. He said R2 would remain along arterial roads as the board's policy recommends and said the distance to the single family development to the south is 440 feet.

Almost four acres of the 19.4 acre site would be part of a park proposed for the

area. Spokesman Hamilton said his major concern is that the extension of Woodeden Drive proposed through the new subdivision would make the "reasonable quiet" street into a thoroughfare. He believes opening up the street would be "adding danger to the many small school children who use that road."

Hamilton requested that a physical barrier be erected during construction on Woodeden Drive so trucks won't go through the residential area. He also suggested a permanent barrier might be considered later in consultation with future residents.

The group will take up its suggestion of a three-way stop and a four-way stop at two Woodeden intersections

## National Youth Orchestra

The National Youth Orchestra is looking for Canadian musicians from 14 to 24 years of age for its 1974 season.

Audition application forms are available from the NYO office at 76 Charles Street West Toronto M5S 1K8. The submission deadline is Nov. 10.

Auditions will be held during December.

## Hockey coach loses bid to keep driver's license

A plea not to suspend a Port Credit man's driver's license because he is a coach with a Mississauga Hockey League team was rejected out of hand by a provincial court judge Thursday.

Victor Harold Reck, of 72 Onaway Rd., pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to take a breathalyzer test. The accused man's lawyer said his 33-year old client is a foreman with Ontario Hydro and a MHL coach. "We would ask that his license not be suspended as this would affect the youngsters," the lawyer said.

But Judge John Ord didn't hesitate a moment before

ordering Reck's license suspended for three months and fining him \$300 or, in default of payment, 30 days in jail.

Reck was driving his car in an erratic manner and showed the annual symptoms of impairment on June 23 when he was arrested, the crown attorney said.

Reck's brother Donald Reck, of 1190 Forestwood Dr., also pleaded guilty to a charge stemming from an incident the same day. Convicted of creating a disturbance by shouting outside his brother's Onaway Road home, he was fined \$50 or 10 days in jail.

## Muffler shop graphics

The new Speedy Muffler King Shop on Dundas Street West near the Fifth Line will have poster-like graphics which change every two months on its front wall.

Planning board approved a site plan which will allow the graphics on the blank wall outside a customer waiting room area.

"It's a strange animal but I think it enlivens the building," Speedy spokesman Ron Adams told the board. "It makes it kind of interesting."

The Speedy representative said his firm's buildings are "architecturally as attractive or more than other automobile uses."

Deputy Reeve Ron Searle said the changing graphics idea is probably eye-catching to customers but he wondered whether Adams would be happy with it if he lived across the road from it. "I wouldn't like it," Adams admitted.

Residents on Belfast Crescent on the south side of

Dundas Street objected to the land use proposal earlier at a public meeting.

Planning commissioner Russ Edmunds said his only reservation about the site plan was how he would explain the elevations, which change every two months, to the building department and curious residents.

The board passed the site plan on the understanding that if citizens object, Speedy will drop the rotating graphics notion.

## Erindale literature series

Erindale College's "words and roarings" literature series continues today with the theme Thunder Bay and beyond, the western novel. W.O. Mitchell and Rudy Wiebe will read from their new works at noon in room 290 of the preliminary building.

## 'Capitalist' critical of planning process

Robert Chadwick has told the Mississauga planning board that "the whole planning process is incorrect inasmuch as the town has to wait for developers to come to it" with planning proposals.

Speaking to a public meeting on an application in Lorne Park, the Caldwell Avenue resident said he objects to the Ontario Government ruling, through the Planning Act, that zoning can be changed only through an application from a property owner.

"I'm a capitalist and I believe in free enterprise," Chadwick said. "But in some cases the good of the citizens should override the rights of a developer."

The ratepayer argued that

the initial input for planning changes shouldn't always have to come from a developer. He said that in Toronto and some other areas citizen groups are already doing the planning for what they want to see done in their local communities.

Chadwick was objecting to an application by the Davies Development Company. He said homes below a hydro-right-of-way in Lorne Park north of Indian road have 80-85 foot frontages. The new plan would allow lots with 50-foot frontages above the right-of-way.

"We shouldn't always be hassling to prevent changes to the Official Plan," Chadwick stated.

## No decision reached on hospital site price

The land price for a 30.9 acre hospital site at Thomas Street and Fifth Line near Streetsville has still not been decided, Peel regional chairman Lou Parsons said this week.

The price was to have been set in 1971 prior to the agreement between Mississauga and Don Mills Developments covering the first phase of Erin Mills. Don Mills owns the 30.9 acres.

However, directors of Mississauga Hospital did not decide on the site until last July.

Parsons said the provincial government has

given verbal approval of the site but has not confirmed the selection in writing.

The price was to be settled by Peel county council but will now be negotiated by the new regional council.

The regional chairman said he will press for a price of \$12,500 an acre plus interest from 1968 when Mississauga reached a development agreement with Don Mills. It is the same rate at which the company agreed to sell school sites.

Don Mills vice-president Gerald Sheff has said his firm will not seek more than the 1971 prices.

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